

ST. ANDREW'S SESSION
Session Summary from November 4, 2024

WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Treasurer, A-M Dewar, will present the Budget for the year 2025 on **Sunday, November 24, 2024, at noon**. You will have time to get a bowl of soup, a sandwich, and a slice of cake.

SESSION NEWS

The Session has agreed to reduce the number of Elders on Session from fifteen to nine Elders. This year, five elders will complete their six years of service and be replaced by four. The Role Clerk will mail out the list of names of the congregation and the ballot for you to vote on.

THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Committee is now conducting interviews with prospective applicants for the position of Minister. Please pray for the team members as they enter this phase of finding a minister.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Stewardship Committee

Financial Report: The Line of Credit at the end of October is \$18,000 with an interest rate of 7.5%. The payables outstanding are \$17,100.00. The weekly and SEAOM offerings are down 9% from the prior year. The Advent Offering is designated to update the technology.

Worship & Fellowship Committee

The Committee recommends that we serve only gluten-free for Communion. We are changing how we serve Communion; at Advent and Easter, it will be served by distribution, and all other services will be by intinction.

The Food Bank

The staff and volunteers are 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.

The Food Bank gives a small care package to its clients at Christmas. They would like to receive gifts of small toothpaste, deodorants, hair brushes or combs, toothbrushes, socks, and other small toiletries.

Mission Committee

Thank you to all who supported Project Cozy. Special mention to the ladies at St. Paul's United, who knitted several items for this project.

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Congregation members have produced the monthly newsletter for over thirty years. The current Editor - Felicity Alexander, has served for twenty years and is retiring at the end of December. We seek a team to take over the publication; please see Felicity for more information.

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.

The 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.