

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.

We continue to receive pledge forms in support of creating a **Children & Youth Ministry Leader** position at New St. James. Completed pledge forms can be returned by placing them in the offering plates (using offering envelopes or the special envelopes found in the Narthex). The Congregation is invited to return the pledge forms by next Sunday, May 24 (which is Pentecost with Holy Communion). If you have any questions, you are welcome to speak with Rev. David or your district elder.

The **lawn mower** is gassed up and ready! Once again the Board of Managers is looking for volunteers to cut the lawn this season. There is a sign-up sheet for the first 3 months on the bulletin board in NSJ hall along with an information sheet. If you have any questions, please contact Rob McGugan (rgmccgugan@gmail.com).

Friendship Communion, Luncheon, and Strawberry Social: All are welcome to join us Thursday, June 18 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Please r.s.v.p. on the sign-up sheet in NSJ Hall. If you are unable to sign the sheet, please contact Cathy Taylor (519.433.4095).

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 21, 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. Registration is now open at www.newstjames.ca. Stay tuned for more details.

The **Mission and Social Action Committee**, on behalf of the congregation, sent donations to The Canadian Foodgrains Bank for relief during the Sudan Hunger Crisis, Life*Spin, and Rotholme Family Shelter. In addition, CAD \$500 has been sent to Spencer Suliani, our Malawi contact. He's very grateful for the donation and, in part, his letter reads, "The training program will run for three months, and participants will receive practical skills training in Soap Making, Welding and Fabrication, Baking, and Motorbike Mechanics."

MARKETPLACE 2026: The date is set - November 7 - and it is time to start getting ready for another successful sale! Rhubarb season is here and strawberry season is not far behind. If you have rhubarb in your garden or know anyone with rhubarb, perhaps you could donate some for making rhubarb pies for the sale. We can freeze it for now and when we have enough we can have a pie-making day. As soon as strawberries are ready, strawberry-rhubarb jam can be made, which is one of our best sellers! We do have some jars available. If you have any 250 or 500ml jars that you won't be using, please bring them to church and leave them in the lower kitchen. For any further information please contact Karen Buchwald (519.641.7642 or karenbuchwald@hotmail.com).