



Please think about a talent you have that could be auctioned as part of our live auction. Items or services auctioned as part of our talent auction in the past include hand made scones, pies, a delivered or hosted dinner, a morning of yard clean up to name a few. We also reach out to local businesses for donations to be part of our silent auction table. There is a live auction sign up sheet at the back of the sanctuary.

Please reach out to Joni Smith or Donald Paddock (dpadd5323@rogers.com) if you have any questions or you know of a local business who would donate to our Silent Auction Table. Also, our committee is always looking for more hands to assist so if you'd like to help, talk to Joni or Donald.



We offer the sympathy of the congregation to Ken and Patrice Wappler and to their family upon the death of Ken's sister Elizabeth Thompson last week. Visitation will be held on Saturday, October 24th 2026 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Henry Walser Funeral Home in Kitchener.

Mission Moment: Sunday, October 11

With support from Presbyterians Sharing, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church in Eckville, Alberta, has been a dedicated contributor to the Canada Foodgrains Bank for more than 35 years. What began as a small growing project on donated land has expanded into a community-wide effort, with local farmers, families, and town leaders working together to plant, grow, and harvest grain. Through their commitment and generosity, the congregation helps provide food assistance to people facing hunger during crises such as conflict, drought, and natural disasters. Their growing project is a powerful example of faith in action and community partnership.



This Week at St. Andrew's Hespeler

Tuesday: Hope Clothing	CLOSED
Tuesday: Women's Circle	1:30 pm
Tuesday: Session Meeting	7:00 pm
Wednesday: Mobile Food Market	12:30 - 1:30 pm
Thursday: CNT (dinner)	5:00—6:30 pm
Thursday: Hope Clothing	CLOSED

Some important upcoming events

Oct 18: Run Scott, Run! Accepting Pledges for the 1/2 Marathon run
 Oct 25: St. Andrew's Heritage Day, with potluck lunch
 Nov 7: Annual Dream Auction
 Nov 8: Remembrance Sunday
 Nov 22: Cake Sunday
 Nov 29: Giving Tuesday Campaign is introduced
 Nov 29: First Sunday of Advent

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

Organist:	Martin Bohl
Worship Assistant:	Vin Seuntath
Beadle:	Carol Johnston
Greeter:	Jean McMurtrie
Sunday School:	Donald Paddock
Tech Team	Laura Einwechter, Jacob Marsh

Sunday, October 11, 2026 Thanksgiving Sunday



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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: Now Thank we All Our God, by Max Reger

Welcome

Call to Worship

L: We gather in God's holy presence, where God embraces us with grace.

P: Here God will transform us into disciples.

L: We glorify God, who yearns for justice for the last and the least.

P: Here God will write compassion on our hearts.

L: We give thanks to God for God's persistent love that seeks us out.

P: Here God will breathe the Word of Life into our lives, and so we will praise our God!

Hymn: #803 Come, ye thankful people, come

Opening Prayer

L: God of all time and space, you have called people to meet you over the centuries, in many different places, in many different ways. We praise you for welcoming us, receiving us as we are. You hear our prayers and claim us as your own. In this hour of worship, send your

Spirit upon us to revive our faith and guide our footsteps in the way of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Saviour. **Amen.**

Laying Down Burdens

Responsive Psalm 23

L: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

P: He makes me lie down in green pastures;

L: he leads me beside still waters;

P: he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

L: Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil,

P: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

L: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

P: you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

L: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

P: and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Matthew 22:1-14 Read by Joanne Waugh

Philippians 4:1-9

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal Syzygus, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Hymn: #441 Can a little child like me

Family Time

Life and Work of the Church

Celebration of our Generosity

Offertory: Song Offering by Beethoven

Sermon: Why Be Thankful?

Prayers of the People

L: We give you thanks, O God, for all things that make life good, and pray that all people will share in the blessings we know. For the world, for the wonders of earth, sea and sky; for beauty in nature and wildlife; and for the rhythm of the days and seasons;

P: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

L: For waters that refresh and sustain life; for soil that is fertile and rich; for those who tend crops and care for harvests; for those who produce, deliver and market our food; and for those who make sure the hungry are fed;

P: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

L: For days to work and strength to do it; for the many different gifts and talents you have given us; for those whose work is dangerous and demanding, for those whose positions are necessary for communities to flourish; and for moments of leisure and rest when you restore us;

P: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

L: For human life; for talking and thinking together, working on problems and plans; for burdens and joys shared; for relationships that give life meaning; and for the wisdom exchanged between old and young in mutual support:

P: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

L: For our circle of family and friends; for children and their curiosity and joy; for the insight that comes with patience and experience; and for events shared and memories cherished;

P: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

L: For your grace in times of anxiety, doubt and grief; for healing in times of illness, confusion, and distress; for rejuvenating strength and renewed purpose; for scientific knowledge and discovery to confront disease and improve health;

P: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings.

L: For the trust that you hear each prayer and know every need; that you love and care for each soul and body; and that you walk with us through all our days and seasons;

P: we give you thanks, O God, and ask that all may share such blessings...

... forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors...

Hymn #807 We plough the fields and scatter

Benediction

Choral Response

Go now in peace... never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.

Know He will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, watching from above.

Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

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Postlude: Nun Danket Alle Gott by G. Kaufmann

Pot Luck Lunch!

On Sunday October 25, we will be celebrating our St Andrew’s Hespeler. Following worship, we will enjoy a please bring something to share if you can. (No nuts and no shellfish, please)



Run Scott, Run!

Oh no! Scott injured himself while training and unfortunately has to withdraw from his ½ marathon run.

So on Sunday, October 18th our Sunday School childdren will be doing laps in the gym to make up Scott’s half marathon.

The Sunday School children will be accepting pledges for Scott’s run. A pledge sheet will be at the back of the sanctuary soon. All pledges will be donated to St. Andrew’s General Fund.

Financial Update

What follows is an update of our Year To Date (YTD) August 2026 Financials:

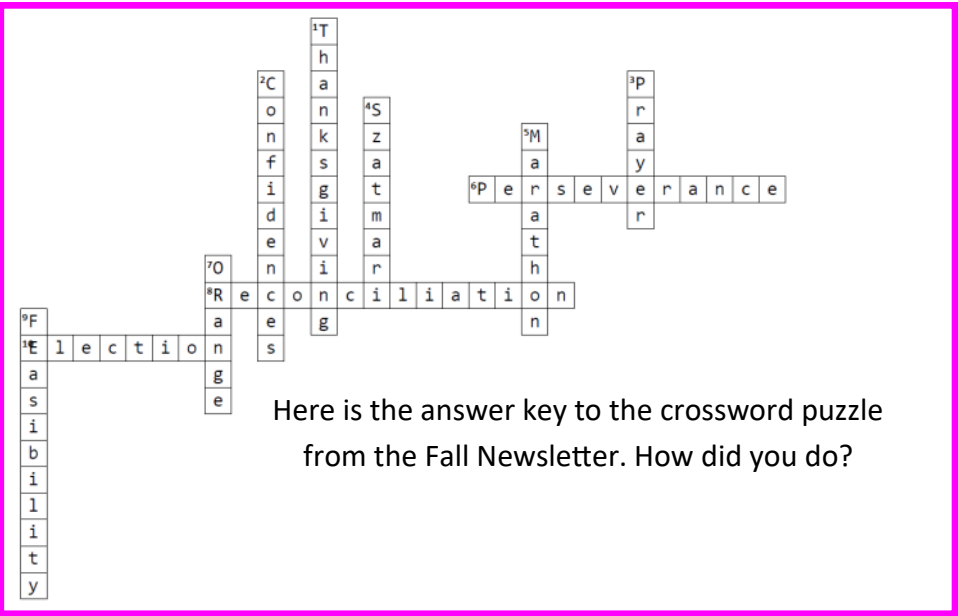
	YTD AUGUST 2026 ACTUAL	YTD AUGUST 2026 BUDGET
Total revenue	152,000	173,000
Total expense	196,000	207,000
Total net income	(44,000)	(34,000)

Revenue Variance, Actual vs Budget:

- Timing of Stewardship Campaign and Special Events (\$14,000)
- Rentals down approximately \$4,000 vs budget at Hespeler site.
Rental income on budget at Preston site
- Envelop and Building Fund giving below budget by approximately \$5,000

Expense Variance, Actual vs Budget:

Biggest contributor to actual expenses below budget is both timing of and lower than anticipated budget for legal fees attributable to Amalgamation, offset in part by higher than budgeted Building Maintenance and Restoration Cost



Here is the answer key to the crossword puzzle from the Fall Newsletter. How did you do?