

Announcements – January 12th, 2025

Welcome to today's worship service. We are grateful that you have joined us!

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

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

Women's Council has posted a list on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall where you can offer to help prepare, serve, and clean up for **coffee hours on Sunday mornings**. You will work with Karen Buchwald to help her get the refreshments ready before the start of the service.

The **Highland** ladies will meet in the lower hall at 1:00 on Tuesday, January 14, for our first adventure into afternoon meetings. We are very pleased to have Karen Simpson, daughter of Mary Anne and Jim Simpson, as our speaker. She will make a presentation that focuses on providing education about sexual violence and the paths to justice for victims as well as the impact that sexual violence has on its victims. New members and guests are always welcome. For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

We will be taking **photos** next Sunday. Photos may be posted on our website, social media, or in other print publications. If you prefer that your picture or that of your child (less than 18) not be taken, contact the Church Office admin@newstjames.ca to be added to the "Do Not Photo List."

Celebrate Judi Le Blanc's Retirement on January 19 during the worship service with a special reception to follow in NSJ Hall. Please bring your cards and best wishes. If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift, please submit a cheque payable to New St. James in an envelope marked "Judi Le Blanc's Retirement" or you may wish to make a donation through e-transfer, by emailing Felicia Pereira (Office Administrator) at admin@newstjames.ca. Please submit your donation by January 13. Income tax receipts will not be issued. For further information, please contact Charlene Beynon (cbeynon@newstjames.ca or 519.473.1743).

New St. James Women's Missionary Society and London Presbyterian WMS invite men and women to our Annual Meeting on Thursday, January 16, at New St. James Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be Cathy Reid who will share her adventures on her recent trip to Nepal. Registration and Refreshments at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$15 per person. RSVP to Marg McGugan (me5mcgugan@gmail.com or 226.235.3153) by January 13. Kindly advise of any dietary restrictions when replying.

New St. James, through the blessings of **Thomas Kent's Trust** (1912), was able, in 2024, to support numerous agencies which help less fortunate members of our community:

London Food Bank	\$5,000
Anova Women's Shelter	\$3,000
Ark Aid	\$3,000
Mission Services of London	\$2,000
My Sister's Place (bus tickets)	\$1,000
YOU (Joan's Place)	\$2,000
London Pregnancy and Family Centre	\$1,000
Arise Ministry	<u>\$2,000</u>
	\$19,000

An example of the gratitude expressed by these agencies is posted on the bulletin board outside the Church Office.