

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.

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

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

Our 2026 **Back to Basics** project was a BIGGER SUCCESS than reported last week! On Sunday, an additional 67 clothing items were in the collection basket and a record \$920.69 was donated! You all deserve a pat on the back! And remember, "Those who are kind to the poor lend to the Lord, and He will reward them for what they have done" (Proverbs 19:17).

The **Mission and Social Action Committee**, on behalf of the congregation, made donations of \$600 to Ark Aid Mission and \$200 to 519Pursuit.

This summer, New St. James is offering **Vacation Bible Camp!** This ministry will be under the direction of Jenna Smith, with Rev. David's support. The dates are August 10-14, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

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. As a next step, the Congregation is invited to complete the pledge form to demonstrate our shared support for this ministry.

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 20th of each month. To sign up for PAR, call the Church Office or visit www.newstjames.ca/donate-2
- To make an offering through e-transfer, please email Nancy Manners (Office Administrator) at 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.