

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session Highlights – May 2025

At its May meeting, Session focused on several important items for the life and mission of St. Andrew:

1. Preparing for a Congregational Meeting

Session called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, June 8, following worship. The agenda will include the election of church officers for the coming year and, if ready, the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC). The meeting will also be accessible via Zoom to allow for remote participation.

2. Strengthening Financial Practices

Finance leaders reported a \$19,000 shortfall on the front entry project due to unbudgeted design costs, highlighting the need for stronger oversight. A new set of finance routines and controls was presented by outgoing finance leader John Benson and incoming finance director Walter Sparks to reduce risk and improve transparency.

3. Building and Grounds Updates

A landscape team is forming to enhance the new front entrance canopy and replace dead trees around the property. Thirty-eight volunteers participated in the spring workday, and a long-awaited sanctuary clock will soon be installed. Session also approved moving forward with a new access control system for the building.

4. Life of the Church

Session celebrated the baptisms of Sophia Schnicker (April 27) and Ivy Anderson (May 11). They also endorsed exploring an ecumenical worship service with other congregations, as well as re-establishing a fellowship team to help plan future gatherings.