

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 this week. Should a pastoral need arise during this time, please reach out first to your district Elder. You may also contact The Rev. Andrew Thompson, who is providing pastoral coverage. Rev. Thompson may be reached at 519.681.7242.

From the Worship And Music Committee: Please Save The Date! It's that time of the year again; time to gather for an afternoon of fun, food, and fellowship. Join us for our **Annual Church Picnic** on Sunday, June 14, immediately following the morning worship service. It's a wonderful chance to connect, enjoy great food, and spend time together in the sunshine. Please feel free to bring along family and friends as we come together to make this a truly memorable day. We look forward to seeing you there! More details will be shared soon.

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.

Did you know that the **WMS** (Women's Missionary Society) meets most months right here at New St. James? The WMS is a community of Christians whose purpose, in response to the love of God in Jesus Christ, is to encourage one another and all the people of the church to be involved in local and world mission through prayer, study, service and fellowship. Meetings involve worship, fellowship, learning, and service. Would you like to learn more? Please contact Marg McGugan (me5mcgugan@gmail.com or 226.235.3153).

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.