

Announcements – February 11, 2024

New St. James is a mask-friendly environment. If you are feeling unwell, please consider joining Worship online, avoiding in-person attendance, and wearing a mask.

Please join us following the Annual Congregational Meeting for a **luncheon** in New St. James Hall.

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

A **Bible Study** on the Psalms will continue on Wednesdays. The study will be held in the Parlour from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and last for about 5 more weeks. If you would like to attend or have any questions, please contact Linda Robinson (519.474.4986 or robinson516@sympatico.ca) or just come, everyone is welcome. Please bring a Bible with you.

The **Mission and Social Action Committee** will begin its annual project called “Back to Basics” on the first Sunday in Lent, February 18. It will run until March 31, Easter Sunday. The Committee is looking for donations of NEW socks and underwear. This year, added to the “basics” list are feminine hygiene products. They are one of the most requested items at some agencies. Donation baskets will be at all entrances. If you can’t get out to shop and would like to participate in this project, donation envelopes are available from Lyn Hill.

The musical outreach program of New St. James, **Musical Meditations**, will be making another musical offering on Wednesday, February 21 at 7:00 pm. Our soprano section lead, Ariel Harwood-Jones, will be joined by pianist Chris Ryan. They will offer a program entitled *Sweeter than a Rose*. This performance will include music by Purcell, Handel, Poulenc, Strauss, and some Newfoundland folk songs arranged by Vaughan Williams! Freewill offering. We do hope you will join us.

Spring Garage and Rummage Sale, Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Are you planning on doing some winter decluttering? Women’s Council is here for you! We have a room available across from the upstairs kitchen (you will see a sign) where we will store your donations. Please call Karen or Deb to arrange a time to bring your donations in during the week or bring your donations on a Sunday. We would appreciate good, CLEAN clothing, household items, linens (CLEAN and not torn), books, toys, small appliances (CLEAN and in good working order), small furniture items, jewelry, lawn and garden tools and other items you would sell at a garage sale. Please do NOT donate underwear, bathing suits (unless new with tags on them!), magazines, and bits and pieces of things that are of no use. Please recycle these items elsewhere. You can contact Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com) or Deb Noble-Van Hees (at 519.471.6857 or denvh1@hotmail.com).

On behalf of the congregation, the **Mission and Social Action Committee** has made donations to the following agencies: Ark Aid Mission, Camp Kintail, Mission Services of London, the Unity Project for the Relief of Homelessness in London, and ACORN (Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now). This agency is concerned with social and economic justice in London (affordable housing, tenant rights, and social assistance). Nawton Chiles, a member of the Committee, is very involved with this organization.

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.