

Announcements

New St. James is a mask-friendly environment. Masking is now optional, however, we continue to encourage masking (especially while singing or when distancing is difficult). If you are feeling unwell, please consider joining Worship online, avoiding in-person attendance, and wearing a mask.

Please join us following worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

Highland Group welcomes young children into **the nursery**, outside the west doors of the Sanctuary.

Join us for **Holy Week** at New St. James!

An in-person **Maundy Thursday** service, with Holy Communion, will take place on April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

On **Good Friday** (April 7) at 10:30 a.m., an in-person Cantata will be offered, featuring guest instrumentalists and the Choir of New St. James.

On **Easter Sunday** (April 9) at 10:30 a.m., we will celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord with an in-person and livestreamed service, featuring guest instrumentalists.

From the Mission and Social Action Committee: Our **“Back to Basics”** project is well underway. To date, 205 pairs of socks and 79 pairs of underwear have been received. Please check the donation graph in New St. James Hall to see which items are most needed. Deadline for donations is Easter Sunday, April 9th.

New St. James turns 190 years old! We would love to add some special events this year to celebrate this special **anniversary**. Would you like to be part of the special events team? Please contact Deb Noble-Van Hees (at denvh1@hotmail.com or 519.471.6857).

Financial Update, end of February, 2023:

	Feb. 28, 2023	Feb. 28, 2022	\$ Change	% Change
Total Income	\$43,134	\$35,206	\$7,928	23%
Total Expenses	\$63,564	\$48,659	\$14,905	31%
Shortfall	(\$20,430)	(\$13,453)	(\$6,977)	52%

There are now several options for you to provide regular **financial support** to New St. James:

- For Offering Envelopes, please call the Church Office (519.434.1127)
- Cheques may be mailed to NSJ: 280 Oxford St. E., London, ON N6A 1V4
- Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR) it is a convenient way to give--and the church benefits from your steady contributions. Contributions are automatically debited from your bank account on the 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office or visit www.newstjames.ca/donate-2
- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Judi Le Blanc (Office Administrator) at admin@newstjames.ca

Income Tax statements are issued by New St. James each year by the end of February.

Thank you for supporting the life and mission of New St. James!

Announcements are an important way to keep the congregation informed about the ministry of NSJ. The weekly deadline for submitting a requested announcement is Wednesday at noon.

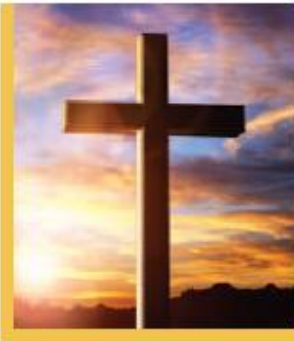
Announcements are reserved for information regarding the ministry of New St. James and the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

GARAGE, BAKING and DELI SALE, SATURDAY, MAY 13.

Women's Council is needing your help to make this sale a success. Please volunteer to help on May 11, 12 and 13. Please prepare some frozen deli items—we have room to keep them in the church freezer. Please plan to bake—baking could be kept in the church freezer as well. Please plan to donate—good, clean clothing, shoes, purses, housewares, small furnishings, books, garage sale items. Plans are in place to make cabbage rolls. Turkey pies will be made—does anyone have a turkey in their freezer that they would like to donate? Does anyone know where we could get reasonably priced turkeys?

To volunteer or with any “turkey information,” please contact Deb Noble-Van Hees (at 519.471.6875 or denvhl@hotmail.com) or Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Written by Jim Goring and
the Rev. Ian Fraser (Pointe Claire, Quebec)*

- L: Just as the Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness,
- P: the Spirit sends us into places of uncertainty
where we confront our weakness and insecurities.
- L: Here we are taught to pay attention to those calling out for care.
- P: Jesus knew that God is revealed at unlikely times.
- L: Like him, sometimes we arrive too late,
when tragedy has already occurred:
- P: after the war has torn lives apart, after the earthquake
has crumbled homes, after the drought has killed crops.
- L: With Lazarus already in a tomb, Jesus cared for the grieving
before turning his attention to his dead friend.
- P: Let us pray for and support the medics as well as the injured,
the aid workers as well as the homeless,
the food providers as well as the hungry.
- L: Tragedies may show us the worst of humanity,
when greed and malice flourish.
- P: Yet, we celebrate those who respond with
love and compassion, bringing Christ to the
places where death has brought devastation.



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Responding to Drought in Somalia

"The weather is harsh; life is more difficult for the children, they are very thin and sick due to lack of food," says Siman Sokorow.

In Somalia, the general humanitarian situation is worsening, with famine alerts being declared in some parts of the country—needs are extremely high.

Siman's eight-month-old son, Farhan, is one of the many Somali children under five who has been admitted to hospital for treatment this year. Farhan was dehydrated due to vomiting and diarrhea. At hospital, he was admitted for severe malnutrition and started medication and rehydration treatment.

Farhan is now receiving the treatment he needs to recover, including therapeutic milk, antibiotics and anti-malarial drugs.

"He had been sick and weak, but after the treatment he has improved, he can now play and run around. Thanks to all those involved for the invaluable support," shares Siman.

This life-saving project, which PWS&D supports through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, is helping treat severely malnourished children under the age of five, and lactating women.

**This Lenten season,
help ensure that
children have access
to critical food and
medical care.**

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