

## **St. James Episcopal Church, Clayton**

### **Stewardship Report, Linda Sanders, Chairperson**

The Stewardship Campaign for 2024 was successful with the receipt of 51 pledges totaling \$176,634.12 compared to 54 pledges totaling \$185,650 for 2023. The campaign theme of “Rooted in Abundance” was selected as the best fit for St. James since it could be adjusted to the needs of smaller churches.

- The campaign started early this year in August and September by reviewing St. James Ministries in each Sunday’s bulletin, including the description of the Ministry and the name of the Chairperson.
- The campaign kickoff was held in the Parish Hall with a luncheon on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Father Sam gave the first message on the meaning of “Rooted in Abundance”.
- Three letters were sent to the congregation.
  - Letter One from the clergy, Father Sam, was mailed on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  - Letter Two from the Senior Warden, Alan White, was included in the Messenger on September 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - Letter Three from Campaign Chairperson, Linda Sanders, was mailed with a pledge card on October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- From October 8<sup>th</sup> to October 22<sup>nd</sup>, at both at the 8:00 and 10:30 services, several members from the Parish gave brief statements about why they support our Parish. During this time, we also sent the message of “Rooted in Abundance” using our Messengers, Church Bulletins, and live streaming of the services on Facebook.
- The pledge ingathering was held on All Saints Day, November 5<sup>th</sup>, with the blessing of the pledges.
- The Stewardship Committee sent thank you notes to members who had made their pledge and reminder notes with a pledge card to members who had not pledged.

Stewardship Committee: Linda Sanders, Chairperson, Bill Bomar, Marcus Booker, Ginny Heckel, Shannon LeMoine, Susi Roessler, and Shelley Urban.

Thank You to our speakers: Dirk Brown, Lee Burson, Karen Carroll, Dustin Emhart, Ginny Heckel, Ann Inman and Shannon LeMoine.

**Linda Sanders**