

## Announcements – March 23, 2025

Welcome to today's worship service. We are grateful that you have joined us! If you are worshipping here for the first time, please sign the **Guest Book** in the Narthex, located at the back of the Sanctuary. An Usher would be pleased to offer you directions.

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. We will be joined by Karen Plater from the Presbyterian Church in Canada who will present on **Legacy Givings**. Everyone is welcome. Learn about special tax benefits; how stocks, bonds, mutual funds and real property can be used to support NSJ now; and how a gift in a will, life insurance, or a charitable gift annuity can support future ministry at NSJ.

From the Mission and Social Action Committee: As **"Back to Basics"** time draws near (a Lenten project we do each year), it's hygiene products and new socks we need, and new underwear, too, would help out indeed! This outreach mission will run from March 15 to April 20 (Easter Sunday), after which donations will be distributed to various agencies in London.

The Lenten season presents us with an opportunity to practice sacrificial giving, aligning our hearts with Christ's sacrifice. We thank you for your generous support of the chili supper, our first fundraising event of 2025! We are looking forward to many more opportunities to share in fellowship and fundraising. For the next several weeks we have the opportunity to support our church with the **Envelope Challenge**. If you choose to participate, you will receive 8 envelopes numbered 2 to 16. The numbers correspond to the amount to be placed in the envelopes (\$2 to \$16). At the end of the eight weeks we will collect the envelopes and tally our support. Please write your givings envelope number or name on the first envelope so that a tax receipt can be issued for 2025. Please contact Sharon Mercier, Dennis Mercier, or Rob McGugan for envelopes or further information.

Our **mission trip** is fast approaching! If you are interested in joining us on our trip to Malawi or just want more information, please contact Cathy Reid (reidc@rogers.com). The dates are May 7-28.

There will be no Rummage Sale this year. The Women's Council will focus their efforts on the **Marketplace** which will be on November 8, 2025.

The Session of New St. James has created a new **Stewardship Committee** to help lead and coordinate our use of time, treasure, and talent. Please stay tuned for more details as this important new initiative takes shape.

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 Felicia Pereira (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!

**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.