

Session Notes

A caring congregation of Christian faith, welcoming all, praising God, and seeking to do God's work.

Session met on Tuesday September 14th for our regular meeting. We reviewed feedback from the congregation regarding services and events over the summer. The many joys and concerns of the Congregation are shared and kept in our prayers.

The Elders were most interested in the health of our congregation over the summer months, the fall Christian Education program, and our upcoming Church photo directory. The Christian Education team looked at creation of a broad range of programs for all ages in our congregation. Sunday school resumes today for our children with Sunday Sundaes. Some very talented people have stepped up to work with the children and we thank them. There is still a need for more teachers and a superintendent. Please consider what you can do to help. The Youth Group will continue to meet monthly. The cutting edge theology group will start up in September and Rev. Doug is planning to start a more traditional weekly Bible study group.

Charlie Monette has provided the following financial summary:

	Summer 10	YTD 10	Summer 09	YTD 09
Blessings	\$24,224	\$60,095	\$21,536	\$59,503
Expenses	\$33,415	\$83,539	\$25,390	\$51,603
Difference	-\$9,191	-\$23,444	-\$3,854	\$7,900
Pres. Sharing		\$4,971 **		\$3,937
CARE		\$12,741		\$4,575

** St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sharing accepted allocation \$7,000.

The Session was encouraged by Congregational attendance at worship over the summer months when many of us take some time to get away and relax. We rejoice that givings increased over last year by 12.5% however our expenses are much higher than a year ago when our pulpit was still vacant. This leaves us in a deficit position of \$23,444. Our Church was here all summer working for us and we would ask that each of us consider making up offerings that were missed while on vacation.

Our Church photo directory is in the final planning stages with photo sessions being scheduled for September 30th to Oct 2nd inclusive. The Session encourages everyone to get into the photo directory. Please remember that you are under no obligation to purchase any photos and your copy of the Church Directory is free. Please contact Hilary Dick or Bette Jones to make your appointment. Special arrangements can be made for at home worshippers and their families or if you will be out of town during this period.

Important dates to keep in mind:

- Sept. 19th – Sunday School starts (Sunday Sundaes)
- Sept. 30th to Oct. 2nd – Church Directory Photo Sessions.
- October 3rd – Communion Service
- October 5th – Regular Session meeting.