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DATES TO REMEMBER

September 12 - Our first community meal, sponsored by Mission

September 13 - Rally Sunday & BBQ

September 26 - St. Andrew's Annual Golf Tournament

October 18 - Anniversary Sunday Celebration Luncheon

October 25 - Service of Gratitude for First Responders

A Note from Rev. Byron & Katie Kappes

August 22nd, 2026

We are filled with so much joy and gratitude as we look back on our first year of marriage!

We celebrated our first anniversary starting with brunch at the Pickle Barrel, followed by a wonderful afternoon swimming at Ray and Doreen's. The day was made even more special by a delicious dinner prepared by Joel Dennison and a gorgeous cake by Jasmine.



As we reflect on this past year, our hearts are full. We want to express our deepest thanks to our church family for your ongoing love, prayers, and support. It means the world to have you walking alongside us on our journey - especially since we are so blessed to have been married right here in this community!

BYRON'S BRIDGE



We are already more than half a year into 2026, but in some sense the church year is only just beginning. From a minister's perspective, the fall season is the beginning of it all. In the summer months, the air is heavy and hot, people tend to be on vacation or at the cottage, and there is a definite lull in church activity.

But Summer doesn't last forever, and soon September rolls around, and the action begins to pick up again. Rally Sunday typically coincides with the rise in activity at the church and the beginning of the school year for teachers and children. This year September is extra special, as we will not only be celebrating Rally Sunday, but our mission team will begin our monthly community meal initiative as well.

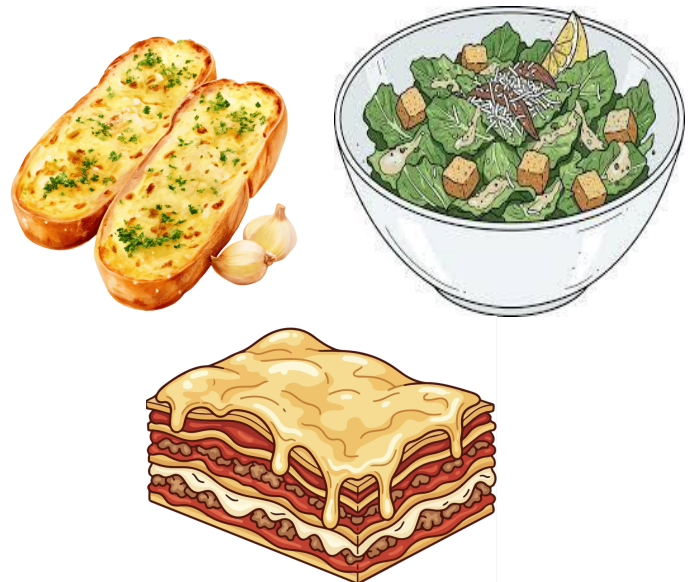
Come October, we will also be celebrating our second annual Service of Gratitude, as well as Thanksgiving and our Church Anniversary here at St. Andrew's. Remembrance Day is, of course, just around the corner from that, and then we are right into Advent and the first of the two major annual "peaks" in the church year: Christmas. In January and February of the new year we get a moment to breathe before Lent and Easter are upon us, and we celebrate our second annual peak of the church calendar year. Then, another summer to breathe and rest more completely before the cycle begins again.

I always feel a sense of melancholy once Christmas or Easter are directly behind me, and all that I have spent weeks and months working on has happened in what feels like a moment. However, looking out

over this yearly cycle at the start of September, before all is set in motion, fills me with a great sense of excitement, anticipation, and joy. I begin to fall into the rhythms of busy church life once again, and I remember why I love what I do. Having had an opportunity to rest over the summer, I am more than ready to start again and join the congregation of St. Andrew's in the highs and lows of the church year.

What are you most excited for as we prepare to begin again as St. Andrew's Brampton?

Yours in Christ, *Rev. Byron Kappes*



Anniversary Sunday Celebration Luncheon

When: Sunday, October 18th Time: 12:30pm

We will be celebrating our Anniversary Sunday with a Lasagne, Cesar Salad and Garlic Bread Lunch. There will be a variety of Lasagne's including Gluten Free, Meat and Vegetarian. Look for more information in the bulletin coming up and we will be selling tickets in mid September until Sunday October 11th.

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE



As I write this article on a sunny, warm August afternoon, I can hear the familiar “mid-summer hum” of the cicadas. It reminds me that these long, wonderful summer days will soon come to an end, and the days will gradually shorten and the evenings and nights become cooler as we ease into the glorious season of autumn.

For many of us, it will soon be back to school and back to more regular routines.

Personally, I am very thankful for the changing of the seasons, each one bringing its own special beauty and blessings. Whether your summer has been spent close to home, travelling near or far, tackling chores and projects, or keeping children happily occupied, I hope you have found some time to relax, refresh and rejuvenate in preparation for the autumn season ahead.

Most of all, I hope you have felt God’s presence and blessing throughout the summer.

Autumn is an exciting time at St. Andrew’s! Our Sunday School begins again for the autumn term, and many of our regular activities, along with some new opportunities for worship and fellowship, will soon be underway.

It is always wonderful to see our church family come together again after the quieter pace of summer.

To kick off September, please watch for an Eblast coming to your inbox soon with details about our **Rally Sunday BBQ**, to be held on Sunday, September 13th.

And, if you are a golfer, be sure to sign up for the **St. Andrew’s Annual Golf Tournament**, taking place on Saturday, September 26th.

These are just two of the exciting opportunities coming your way this fall. More information about both events is available on our website at **standrewsbrampton.ca**, so please check in regularly for news about these and other upcoming opportunities to worship, connect and enjoy fellowship together.

As we wind up the summer and welcome the beauty of autumn, may God bless each of you with renewed energy, joy and peace for the season ahead.

I look forward to seeing you back at St. Andrew’s soon, as we gather together once again as a church family.

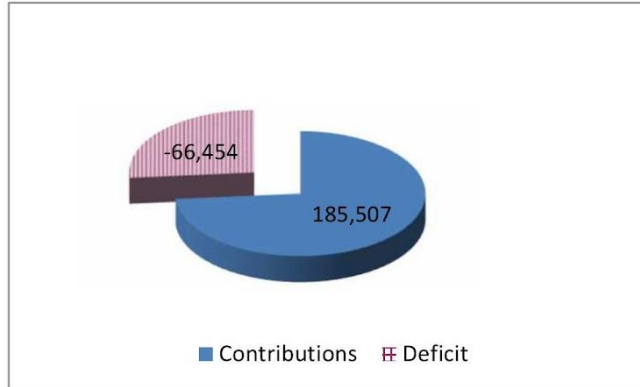
Every blessing,

Karen Hutchinson - Chair

Church Finances

Shortfall Pie Chart

Purpose of this chart is to show in a graphic form the shortfall of contributions to expenses as of August 18, 2026



Thank you for your continued support of St Andrews with your generous contributions.

Year to date offerings are down 10% compared to the prior year and offerings in July are down 16%. During the summer offerings drop due to congregants being on vacation . This is why signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) is so important , your contributions can continue even when you are on vacation - the church expenses don't go on vacation during the summer.

The Property Committee had to repair the drain in the parking lot this summer which was not in the budget.

Contributions & Expenses Comparative

	Jan 1 - Aug 18, 2026	Jan 1 - Aug 18, 2025
Contributions		
Offerings	126,330.82	137,856.24
SEAOM Offerings/convention	6,479.20	10,089.50
Other Revenue	52,696.83	47,186.83
Total Contributions	185,506.85	195,132.57
Expense		
Education	3,450.04	1,554.80
SEAOM Mission	3,100.00	2,900.00
Mission	1,066.42	1,079.79
Property	101,063.38	136,923.63
Stewardship	138,361.62	132,737.84
Worship	4,769.29	4,986.82
Session	150.00	1,341.90
Total Expense	251,960.75	281,524.78
Net General Surplus (Deficit)	(66,453.90)	(86,392.21)
Presbyterian Sharing donations*	8,604.00	12,260.00
PWS&D donations*	7,011.50	3,415.00
Food Bank donations*	22,028.20	26,708.13

* NOTES: 1) Presbyterian Sharing, PWS&D and Food Bank donations are not included in the Offerings numbers above.

Bank Account Balances

	Jan 1 - Aug 18, 2026	Jan 1 - Aug 18, 2025
General Bank	(9,844.14)	44,756.64
Restricted Bank	52,875.78	52,856.65
Food Bank	10,100.23	131,549.79
Trustee Bank	15,979.81	12,712.51
Session Bank	4,161.84	3,446.84
Line of credit	(42,000.00)	0.00

** NOTE: General Bank in prior year included \$70,000 from our investment account to cover the cost of painting all the windows and exterior of the church building which was not paid until September 2025.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

Give regularly. Stewardship is not a once-a-year consideration, but a week-to-week, month-to-month commitment requiring discipline and consistency.

Randy Alcorn – author, founder of Eternal Perspective Ministries

As summer draws to a close and we step into the rhythm of a new season, we give thanks for the blessings we have shared and acknowledge the challenges before us.

Offerings have been lower than expected in recent months, yet our faith remains steady and our commitment to our church's mission remains strong.

In every season, our church family has shown what is possible when we respond together with faith, generosity, and care.

With your support, we can meet this challenge and continue the vital work and ministries sustained by the General Fund.

One practical way to provide steady support is by enrolling in the PAR (Pre-Authorized Remittance) program. PAR makes giving convenient and consistent, helping your support continue even when you are away or life becomes especially busy.

- Simple to set up and easy to maintain.
- Convenient for regular giving throughout the year.
- No cost to the church.
- A dependable foundation for our ongoing ministries.

If you would like to join the PAR program or learn more about how it works, please contact Kim Shepherd or Valerie Martin, our envelope secretaries. They will be happy to answer your questions and help you get started.

Thank you for your faithful support and commitment to our church community. Together, we can meet this moment with generosity, strengthen the ministries we share, and build a lasting foundation for the seasons ahead.

SUNDAY SCHOOL



Can you believe how fast summer flew by? It feels like we blinked — and suddenly we're getting ready for school again. I hope your summer was full of sunshine, rest, and adventure. I can't wait to hear all about the memories you made.

This July, we had an incredible full-day **Rainforest VBS** adventure! Thirty-two enthusiastic explorers joined us as we journeyed through waterfalls, colourful creatures, and the wonders of God's creation. Together we discovered that God is **Creator, All-Knowing, our Refuge, Love, and Forever.**

Through songs, Bible stories, crafts, games, and new friendships, God's love came alive in joyful ways. And now, as September rolls in, exciting things are happening!

We're thrilled to welcome babies and toddlers to our nursery each week — their giggles and energy bring so much life to our Sundays. We're looking for volunteers who feel called to help care for our littlest ones.

Our Sunday School is gearing up too!

- **Dwell Class (K–Gr. 3)**
- **Connect Class (Gr. 4–8)** Both meet upstairs in the Education Wing and are ready for a fantastic year of learning and growing in faith.

We're also excited to share that **Ray and Doreen** will be leading the Youth again starting in September. The Youth will now meet in the Parlour, and they've planned a fantastic session beginning **September 13th**. They can't wait to welcome returning youth — and meet new faces.

If you feel called to be part of this amazing ministry — whether by caring for our wee little ones or by helping nurture faith in our children and youth — we would love to have you join us.

Please reach out to our Sunday School Superintendent, **Kim Shepherd**, at sundayschool@standrewsbrampton.ca.

Kim Shepherd - Sunday School Superintendent



MISSION COMMITTEE

We hope that everyone has enjoyed the warm summer weather, but as I write this, it's almost time for back to school. With the fall approaching, we look now to what we will be doing in the coming weeks.

On Saturday September 12th between 4:30 and 7:30, we will host our first ever community meal. Our plan is to invite an area close to our church to come out and meet our congregation.

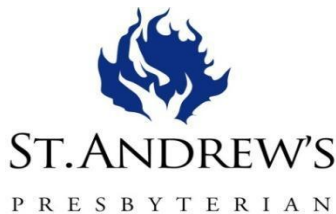
Please join us, as all are invited. Our plan is to make this a monthly occurrence. We look forward to your support.

Sunday, October 25th will be our Service of Gratitude for our First Responders. Please join us to say thank you to these remarkable people.

Finally, Project Cozy will be back with some minor adjustments that we will be announcing in the coming weeks.

All this can never be done without our amazing congregation's support and for this, the Mission Committee thanks you in advance.

Colin Young - Mission Chair



During the summer months when the children are out of school is when we see an increase in our Client numbers. The kids attend with their parents or grandparents; it is great to see the kids actively participating in selecting the food items they would like.

Many Service Groups and Faith Community partners that we rely upon also close down for the summer season so we receive less food and monetary donations. We plan for this shortfall and continue to shop locally for items on sale by reviewing online flyers and using the 'flipp' app.

We are blessed to receive **fresh produce** that gets donated and dropped off weekly from:

- Several Food Bank volunteers donate home grown veggies, plus one St. Andrew's Member
- Rock Garden Farms @ 16930 Airport Rd in Caledon East, a family run business, are very generous in their quantities. We are so fortunate that volunteers Sharyn + Gary Holloway are friends with the owners.
- Brampton Community Garden volunteers provide herbs and lettuces that they plant, pick + package.

Second Harvest stores: Vodden FoodLand, Caledon FoodLand, + Chalo Freshco Chinguacousy

June 2026: Total weight = **2,429 Lbs**

Volunteer Pickups = **16**

July 2026: Total weight = **1,798Lbs**

Volunteer Pickups = **16**

August 2026: Total weight = **3,031Lbs**

Volunteer Pickups = **16**

We are making a difference helping the less fortunate in our Brampton Community!

Total Families served:

June 2026 = 537

July 2026 = 322 (closed Wed July 1st Canada Day + Wednesday, July 15th VBS Program)

August 2026 = 516

Thankful for the Food Bank Volunteers who collect and deliver the Second Harvest offerings, and also pick up the donated brown grocery bags and food donations dropped off by Brampton customers as they exit the grocery store.

Sandra Jackson - Food Bank Secretary

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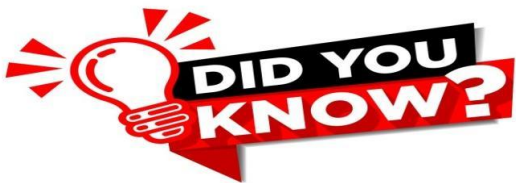
From June 1st to August 31st 2026, a total of 15 new prayer requests were received. That resulted in 61 updates since I receive several updates as the person's condition changes over the following days, weeks, and months. We continue to pray for 15 groups and 25 individuals listed in our long term conditions section.

A monthly prayer list is sent out to all PCG members at the end of each month.

In Memoriam

Len Moreau's wife Linda passed away on June 27th, 2026. Her funeral was held at Wards Brampton Chapel on July 3rd, 2026.

We extend our condolences to the Moreau family and friends.



Paul Willoughby has moved into Veni Greenway Retirement Home room 117 on September 1st, 2026.

Sandra Jackson - PCG Administrator

WMS

Let's Reconnect!

It's hard to believe how quickly summer has passed — but that just means it's the perfect time to come back together and share the stories, laughs, and memories we've gathered over the season.



You're warmly invited to join us for fellowship in the Parlour at 1:00 PM. We'll be meeting on: Tuesday, Sept. 8 • Oct. 6 • Nov. 3 • and, weather permitting, Dec. 1 (Our December gathering will be a festive potluck lunch!)

We'll enjoy a cozy afternoon of tea, treats, and good company as we explore the **Together We Can** projects — *Cuba* and *Native Urban Ministries Edmonton*. These inspiring initiatives were recently approved by the WMS Council, and we're excited to learn more together. Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters for deeper stories and updates about these two amazing projects.

Whether you've been part of this group for years or this will be your very first visit, you are truly welcome. Bring a friend — everyone is invited to share in the warmth and fellowship.

We can't wait to reconnect with you and hear how your summer has been.

Kim Shepherd

GRACE NOTE

Summer flew by, but the best part of autumn is getting back into our routines—and back together! We are thrilled to start another season of L6T/L6P GRACE Group right from the comfort of home via Zoom.

Our first meeting will be on Thursday, September 17th at 7:30 pm, and we will continue gathering via Zoom on the 3rd Thursday of every month. Our first meeting we will catch up with friendly faces before we dive into our new series in the meetings to come.

We will be starting a powerful 5-session study by Kyle Idleman called ***Every Thought Captive: How Renewing Your Mind Can Change Your Life.***

Together, we'll explore practical, biblical ways to break free from negative thought patterns, quiet the noise of daily stress, and let God's truth transform our everyday lives and perspective.

L6T/L6P GRACE Group save the date, check your email for the Zoom link, and come ready to reconnect—see you September 17th!

Maggie Nicol



NEWS FROM THE PEWS

Pam & Stan Loree moved to Barrie last Christmastime during one of the worst winters in decades. Now living a few minutes away from son Alex and his wife Jordan, they have settled in and discovered there is more to Barrie than ice and snow. The summer has included walking and cycling on Kempenfelt Bay and frequent games of golf together at local courses.



They enjoyed a week camping at McCrae point with friends in June, and with Pam's sister, brother-in-law and mother at Emily provincial park in early August.

Daughter Sarah lives in downtown Toronto with her partner Clint, and they were able to get together for a family photo at the home of the Peyers in July.

Ray and Doreen were very pleased to attend their granddaughter's graduation this summer in St. John's, NL. Dr. Hannah is now completing her 2 year residency in rural and urban settings. So far, she has completed one month in Gander and 2.5 months in St. John's. Then she will spend almost 2 months in Clarenville, a rural area she really loves. In her second year she will be a member of the Clarenville medical team as she completes her residency.

We are so proud of our 3 grandchildren there, as Hannah's brother John also graduated from the Municipal University of Newfoundland with a post graduate degree in Film and Video. Next year we plan to be in NL again as Hannah has wedding plans for August 2027. Then back we go in 2028 as Hannah's sister Emma is poised to complete her Doctorate in Pharmacy.

All we need now is a dentist!



Debbie and Doug Warwick have been very busy back and forth to their cottage. Debbie reports:

As anyone with a cottage knows, there is always lots to be done. We had the blessing of having our two youngest grandsons with us for a week at the cottage and we took them to an ostrich farm near Belleville and to the Loyalist Trading Post to feed the goats which climb on the roof.

We also enjoyed a ferry ride on the Glenora Ferry which is part of our highway system. Later on, we also had a wonderful time with our eldest grandson and our only granddaughter.

Fun was had by all on the all terrain vehicles and our granddaughter learned how to ride one on her own. Fishing also took place as well as s'mores at the fire. In August some monarch caterpillars were taken to Milton and were fed milkweed.

These all came from the cottage. This week the butterflies emerged and Marner and Lily were set free. Childhood wonder and exploration is a true joy to watch!

THE WAITING GAME

Have you ever given thought to how many times you need to WAIT? Actually, it happens more times than you really think!

For example, you are driving your car and approach an intersection just as the traffic light turns RED. You do what you are supposed to do ... STOP and WAIT 45 to 60 seconds until the traffic light turns green and you are on your way.

And how many times have you been on the telephone to a call centre and have WAITED for more than an hour, only to hear, THE CALL CENTRE IS NOW CLOSED ... please feel free to call back tomorrow and we'll be quite happy to serve you.

And especially for those true blue Toronto Maple Leafs hockey fans - do you realize if the LEAFS don't do it this coming spring (2027) that you have been WAITING ... 60 years for a Stanley Cup. Now that's really WAITING a long time!

So, is all this WAITING good for you? Yes, especially when you remember that GOOD THINGS HAPPEN FOR THOSE WHO WAIT and GOOD THINGS COME IN SMALL PACKAGES.

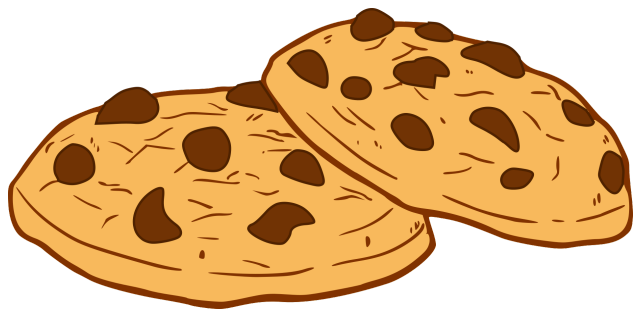


Yes again, I'm writing about THOSE ABOUT THOSE OH SO GOOD SHORTBREAD COOKIES WITH CHOCOLATE CHUNKS. Your WAIT will soon be over!

The 2026 COOKIE CAMPAIGN will be starting November 1st. More information will follow in the November Newsletter but I'll tell you this in advance ... there will be no need to WAIT to see your bank manager for a cash advance ... the prices remain the same as last year. I'll be WAITING for your order(s).

Thank you!

Bruce 'cookie-man' Cornish
brewsterwlu@hotmail.com





ARGO

What are these small electric buses you see operating in the downtown part of Brampton?

This is a trial bus service, on-demand public transit service that connects downtown riders to the wider Brampton transit services or just delivers folks locally from door to door.

Booking: Riders can request pick-ups and drop-offs using the Argo Transit app. There are no fixed routes. Instead, the vehicles combine trips for folks heading in the same direction. If you don't have a smart phone or computer, call this number: 1-888-401-8252 and give the operator your location and destination.

Boundaries: Downtown Brampton, bounded by Steeles Avenue to the south, Voddan Street to the North, McLaughlin Rd. to the west, and Rutherford Road to the east.

Hours: Monday to Friday from 5.30am to 9.30pm (no service Saturdays, Sundays or Statutory holidays).

Fares: Costs are the same as Brampton Transit fares. Payment has to be made via PRESTO card / cash and paper tickets are not accepted. If you do not have a PRESTO card, you can obtain one at any Brampton Transit Terminal or Shoppers Drug Mart for \$4. You can add funds at any of these locations

with the help of the person serving you. You will need I.D. (drivers licence or Senior Card) to get a Senior designation on your Presto card, as seniors travel free on the ARGO buses. If you want to find out more about PRESTO cards, call 888-401-8252

If you would like to find out more about this service, check out "Argo Transit Service, Brampton" on Google. Most of this information is from that website.

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