

2026 Hespeler Reunion

We have been busy exploring and planning ways that St. Andrew's might participate in this summer's Great Hespeler Reunion. The Reunion will take place July 10 -12.

We have been invited to participate in a few ways, but before we are able to commit we need to have a couple of small teams ready and willing to take on a couple of tasks & projects!

How can you help?

- We have been invited to participate in the parade, Saturday, July 11, starting at 10:00 am. We will need a small team to:
 - coordinate, create and decorate a float (think trailer, pulled by a pick up truck)
 - a driver, with a truck, would be awesome, too!
 - dismantle the float at the end of the parade
- We may need 2 or 3 people to give guests tours of our beautiful sanctuary (talking points will be provided if you are not a historian!). Time/day to be confirmed.

Please talk with Joni if you have questions or would like to join one of the above teams.

We are also happy to be a workshop venue on Saturday, July 11 from 2:00 - 3:00 pm. The workshops that will be offered are:

- candle making workshop that will be personalized especially for this Hespeler event from Strawberries & Sunshine
- a Hespeler sign making kit/craft time with instructors

Registration details for workshops will be available at a later date.



Mission Moment: April

Gerry Kent describes the United Mission to Nepal (UMN) as “an advocate for those who cannot or do not have the opportunity to seek help for themselves.” Since September 2025, Gerry has taken on the three-year volunteer position of Funding Manager in Nepal for the UMN. On the PCC's Mission Blog web page he shares the enriching developments facilitated by the UMN in sectors of Nepal. He describes “the hand of God reaching into this area in love, offering healing.” With support from Presbyterians Sharing, Gerry carries out his life-long commitment to serving the people of Nepal in the spirit of Jesus Christ.



Today is Mission Awareness Sunday!

Today we highlight some of our local outreach programs and some of our participation in international mission trips and work.

1. St. Andrew's Pantry: this program serves food to community members on the 1st Thursday of each month. We serve between 18—30 families each time. Food is provided from a recent grant and from the generosity of our congregation, community members and community organizations. At the beginning of this month the basket of food that was offered would have cost \$65 (at regular prices). We are very grateful for the group of volunteers who organize, shop and deliver this program.
2. Hope Clothing: this program offers new or gently used clothing to everyone! Clothing is provided by the generosity of our church members, the Hespeler community and many local organizations, businesses and schools. Karen Kincaid is our staff member who organizes our volunteers for this program and looks after the day to day side of things. Again we are grateful for all of our wonderful volunteers who work to serve people in our community.
3. Cambridge Food Bank, emergency hamper program: we provide the Hespeler off-site location for our Food Bank. We serve the Cambridge community every 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. It is a pleasure to be able to connect with so many neighbours, learn their stories and become friends. We are thankful for this dedicated group of volunteers who serve food to people in our community on behalf of the Food Bank.

Also today, we celebrate our rich history with Malawi. We have previously enjoyed having a Malawian Assistant Minister and his family live and work with us for 2 years, many years ago. We have sent several groups on Mission Trips to Malawi. We hold many people from Malawi in our hearts today.

When we enjoy our coffee/tea time downstairs following our service please take some time to look at the treasures that Bill & Margret Hunter have donated to our sale. Bill & Marg will be there to talk about Malawi and answer any questions you may have. There are also photo albums to look at.

And if you would like a sweet to go with your coffee you will have a chance to buy something at the bake sale. (All donations of baked goods will be grateful accepted on Sunday morning. Please not peanuts or peanut products)

All baked goods and Malawi treasures are for sale by donation with proceeds going to work in Malawi by Presbyterian World Service & Development.



**Presbyterian
World Service
& Development**

St. Andrew's Hespeler Presbyterian Church April 26, 2026 Mission Awareness Sunday



St. Andrew's Hespeler
Presbyterian Church
73 Queen Street East,
Cambridge, ON
N3C 2A9
519-658-2652

Rev. Scott McAndless: smcandless@standrewshespeler.ca

Joni Smith: jsmith@standrewshespeler.ca

Email: office@standrewshespeler.ca

Prayer Requests: prayerchain@standrewshespeler.ca

Clerk of Session: st.a.hespeler.cos@gmail.com

Website: www.standrewshespeler.ca

Office Hours: Monday—Friday 9am-12pm

Order of Worship. We will meet in person at 10 am. Or join us on Zoom or Facebook Live. The Zoom link will be posted on the website.

Prelude: Interlude by Dom Murray

Welcome

Call to worship

L: Holy God, we come to you, knowing you accept all of us equally, regardless of what language we speak, the colour of our skin, our gender, age or ability.

P: For you have created each of us in your image.

L: You have called us to care for one another.

P: In this place we offer our unique gifts to you promising to follow you by becoming one with our human family here in our city and all throughout the world.

L: In this place we pray for strength and courage to live out that promise.

Hymn #587 Called as partners in Christ's service

Opening Prayer

L: God of love, we come together into your presence trusting that your love has the power to defeat evil in the world. We come together into your presence trusting that Christ shows us that your love defeats even the power of death. We come together into your presence trusting that your Holy Spirit guides us through the darkest valleys. We worship you with glad hearts, praising you in the name of our Risen Lord, praying with the breath of your Spirit in us. Renew our strength and courage to face whatever each day holds, so our lives will bring you honour and glory now and always. **Amen.**

Laying Down Our Burdens

Responsive Psalm 146

L: Alleluia! Praise God, O my Soul!

P: I will praise you, O God, all my life; I will sing praise to you as long as I live.

L: Do not put your trust in rulers, in humans in whom there is no salvation. When their spirits depart, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.

P: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob and Rachel, whose hope is in God, God, the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them, who keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

L: God, you set captives free and give sight to the blind. You raise up those who were bowed down and love the just.

P: You protect strangers; the orphan and the widow you sustain, but the way of the wicked you thwart. God shall reign forever – your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

Gospel: John 10:1-10, Read by Laurna Chopping-Clark

Hymn #773 Jesus bids us shine

Family Time: Serving Each Other

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Hear by Thomas Pearce

Hope Clothing

St. Andrew's Pantry

Cambridge Food Bank

Missions to Malawi

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

(... forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...)

Hymn #769 Lord of light, whose name and splendour

Benediction

Choral Response #726 May the God of hope go with us every day

May the God of hope go with us every day,

filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.

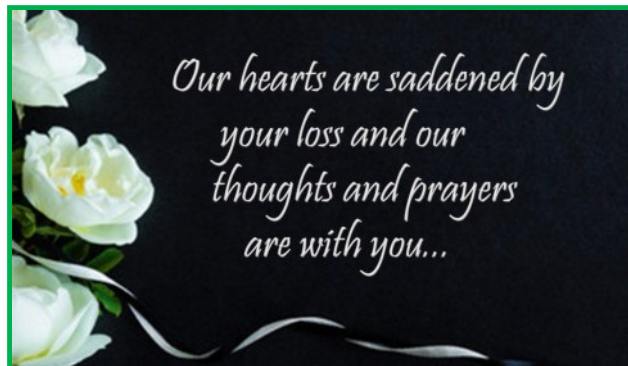
May the God of justice speed us on our way,

bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace, singing, share our joy with all.

working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude: Postlude in G by Gustav Merkel



The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Arlene Inglis who passed away this week. A celebration of life for her will be planned for later.

We also offer sympathy to the family of John and Tiemie Devries, longtime members of St. Andrew's Hespeler who both passed away over the last few weeks.

A Celebration of Life and memorial service for John and Tiemie will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2026 at 11:00 am at the Dutch Christian Reformed Church, 1275 Bleams Road, Kitchener. The celebration will be live streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@CommunityCRC>

Next Week's Sermon:



We are grateful to those who were involved in worship this morning:

Organist: Martin Bohl

Worship Assistant: Jane Bennett

Greeter: Lynn Platt

Beadle: Vern Platt

Sunday School leader: Dean Davidson & Angie Gibson

Tech Team: Jacob Marsh, Dylan Smith & Laura Einwechter

Coffee/Tea: Brenda Holm & Jean Godin

Some important upcoming events

Apr 26: Mission Awareness Sunday

May 24: Pentecost Party

Jun 7: The Sacrament of Holy Communion

July 5: Summer Worship Experience begins

Sep 6: Regular worship begins again at St. Andrew's

Oct 4: World Day of Communion

Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction

This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Monday: Women's Empowerment group 1:00 pm

Tuesday: Hope Clothing 9:00 am—11:30 am

Tuesday: Women's Empowerment group 1:30 pm

Tuesday: Session with Jonathan Tait 7—9 pm

Wednesday: Mobile Food Market 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Thursday: Hope Clothing noon—2:00 pm

Saturday: Hope Clothing 10:00 am—noon

A reminder to the Session that we will be meeting with Rev. Jonathan Tait this **Tuesday evening at 7 pm** in the Foyer. Jonathan is the regional minister for the Synod of CNOB and he is assisting us as we explore important questions about our new identity as an amalgamated congregation. This is a service offered to our congregation by the Synod at no charge (supported by our Presbytery dues).

