

ST. ANDREW'S SESSION
Session Summary from December 4, 2023

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU

The Session approved the appointment of Co-chairs Henry Peyer and Rosalind Cammidge, and Doug Warwick, Kim Shepherd, Maggie Nicol, Samina Babar, Pam Loree, Aneeqa Amos, Mary Louise Duncan, Paul Willoughby and Jessica Rhind to serve on the Search Committee. Rev. Wayne will commission them during the 10:30 a.m. worship service on Sunday, December 10. We are grateful to these members who have stepped up to serve on this team. Please keep them in your prayers.

Minister's Report

Rev. Wayne will have eye surgery sometime in the next four months but does not expect it to impact his ministry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship Committee

2024 Budget: The proposed Budget was presented to the Annual Budget Meeting on **Sunday, November 19, 2023** following the morning service, and the congregation approved it. Forty members attended the meeting.

The special Christmas Offering will go towards eavestrough repairs and the Food Bank.

Mission Committee

The committee is rerunning its Project Cozy this year. Project Cozy means that mitts, gloves, hats, and scarves go to our community's homeless and those in need. Last year, it was a huge success, and those who received donations expressed their gratitude.

Our friends from Kenya have said thank you for the warm outer clothing they received from congregation members.

Worship and Fellowship

We still need a Coordinator for the coffee fellowship; please contact Michelle Tedder to say you will serve.

Property Committee

Stan Loree reported that work on the eavestroughs is on schedule. You will notice that our Sanctuary is much brighter. Thank you to Doug Warwick and Barry Hutchinson who spent a day last week installing new lights. This tireless group of committee members is now looking into replacing the lights in the Great Hall.

Food Bank

The Food Bank has served 5,103 clients from January to November 2023, almost double the previous year's number. Thankfully, over the past six weeks, some organizations have donated food to help keep the cupboards open.

In-Person Worship Reminder

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. Again, you are reminded not to attend in-person worship, meetings or events if you are not feeling well. Also, please observe and follow any posted signage regarding COVID-19 safety protocols to help protect all users of the building. Thank you.

Pastoral Care

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is in the office every Wednesday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for anyone who wishes to drop by to meet or say "Hello." If you need to see a minister urgently, Wayne is available 24 hours daily at 905-456-1727.

Our Congregational Care Team is also available to help you. Contact Felicity Alexander at 905-791-0490.

The Prayer Circle is a very confidential group that prays for anyone needing prayer. If you request prayers for a family member or friend, their permission is required before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.