

## Announcements – April 21, 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 worship for **refreshments and fellowship** in New St. James Hall.

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

The **flowers** on the Communion Table are placed in loving memory of Reta and Bert Hare.

Rev. David will be **away** until May 13. Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district elder. You may also contact The Rev. Keith McKee, who is providing pastoral coverage: he may be reached at 519.455.5760.

**NSJ Gardens** - Do you love to work in the garden? Well, we can use your help at NSJ. Do you have plants in your garden at home that you would be willing to share with NSJ? Well, NSJ has a spot for them. Please let Deb Noble-Van Hees know (at 519.471.6857 or [denvh@hotmail.com](mailto:denvh@hotmail.com)) if you can help with either of these items.

From the Mission and Social Action Committee: please note that St. Paul's Cathedral is once again collecting **egg cartons** for its Social Services program.

**Garage and Rummage Sale, Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon** Donations for the sale will be accepted until Friday, May 3. Please remember that donations should be good, clean, and in working order. No magazines please but books are welcomed. Help is needed on Thursday, May 2, Friday, May 3, and on the day of the sale. On Thursday and Friday, we will be sorting throughout the day so please come when you can anytime after 9:00 a.m. On Saturday we open at 8:30 so please plan to be here before 8:00. Please advertise this sale to friends, relatives and neighbours - there are many good bargains to be had! To volunteer to help or for further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or [karenbuchwald@hotmail.com](mailto:karenbuchwald@hotmail.com)) or Deb Noble-Van Hees (at 519.471.6857 or [denvh1@hotmail.com](mailto:denvh1@hotmail.com)).

**Women's Missionary Society** On Friday, May 10, help us welcome to New St. James our guests from India: Dr. Priya John (Director of the Christian Medical Association of India) and Shimy Mathew (Secretary, Nurses League CMAI). There will be lunch (at 12:00 p.m.), with worship and program to follow (at 1:00 p.m.) Register by Friday, April 26. The cost for lunch is \$10. For more information, contact Cathy Reid (at 519.204.7406 or [reidc@rogers.com](mailto:reidc@rogers.com)) or Marg McGugan (at 226.235.3153 or [me5mcgugan@gmail.com](mailto:me5mcgugan@gmail.com)). In addition, please see the posters on the bulletin boards.

### Financial Update, end of March 31, 2024:

	Jan – Mar 2024	Jan – Mar 2023	\$ Change	% Change
Total Income	\$66,722	\$66,249	\$473	0.7 %
Total Expenses	\$97,407	\$95,516	\$1,891	2.0 %
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$30,685</b>	<b>-\$29,267</b>	<b>-\$1,418</b>	<b>-4.9%</b>

Did you know that if, on average, each member of NSJ increased their givings by just 90 cents per week, that would add up to more than \$10,000 for the ministry of our church? Together our givings make a big difference--and a little extra goes a long way!