

Announcements – April 28, 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 Shirley McNair (2006) and Kenneth McNair (1974) and are placed by their children Susan and John McNair and families.

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) if you can help with either of these items.

Garage and Rummage Sale, Saturday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon The volunteer sheet to help at our sale is back on the cookie table again today! If you are able to help and haven't signed up, please do so. Helpers can come to sort anytime during the day in May 2 and May 3. Helpers on Saturday should be there by 8:00. It would help if you could come earlier! The coffee will be ready! Donations will be welcomed until Friday, May 3. For any further information please contact Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com) or Deb Noble-Van Hees (at 519.471.6857 or denvh1@hotmail.com) Please be sure to tell your friends and family about our sale - there are some amazing bargains to be had!

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) or Marg McGugan (at 226.235.3153 or me5mcgugan@gmail.com). In addition, please see the posters on the bulletin boards.

Mark Your Calendar! On June 23, 2024, we will be celebrating the **50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Elders at New St. James!** Please join us that Sunday as we recognize this important event in the life of our church, both during the service and in celebration after the service at coffee hour. See you here!

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 %
Net Income	-\$30,685	-\$29,267	-\$1,418	-4.9%

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!