

## Announcements – October 20, 2024

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.

There will be a **Fire/Evacuation Drill** this morning (with a rain date of Sunday, October 27).

**The Mission and Social Action Committee** wishes to thank everyone who supported the fresh produce food drive last Sunday. The food has been distributed to St. Paul's Social Services Program, Quintin Warner House, My Sister's Place, Rotholme Family Shelter, and the Ark Aid Mission.

Women's Council has posted a list on the bulletin board in New St. James Hall where you can offer to help prepare, serve, and clean up for **coffee hours on Sunday mornings**. You will work with Karen Buchwald to help her get the refreshments ready before the start of the service.

A **Bible Study** on the Psalms continues on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlour. Enter through the Oxford St. parking lot door and take the elevator to the upper floor. Bring a Bible, pen and paper. If you arrive later than 7:00 p.m., phone Linda Robinson's cell at 519.615.0559. If you have any questions, please speak to Linda or email robinson516@sympatico.ca or home phone 519.474.4986.

**New St. James Women's Missionary Society and London Presbyterian WMS** invite you to meet Rev. Dr. Silas Ncozana, of Chulochosema, Malawi. A pastor, preacher, teacher, administrator and statesman, Silas has played a major role in the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian and in the history of his country. He has also been a strong supporter and facilitator of New St. James' work in the children's centre in Chipagala. He will speak at the Presbyterian Mission Day here at NSJ at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 26. Lunch will be served at a cost of \$15. Please let Marg McGugan, Presbyterian President (me5mcgugan@gmail.com) know if you plan to attend.

Please join a **Celebration of Life** for Annabel Sells on Sunday, October 27, 2:00-5:00 p.m. at the Ivey Spencer Leadership Centre, 551 Windermere Rd. Please RSVP by October 22 (<https://www.westernconnect.ca/site/Calendar?id=149134&view=Detail>). For details, please see the bulletin boards or contact Charlene Beynon at cbeynon@newstjames.ca or 519.473.1743.

**MARKETPLACE 2024, Saturday, November 9 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.** Thank you to all of you who have volunteered. Please contact Karen if you would like to help. We need baking for our bake table so please think about what you could donate. Also, please donate to the deli table and the Christmas table if you are able to. Be sure to tell your friends and family about our sale. Any questions, please contact Karen Buchwald at 519.641.6742 or at karenbuchwald@hotmail.com.

We will be **receiving New Members** on November 24. If you are interested in officially becoming a Member of New St. James, please speak to Rev. David or Bruce Curtis (Clerk of Session), and add your name to the sign-up sheet that will be in New St. James Hall following the service.

### Financial Update, end of September, 2024:

	Jan – Sept 2024	Jan – Sept 2023	\$ Change	% Change
Total Income	\$234,136	\$220,737	\$13,399	6.1 %
Total Expenses	\$280,171	\$277,946	\$2,225	0.8 %
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-\$46,035</b>	<b>-\$57,209</b>	<b>\$11,174</b>	<b>19.5%</b>

As of September 30, our bank balance is **-\$5,668** and we are paying interest on our overdraft balance.

### **Evacuation of the Sanctuary**

- a) **Choir on the west side** will proceed to the nursery to assist with evacuating the infants through the Wellington Street exit.
- b) **Choir on the east side** will assist those who need assistance to evacuate the sanctuary through the doors on either side of the choir loft either the Wellington Street and /or the parking lot exits as appropriate.
- c) **Ushers** will ensure that the Oxford Street doors are open and assist the congregation in evacuating the sanctuary in an orderly and safe manner.
- d) **Should any of the exit doors be obstructed the evacuation will proceed through the closest alternate safe exit.**

### **Evacuation of the Church School**

- a) **Teachers and Hall Shepherd** are to alert others in the vicinity of the emergency.
- b) **Teachers or Hall Shepherd** will check the washrooms on the upper floor.
- c) **High School youth** will exit by the staircase opposite the teen room and leave the building through the Oxford Street parking lot doors.
- d) **Students** in the upper Christian Education classrooms will exit under direction of **their teachers** down the east stairway and out the doors to the Oxford Street parking lot.
- e) **If the Church School** students have returned to the sanctuary they will exit through the Wellington Street doors.
- f) **Should any of the exit doors be obstructed the evacuation will proceed through the closest alternate safe exit.**

### **Gathering Place**

**Once you have left the building proceed to the parking lot behind the medical building across Wellington Street for New St. James.**

### **Clearing the Building**

A Leading with Care committee member will ensure that the main floor and NSJ hall is cleared.

The Hall Shepherd or designate (scripture reader) will ensure that the upper floor is cleared.

The custodian or designate (board of managers' member) will ensure that the lower level is cleared.