

Announcements

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.

The **Salvation Army Christmas Toy Drive**: Your donation of a new, unopened, unwrapped gift will help provide a Merry Christmas to many children in our community. Big stuffed toys can be problematic so smaller stuffed toys are the best. Nonviolent toys that do not require batteries, Lego, art supplies and books or journals are some of the suggested items. The Toy Box is near the entrance of the NSJ Hall; you have until tomorrow, Monday, December 8 to drop off your gifts. To find out more and to see the "Wish List" look for the signs on the bulletin boards or visit <https://londoncs.ca/wishlist>.

Highland Group: Tuesday, December 9, 6:30 p.m. The Highland Ladies will gather in the parlour at 6:30 p.m. (please note the earlier start time) to celebrate Christmas. Please bring a wrapped gift with a value not more than \$15 for our always enjoyable gift exchange. Also, please bring a \$10 gift card from Dollar Tree, Dollarama, Tim Hortons, Rexall Drugstore, Shoppers, or a grocery store. We will give these to Karen's Place where they are gifted to the ladies living there. Please come together to embrace the joys of the season through worship, carol singing, and special refreshments. New members are very welcome! For further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

WMS invites you (ladies and men) to our Christmas Buffet on Friday, December 12 at noon. The cost for the buffet consisting of ham, turkey and salads is \$15. Come enjoy some fun and fellowship. R.S.V.P. to Marg McGugan (226.235.3153 or me5mcgugan@gmail.com).

We will enjoy a **Christmas Kids' Night** in the Lower Hall on Friday, December 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. The theme will be: Christmas and the Shepherds. School-aged children and youth are invited to come share in music, Bible stories, crafts, and games. This evening of activities will be led by Jenna Smith, with Rev. David's support. To R.S.V.P., please email Jenna (vbc@newstjames.ca).

On **Christmas Eve**, we will celebrate the Nativity of the Lord with a worship service beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please invite friends, family, and neighbours to share in this joyful occasion.

World Day of Prayer is held annually in March with five neighbourhood churches participating. New St. James will host in 2030; however, a representative from our church is needed for 2026. The focus country is Nigeria. You will be invited to two planning meetings at the host church, Trinity Lutheran, located at the corner of Oxford and Colborne Streets, and take part in the service. To learn more about experiencing this rewarding event, please contact Lyn Hill (519.472.8353 or lyn.hill@sympatico.ca).

Financial Update, end of November 2025				
	Jan-Nov 30, 2024	Jan-Nov 30, 2025	\$ Change	% Change
Total Income	\$306,381.58	\$307,506.28	\$1,124.70	0.37%
Total Expense	\$354,028.50	\$348,891.77	-\$5,136.73	-1.45%
<u>Net Income</u>	-\$47,646.92	-\$41,385.49	\$6,261.43	13.14%