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"Unto us a child is born" Isaiah 9:6



Wally and Muriel Gemmell celebrated their 75th anniversary on September 2nd, 2025. For this milestone, a special card was designed by Ken Jackson, which they were thrilled to receive. Muriel and Wally met in Renfrew, Ontario (the Ottawa Valley) at a church dance when they were just in their teens. Muriel was working at the telegraph office and Wally was a young farm boy from Cobden, Ontario. They hit it off from their first spin around the dance floor! Fast forward 2 years and they married on September 2nd, 1950 and spent their honeymoon in New York city. They went on to have 3 children, 1 boy, 2 girls. They moved to Brampton in 1967, and since then have been active members at St. Andrews Presbyterian, Brampton. They still live in their own house and even though they do not physically attend church every Sunday, they do still participate by watching the live feeds every week on YouTube.

- Kathy Diamond

Byron's Bridge

Connecting Faith to Daily Life



This edition of the St. Andrews newsletter comes to you on the eve of our Anniversary Sunday, as we leave behind us the early autumn weather, and head into more bracing temperatures. Although it will get colder in the weeks ahead, we can still rejoice!

So many things are on the horizon for us as the year begins to draw to a close: Anniversary Sunday, Remembrance Day, the beginning of Advent and the Christmas season, culminating in that still silent night; then, on to the New Year! What an exciting time to be a part of the church. What an exciting time to live in the light of the good news!

Fall and Winter in our Northern climate always remind me of the line from Luke 2:14, especially the KJV translation which has been immortalized in the English-speaking Christian consciousness: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Modern scholars tell us that the King James Version translation of the Bible is in many places unreliably translated, and that we shouldn't rely upon it too heavily. However, for hundreds of years the KJV was the standard translation which brought the world and words of the Gospel to the English-speaking world, and although it may err in some spots, the spirit that its

rich language embodies is undeniably and deeply Christian. That passage in the KJV translation is, to me, proof of that spirit.

In the modern translation called the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), Luke 2:14 is translated like this: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors!" Now that may be a faithful literal translation of the original Koine Greek of the New Testament, but it is definitely missing a certain *je ne sais quoi* which exists in the KJV. It's that "good will toward men" portion that really does it for me.

As the Fall begins to close around us, and Winter sets in, the world around us here in Canada begins to get colder and darker. But just as that cold sets in, the spirit of Christ within us begins to warm and burn brighter than ever. We are reminded by the harsh winter that there are people outside who could use our help, and if we are good Christians, our response will be to meet their need with compassion and acts of service. It's good will toward the men and women of our community that Christ fosters within us at this time of year. It is the spirit of the church to have this good will at all times, but the colder seasons are when we are more deeply reminded of it.

That's why I love living in Canada. Yes, we could complain about the cold, but we can also take it as God's natural reminder to us that we need each other, and that kindness and good will are necessary.

So, as Fall carries on, and Winter readies itself to take the stage, let's remember those classic words of the gospel from our good friend King James, and spend this Fall and Winter exercising that good will which Jesus taught us to foster within ourselves and within the church.

-Rev. Byron Kappes

Call to Prayer

Ray Scanlan

If there ever was a time for prayer for our world, it is now.

We are so fortunate to live in Canada and we give thanks to God every day that our country has freedom, a stable economy, universal health care and a cross section of caring communities, making Canada one of the best places to live in the world. Not so in war torn places like Ukraine and Gaza, where entire communities are being totally destroyed by war, forcing millions of refugees to flee their homeland or die.

Men, women and children have died by the millions and the hospitals are literally levelled due to the endless indiscriminate bombing every day with no end in sight.

So much infrastructure has been destroyed and millions of men, women and children are denied the basic necessities of life.

Please pray for the millions of victims around the world.



Mission Committee

Colin Young

We wish to thank the congregation for their support of the Service of Gratitude, which was held on September 28th. Thank you to Shelagh and the choir and band for the music and to Reverend Byron for his inspirational sermon. As winter, yes winter, approaches we again ask for the help of the congregation, as we present ***Project Cozy 2025***. We are looking for:

- 25 sets of hats
- 25 set of mitts or gloves
- 25 scarves

... in support of Ellen House. They also ask, if possible, for donations of shampoo and bodywash / shower gel. We would also like to be able to donate 10 support bags for O.C.I. For this we need the following in travel size:

- 10 toothpaste
- 10 toothbrushes
- 10 body wash /shower gel
- 10 deodorant
- 10 mouthwash
- 10 combs

We will start to collect on October 26th and continue for the 5 Sundays in November. We will put everything together for distribution at the start of Advent. As we roll through Thanksgiving and onward to Christmas, we have a lot for which to be thankful.

Remember it is better to give than to receive. As always, we say thank you in advance for making these initiatives successful.

NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Proud parents Karen & Barry Hutchinson were delighted to see their daughter listed amongst the Top 50 business women of Detroit for 2025. This is a quotation from the article citing her success.

“Among this year’s honorees is Vanessa Gregory, Director of Marketing and Brand Strategy at KIRCO. A senior marketing and brand strategy executive, Gregory has played an instrumental role in transforming KIRCO’s market positioning through a comprehensive brand architecture framework, aligning multiple business units and partnerships under a cohesive vision.”



Vanessa is a remarkable young woman, who grew up in St. Andrew’s as her home church. We all join Karen and Barry to congratulate her.

To read more about Vanessa’s success, go to the original magazine article at:

<https://thewomenweadmire.com/2025/08/the-top-50-women-leaders-of-detroit-for-2025/>

Proud Father

Sydney McFarland's daughter Maureen and son-in-law Ron Mellegers were flown down to Los Angeles to attend the 77th Creative Arts Prime Time Emmy Awards, where Ron was nominated for 2

Emmys, for Sound Mixing and Sound Editing. They were put up at the JW Marriott next door to the Peacock Theater where the Emmys were being held. They got to walk the red carpet, attend the ceremony for the presentations, and then off to the Governor's ball for the after party.

Ron not only won one Emmy but he came home with two Emmys, winning for both categories he was nominated in.

Outstanding Sound Mixing for: The Studio and Outstanding Sound Editing for: The Last of Us



Proud Grandparents



Ray Scanlan and Doreen Scott-Dunne just spent an amazing week in Collingwood in September, walking in the sunshine, reading and attending the Meaford Scarecrow festival, where the town had dozens of scarecrows on display.

When we came home, we found our granddaughter, Emma, was on the Dean's Honour List at Memorial University in Newfoundland, where she is now in her third year of her Doctor of Pharmacy program. The photo shows our son Rob, Emma and Rob's wife Michelle.



We had a fantastic summer with a BBQ, Picnic, and most importantly our significant Labour Day Evangelical Service. We had a BBQ on June 15th, 2025, a day full of laughter and fun.



SEOM picnic was on June 29th, 2025, at Guelph Conservation Park. Potluck, BBQ, swimming, and games were part of the Picnic. I'll conclude with our "Annual Evangelical Service". This service is held every year on the Labour Day long weekend. This year, it was a historical event because the sanctuary was packed, with people sitting in the gallery as well. The service was only for two days, August 30th and 31st, 2025.



Indeed, it was a very blessed service.

Alice Stratton had a busy summer that was filled with action: bike camp led to a full week at Camp Cairn, where Alice was a fourth summer camper, but graduated from PeeWee to Classic! She was excited for the extra time in Baysville. August held more camp! Just like her dad, uncles (and mom and Auntie Marjorie for school trips), Alice spent 16 days at Camp Tawingo in Huntsville. The time was filled with paddling, swimming, and spending time in nature. Alice is already talking about planning her next summer camp experiences.



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Women's Missionary Society

We held our Thanksgiving service on Tuesday, October 7th, 2025, in the parlour. The service this year was written by the Rev. Marianne Emig Carr, minister of First Presbyterian Church, Brockville, and St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Caintown, ON.

In the meditation, the Rev. Marianne Emig Carr, gave us pause to think on what Paul was writing in his letters. Here is an excerpt: 'Thanksgiving turns us from an inward focus to looking with compassion at our community and beyond. It is important to remember that Paul's letters, such as Philippians, were written to communities and not just individuals. Paul is imagining God's harvest emerging from a small community of faith, in which each of the members matters for the well-being of the whole.'

The Rev. Marianne Emig Carr goes on to say 'We are not always free to determine **what** happens to us, but we are relatively free to choose **how we will respond** to whatever happens to us. During this Thanksgiving, and every day, let us give thanks to God for the gift of life with our prayers of gratitude and our anthems of praise. But let us also begin by expressing our gratitude not primarily in words but in deeds, in helping to give the gift of life in all its fullness to others.'

The word 'Thanksgiving' actually means giving thanks! A lot of people do not take the time to thank

God on Thanksgiving. To them, Thanksgiving is just a day off, a fancy meal, etc. To them Thanksgiving has nothing to do with giving thanks. But as Christians, we have to make sure we keep the ‘thanks’ in Thanksgiving. We must make sure we take the time to give thanks for everything God gives us.

Thank you, Rev. Marianne Emig Carr, for reminding us of what Thanksgiving means and how we should be giving thanks to God for all that He has given to us.

Mark your calendar for our Christmas Worship service and Potluck lunch on Tuesday December 9th. We will have Communion at 12:00pm followed by our lunch and worship service. We hope you can join us.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 4th, at 1:00 pm for a time of Remembrance – All are welcome.

I will close off this month with the blessing from our Thanksgiving Worship - “As we go out into the world, let us be grateful for all that we have.

Remind us to share our gifts with others as a way of giving thanks to you. May the Lord of all creation shower blessings and favour upon you. May the Lord of harvest fill you and your loved ones with peace. May the Lord of salvation guide you all the days until you come into the joys of the eternal kingdom. And may almighty God, Parent, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. Amen



Budget Meeting – Sunday, November 16th

Join us after worship on
Sunday, November 16th,
2025, for our church Budget Meeting.

Together, we’ll review and discuss the 2026 Proposed Budget and take time to look ahead to the year to come. All members are encouraged to stay and take part in the conversation — your voice and your vote matter!

A heartfelt thank-you to all our committees for the time and care you’ve put into preparing your budgets. Our committees play a vital role in the life and leadership of St. Andrew’s, helping us live out our ministry together.

If you’d like to share your gifts and talents by serving on a committee, please speak with a committee member or our Clerk of Session, Debbie Warwick.

Committees:

- Stewardship
- Worship
- Property
- Mission and Outreach
- Christian Education



ST. ANDREW'S SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWING IN GRACE

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Brampton

Sunday School Is in Full Swing!

We kicked off the new season with Rally Sunday — and what a Sunday it was! After the BBQ, the children and youth took on Rev. Byron and Rev. Wayne in an epic water fight. Sponges were flying everywhere! Of course, Rev. Byron and Rev. Wayne planned a sneaky surprise and managed to soak Miss Kim. It was a blast, and wonderful to see so many members of the congregation out in the courtyard cheering everyone on. (For the record... we think the children and youth won this one!)

During worship, Rev. Byron invited everyone to join the Sunday School in looking for God Sightings — moments when we see God at work in our lives and in the world around us. We've already seen some amazing sightings coming from our Sunday School, teachers, congregation members, and even our renters!

We'll continue to look for God in everyday moments and encourage everyone to help fill the Education bulletin board in the Great Hall with your God Sightings. How do you see God moving in your life and community?

Our classes — from Kindergarten through Grade 12 — are now in full swing. We're learning about God's people, God's promises, Jesus' teachings, and the power of prayer. The Connect Class (Grades 4–8) even wrote their own prayers of Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, and Supplication — and they did an amazing job! It's truly humbling to see our children and youth growing in faith and forming lasting connections with one another.

We've gone social!

We're excited to announce our brand-new Sunday School Facebook page — another way to stay connected with families and our awesome kids throughout the year. Want to join? Talk to Kim Shepherd for an invitation.

Stay tuned — an Instagram page is also on the way!

And finally...

If you've ever felt a nudge to get involved, now's the perfect time! We're always looking for passionate, caring people to join our Sunday School team. Speak to Kim Shepherd to find out how you can be part of this fun and faith-filled adventure.

Together, let's keep growing, learning, and having fun!

Kim Shepherd



We are seeing an increase in seniors using the Food Bank, many with walkers, canes, and wheelchairs. The high cost of groceries is certainly hurting those on pensions or on government assistance.

We were blessed and grateful for the fresh vegetables donated during the 2025 growing season that ended at Thanksgiving. Brampton Community Garden volunteers delivered herbs and lettuces weekly, and Gary + Sharon Holloway picked up fresh vegetables weekly from Rock Garden Farms. We also had volunteers with green thumbs that grow extra vegetables to share from their gardens, awesome team players!

We donated to our Food Bank partners at St. Paul's United, 6 crates of soups + 48 pasta sauce.

We donated to our Food Bank partners at North Bramalea Presbyterian 4 crates of various soups.

ST. ANDREW'S FOOD BANK

Christmas Donation Drive

Christmas is just around the corner so we are looking for the following donations from the Congregation to help us make up Christmas gift bags for our Clients. Looking for new warm winter socks for men, women, and kids. Toiletries travel size such as: lip balm, shampoo + conditioner, brushes + combs, hand lotion, deodorant, disposable razors, pocket size Kleenex, toothbrushes + paste. Individually wrap candies or mini chocolate bars for the kids as treats. We will distribute these gift bags to our clients on Wed, Dec 17th, 2025. Red tote bins will be on the stage every Sunday from Nov 23rd to Dec 14th for you to drop off your donations. Thank you in advance for your generosity!
Sandra Jackson, Food Bank Secretary



Prayer Circle Group Report August and September 2025

From August to September 2025 a total of 11 prayer requests were received. That resulted in 41 updates in this time period for all current prayer requests as the person's condition changes over the following weeks. We continue to pray for 15 groups and 27 individuals listed in our long term conditions section.

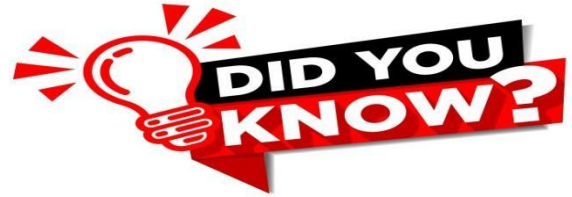
2025 Aug + Sept In Memoriam:

August 28th – Mrs. Maureen Douglas

September 29th – Mr. John Jarjour

Our deepest condolences and prayers go out to the grieving family and friends of those we lost.

Sandra Jackson - PCG Administrator



Anna + Herb Eitner moved to Holland Christian Homes on Sept 2nd, 2025

Felicity Alexander moved to Holland Christian Homes on Sept 15th, 2025

Suzzy Kirkpatrick celebrated her 75th Birthday on Sept 15th, 2025. We had cake in the Great Hall on Sunday Sept 14th supplied by her daughter and son-in-law. A birthday card from St. Andrew's congregation was presented to Suzzy by Rev. Kappes during the announcements, followed by the singing of 'Happy Birthday'.

Grace Group Notes

Our L6T/L6P Grace Group is back in full swing! We kicked off the fall season with a relaxing September meeting, focused on sharing highlights from our summer holidays. At our next meeting on Thursday, October 16th, we will dive into another episode of our "Life IQ" series: Cultural Intelligence. We look forward to meeting again and exploring this life skill together.

Our L6X/L6Y group met on Tuesday, September 30th to enjoy fellowship and renew friendships. Unfortunately a few of our members were absent due to illness or because they were travelling.

However, those who attended were happy to continue our study in Galatians and we celebrated the freedom we have to enjoy our Faith through God's gift of Grace. We will meet again on Tuesday, October 28th, and we hope everyone is healthy by then.

Worship and Fellowship Committee

We've had a vibrant start to the fall season with lots going on right up until Christmas! (yes, I said Christmas)

Rally Day was a joyful celebration of our congregation's energy and compassion. Highlights included an update from Gord Warren on his grandson Anthony's progress and what our support has meant to the entire family, the return of the choir, a meaningful sermon, and a fun-filled afternoon with BBQ, cake, and a water fight featuring Byron and Wayne.

Also...

- **Worldwide Communion** (Oct. 5th) Rev. Babar Allahditta and the SEAOM congregation joined the Sunday morning congregation in worship.
- **Anniversary Sunday** (Oct. 19th): The Leap of Faith band energized the service, and we welcomed the first graduates from Byron's September New Member classes.
- **Remembrance Day Service** (Nov. 9th): Lino returns with his trumpet to accompany this meaningful tribute.
- **Advent Begins** (Nov. 30th): We're bringing back the Pre-Advent evening with fresh ideas.

- **Children's Pageant** (Dec. 14th) and **Christmas Eve Services** will round out the season.

Whether you're drawn to music, fellowship, learning, or spiritual renewal, there's a place for you at St. Andrew's—join us in person or via YouTube on Sunday mornings.

Peter Shepherd, St. Andrew's Worship & Fellowship Committee

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Pictured: Rev. Dr. Graeme Duncan & Rachel Duncan, 2001

Thank you to the folks at St. Andrew's for trusting me to assemble your newsletter! If you attended St. Andrews from 1980-1998, then there is a great chance that you had the privilege of speaking to my grandfather, Reverend Doctor Graeme Duncan. I am his third grandchild, born to his second son Richard and his wife, Reverend Emma Duncan. I took over helping with this newsletter earlier this year, and think it's a great honour to be connected to my past this way.



Sincerely, Rachel Duncan - Duncan Digital Docs

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