

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.

Rev. David will be away March 9-15 (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.

The **Highland Group** will meet in the Lower Hall at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10 to hear a presentation by Jean Aitcheson. Jean is the head of the Stratford Medical Mission Depot and was recently in Cuba with Marg McGugan, Cathy Reid and other ladies. She will be telling us about the medical depot and the wonderful work that she does with it. Guests are very welcome to attend. If you need any further information, please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.6742 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).

The **Women's Missionary Society** is holding its monthly meeting at noon on Friday, March 13 in the lower hall. Our guest speaker is Eva Goud's grandson, Dan Goud, who is a bush pilot and was raised by missionary parents. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$12. Please r.s.v.p. to Marg McGugan (226.235.3153 or me5mcgugan@gmail.com). Men and women are most welcome.

The Mission and Social Action Committee's **Back to Basics** project is off to a good start: 118 clothing items and 274 feminine hygiene products have been donated! If you wish to participate but can't get out to shop, please see Lyn Hill after the service for a special envelope. This outreach mission will run until April 5 (Easter Sunday), after which donations will be distributed to various agencies in London.

Through the **Northern Hospitality Program**, New St. James has been providing a hot meal to the less fortunate one day a month from September to June for over 30 years. We are in need of a convenor to oversee this very essential program starting in September. A team of cooks and volunteers to serve the meal are already in place. Please give this position serious consideration and training will be provided so the transition will be easy. Please contact Cathy Taylor at 519.433.4095 for more information.

The Session is pleased to share exciting news about ministry at NSJ. In September 2023, the Session began exploring the creation of a **Children & Youth Ministry Leader** position; after careful discussion and planning, it was agreed to develop a three-year pilot project funded not through the operational budget but rather through grants, pledges, and other special funding. Grant applications were submitted to the Presbytery of London and to the PCC Creative Ministries with Children and Youth Fund -- and we are excited to share that both applications were successful! NSJ was awarded a total of \$34,000 (\$18,000 from the Presbytery and \$16,000 from Creative Ministries). With these successful grants in place, the Session is continuing to move forward to create this ministry position. Stay tuned for more updates.

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.

Prayer for Illumination reprinted by permission from *Book of Common Worship*, © 1993 Westminster John Knox Press

New St. James Presbyterian Church • 280 Oxford St. East • London, ON • N6A 1V4
519.434.1127 • www.newstjames.ca • admin@newstjames.ca