

ST. ANDREW'S SESSION
Session Summary from December 2, 2024

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CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

SESSION NEWS

Search Committee

The Committee has completed its interviews and will meet with the Session shortly to present its recommendations.

Stewardship Committee

Finances: The deficit at the end of November is \$28,000.00. The weekly offering is 12% below budget, compared to 7% below the prior year. The S-EAOM offering is 30% below budget compared to 15% below in 2023. The Canada Post strike is impacting donations.

Regular and Christmas offerings can be made by bringing your offering envelopes to worship services or dropping them any time in the mailbox outside the parking lot door. You can also make donations electronically via the Donate page on the Church website at:

<https://standrewsbrampton.ca/donate/>

Worship & Fellowship Committee

The Christmas services are as follows: **December 11**, Blue Christmas Service at 7:30 p.m. in the Parlour. Only the parking lot door will be open for this service. **On December 24**, the Family Service is at 4:00 p.m., and the Lessons and Carols service is at 7:30 p.m.

The S-EAOM congregation will hold their services on **December 24** at 11:00 p.m. and on **December 25** from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., followed by a meal.

Food Bank

The Food Bank served one thousand three hundred and forty-four more clients in 2024 than in 2023.

The Food Bank is closed for December 25 and January 1; the last day to distribute to clients is December 18, and it reopens on **January 8, 2025**.

Mission Committee

Correction: Last month, the summary said that St. Paul's United donated to Project Cozy. St. Paul's Presbyterian, Bramalea, knitted and crocheted the hats, scarves and mitts. Many thanks to St. Paul's Presbyterian, Bramalea.

Inside St. Andrew's Monthly Newsletter

The monthly newsletter will live on, under new management. We just haven't figured out who. Any volunteers?

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 is locked on Sundays at 10:40 a.m., and a notice is 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 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.

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.