

Announcements – October 16, 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.

Rev. David will be on **Study Leave** October 13-19 (inclusive). Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district Elder. You may also contact The Rev. Dr. Andrew Fullerton, who is providing pastoral coverage. Dr. Fullerton may be reached at 519.438.3492.

A **Bible Study** on the Gospel according to Luke continues on Wednesdays from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Parlour. Everyone is welcome. Please enter through the Oxford Street parking lot door and take the elevator to the upper floor. Bring a Bible, pen and paper. Should you arrive later than 7:00 p.m., the door will be locked so phone Linda Robinson's cell (519.615.0559). If you have any questions, you can contact Linda at home (519.474.4986 or robinson516@sympatico.ca).

The **Mission and Social Action Committee** thanks everyone who participated in the fresh produce collection project. The food was delivered to Rotholme, Ark Aid Mission, My Sister's Place, and St. Paul's Cathedral for its "Paul's Place" program. All agencies were most appreciative of the food. The Committee also received a "thank you" note from the London Community Chaplaincy for its recent donation. Photos of summer events are posted on the pinboard outside the office.

MARKETPLACE 2025, Saturday, November 8, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Our Marketplace is almost here! Please plan to help. Donations for the Tombola table and for the Christmas table can be put in the downstairs kitchen, or can be brought to the church on Thursday, the 6th or Friday the 7th. Donations for the baskets should be brought in by Sunday, November 2. They can be put in the lower hall kitchen. Frozen products for the deli can be brought in anytime and put in one of the freezers marked with what it is and your name. Fresh products for the deli should be brought in on Friday, the 7th. Preserves can be brought in anytime but Thursday, November 6 would be preferable. Baking should be brought in on Friday, November 7 throughout the day. Loaves, tarts, squares, cakes, pies, muffins, or whatever your speciality is would be greatly appreciated. Cookies are needed for the Cookie Walk and Christmas cookies would be a bonus. If you can help get ready for the sale on November 6 and 7 or help sell on November 8, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall. Please spread the word to your friends and family that we have a sale that they do not want to miss! For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

We will **receive New Members** on Sunday, November 23. If you are interested in officially becoming a Member of New St. James, please speak to Rev. David or Bruce Curtis (Clerk of Session), and add your name to the sign-up sheet in New St. James Hall.

Sunday Morning Social Time: Help would be appreciated to make and serve refreshments on Sunday mornings. Instructions and all materials are provided. A list has been posted on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall, so please sign up to help. For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

Advent by Candlelight is back! Ladies and gentlemen, yes that's correct, gentlemen are also invited to Advent by Candlelight on November 30! Join us for an evening of fellowship, delicious desserts, and a beautiful celebration of Advent. Friends and family are welcome to this very special evening. Sign up in NSJ Hall or contact Deb Noble-Van Hees at denvh1@hotmail.com.