

## Announcements – May 12, 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 Mary Howson. Anne Griffin wishes to lovingly remember her mother Mary Howson on this mothers day. Mary was married to Fred Howson and the family were long time members of New St James. Granddaughter Kathleen Scott is attending service today to bring the flowers in remembrance of her grandmother on her mother's behalf. Thank you for helping us remember today, what a wonderful person Mary was.

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.

**Highland Group** The Highland ladies will meet in the lower hall this Tuesday, May 14 at 7:00 p.m. for a worship service, a business meeting and to hear Julie Ryan from Indwell speak about supportive housing in our community. Refreshments will complete the evening. Guests are welcome. Indwell has the following needs if you should wish to bring a donation to the meeting: toilet paper, laundry pods, feminine hygiene products, jams and jellies, bread, pasta and sauce. For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

Next Sunday (May 19) is Pentecost Sunday, as we celebrate the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. At New St. James, we will share in the **Sacrament of Holy Communion**.

**The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of Women Elders at New St. James! The year 1974 marked many important events:**

- the Best Picture to win an Oscar was The Godfather Part 2
- Ontario's Pauline McGibbon became the first female Lieutenant Governor of a Canadian province
- The annual inflation rate reached 11.0%

**And at New St. James we saw the First Ordination of Women Elders in 1974! You won't want to miss this important celebration in the life of our church on Sunday June 23, 2024!**

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.

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 20<sup>th</sup> of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office or visit [www.newstjames.ca/donate-2](http://www.newstjames.ca/donate-2)
- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Judi Le Blanc (Office Administrator) at [admin@newstjames.ca](mailto: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!