St. Andrew's Session

Session Summary from October 7, 2024

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU

THE COUNCIL OF ELDERS

Rev. Wayne will hold a Town Hall meeting with the Council of Elders on Saturday, October 26, from 10:30 to 12.00 p.m. The meeting will be upstairs in the Education wing (Room 207).

SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Committee has received some applications and will start the process of vetting and interviewing candidates in the coming weeks.

TASK FORCE

The Task Force wrapped up its work on the survey identifying the strengths and weaknesses in our church. The closing summary shows we are a very friendly congregation, but we are not attracting new members to the church.

Thank you to John Collins, Stan Loree and Karen Hutchinson for their hard work on this team.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship Committee

Financial Report: The Line of Credit has increased to \$31,500, with an interest rate of 8%. The payables outstanding are \$9,700, but they do not include the cost of the new parking lot door and the repairs to the leak in the Vestry. The weekly and S-EAOM offerings are down 12% and 24% below budget, respectively.

Worship & Fellowship Committee

Anniversary Sunday is October 20, 2024. The stained-glass window will be rededicated during the service. Following the service, there will be an open-door tour upstairs of the Education wing, including the stained-glass window in the Vestry.

The Food Bank

The staff and volunteers of the Food Bank say a big THANK YOU to everyone who supported their four fundraisers for the family of Anthony Warren. They are amazed at the support they receive. This team is now holding a soup and sandwich fundraiser on Sunday, November 24, for a goodwill offering of \$8.00. The General Fund and the Food Bank will each receive 50% of the funds.

Property Committee

The Committee has completed the repairs to the roof over the Vestry.

In-Person Worship Reminder

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. If you feel unwell, please do not attend in-person worship, meetings, or events.

Reminder: The courtyard door will be locked on Sundays at 10:40 a.m., and a notice will be on the door advising anyone arriving late to use the front doors. The Church Street door will be open as an entry door; bulletins will be on the table at the entrance.

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 <u>urgently</u>, 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.

Prayer Circle: If you request prayers for a family member or friend, please have their permission before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.