

What's In Session?

December 2025 Report

Rev. Harrington called the meeting to order and called on Wilbur Jones, who offered a devotion and opened the meeting with prayer.

New officers: December's Session meeting included candidates for incoming officers. Elder and Deacon candidates divided into small groups with current Elders for new officer examinations. Following the examinations, Session approved the new officers. Installation and ordination of new officers will occur at both worship services on Jan. 11, 2026.

Budget update: Finance chair Rosalind Barker provided an overview of the 2026 asking budget, which will be up for a vote in early 2026. As of the meeting, SACPC has received 146 pledges toward the annual stewardship campaign.

Annual meeting: Our annual meeting is set for Feb. 15, 2026. The meeting will be embedded in a Unity Service held at 10 a.m.

Donor recognition policy: Session approved a new policy with guidelines on recognizing significant financial gifts toward renovation projects by honoring individuals and families for service, leadership or memorial purposes. Recognition could include naming rights for church spaces and memorial plaques. The policy includes specific guidelines for clarity and consistency, and states Session must formally approve all naming or donor recognition opportunities.

Katie Harrington report: Rev. Harrington reflected that the year of 2025 brought many decisions and changes that have impacted the life of our congregation. She shared a summary as a review and reminder of the way we have listened to where God is calling us a church into the future. Highlights included:

- New staff members, including Rev. Parker Lucas as associate pastor.
- Voting to proceed with a capital campaign for the HVAC loan and sanctuary renovation and forming a capital campaign task force.
- Designating spaces within the Block as rental property, and moving the youth to the lower level of SACPC following needed updates to the lower level.
- Approving a sanctuary renovation budget, which led to the start of sanctuary renovations, with worship services temporarily moving to Brown Hall.
- Held a Session retreat, leading to a desire to update our Ends Policy, and later approving the formation of a task force to continue this work.

Rev. Harrington adjourned the meeting with prayer