

### OPERATION BABY BOTTLE

This Sunday is Mother's Day and the Crisis Pregnancy Centre (CPC) starts its Annual Operation Baby Bottle Fund Raising Campaign. Their centres are dedicated to serving and supporting women struggling with unplanned pregnancy, post abortion grief, domestic violence, and sexual assault. They also go into schools to equip students with information about sexual integrity.

If you are interested in supporting the CPC in this exciting operation, please pick up a baby bottle(s) from Kelsey or Janice in the church foyer after each service, fill it with loose change and return it on Father's Day (June 18th).

For further information please go to: <http://www.optionscentre.ca>.

### "LIFE ON THE MARGINS" WEEKEND WORKSHOP

On Friday, May 12 (6:30-9:30 pm) and Saturday, May 13 (10 am – 5 pm), Jacob's Well, a parachurch community in the Downtown Eastside is offering a workshop where we explore issues of charity, justice, and God's heart for people living on the margins of society. To register, e-mail [workshop@jacobswell.ca](mailto:workshop@jacobswell.ca) or call 604.681.4898. The cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door. Saturday lunch is included.

### FINANCIAL NEWS

We are grateful and encouraged by your generosity to St. John's this year. Below is a financial update to April 30, 2017.

Offerings to April 30	<b>\$597,197</b>	28% of 2017 budget reached
Expenses to April 30	<b>\$690,768</b>	33% of 2017 budget spent
<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$93,572)</b>	

In other news, we are grateful for a new arrangement regarding the donations of securities (stocks, mutual funds etc). As of April 6, St. John's will no longer have to pay commissions or service fees when securities are donated. If you are planning to donate securities this year, please contact Krista Friebe at the church office ([krista@sjvan.org](mailto:krista@sjvan.org)) for updated information on the process.

### BAPTISMS

We are holding baptisms on May 28 at the 9:00 & 11:00 am services and on June 4 at the Evening Service. The baptism prep sessions will be on May 20 and 27. If you are interested in being baptized, contact James Wagner ([james@sjvan.org](mailto:james@sjvan.org)).

### ASCENSION DAY | MAY 25

Save the date! On Thursday, May 25, St John's will celebrate the day our Lord ascended into heaven with a choral evensong at 6:00 pm followed by a supper of sushi, salads and Asian dishes at 7:00 pm. A children and youth program for ages 4 to grade 8 will be offered during the service. The cost of the meal is — individuals: \$8, and families: \$25. Please register at

### SENIORS' MINISTRY

Join us for tea and coffee on Tuesday, May 16 at 1:30 pm in the church chapel. David Comeau, Artizo intern and recent Regent College grad, will share some of his faith journey. Please RSVP to Margaret Wilson at [margaret@sjvan.org](mailto:margaret@sjvan.org) or call 778.838.7400.

## LEARNERS' EXCHANGE

Every Sunday in the Cafe Room at 9:00 am, Learners' Exchange offers stimulating speakers and engaging discussions. It's the perfect opportunity to explore and grow in faith.

### Upcoming Speakers:

#### May 14: Joel Strecker

*Metaphor and Religious*

*Language:*

*Poetic Imagination in the Bible*

#### May 21: Sharyn Thomson

*Lessons from a Life in*

*Burkina Faso*

#### May 28: Marion Maxwell

*Praying through the Psalms*

## ARE YOU NEW TO ST. JOHN'S VANCOUVER?

If you've started attending St. John's recently, you are most welcome to join us for a Newcomer's Lunch in the Fellowship Hall on June 4 after the 11:00 am service ends. This is an excellent opportunity to find out more about St. John's, to meet some staff members and other newcomers, and to learn about ways you can get connected. There is no cost, but please register at [sjvan.org/events](http://sjvan.org/events) by May 31.

### SUNDAY, MAY 14

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion
- 9:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 9:00 AM Learners' Exchange
- 10:30 AM Prayer for People in Authority (Room 107)
- 11:00 AM Morning Prayer
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 6-9)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service

### TUESDAY, MAY 16

- 1:30 PM Senior's Ministry Tea & Coffee
- 5:30 PM Evensong (with dinner)
- 7:30 PM Men's Bible Study

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- 7:20 AM Men's Breakfast Bible Study
- 6:30 PM Ekklesia (18-to-20 somethings)

### THURSDAY, MAY 18

- 10:00 AM Women@10

### FRIDAY, MAY 19

- 4:30 PM All In Retreat
- 5:45 PM Men's Bible Study (5659 Elizabeth Street)

### SUNDAY, MAY 21

- 7:30 AM Holy Communion (**Malachi 2:1-9**)
- 9:00 AM Holy Communion (**Malachi 2:1-9**)
- 9:00 AM Learners' Exchange
- 11:00 AM Holy Communion (**Malachi 2:1-9**)
- 11:00 AM Junior Youth (Grades 7-9)
- 6:00 PM Evening Service (**Malachi 2:1-9**)

Learn more at [sjvan.org/calendar](http://sjvan.org/calendar) & [sjvan.org/events](http://sjvan.org/events)

# Malawi Summer Team is getting ready!



**Malawi Team L to R:** Brenda Wagner, Tracee Horvath, Linette Hindley, Elijah Horvath, Elisha Horvath, Beth Allen, Zoltan Horvath, Noah Horvath, James Wagner. (missing: Elliot Wagner)

A talented team of St. John's members (pictured above) will travel to our Anglican partner diocese in the Upper Shire, Malawi from July 17-31. Malawi, often called "the warm heart of Africa," is a land-locked nation in south-eastern Africa and is among the world's least-developed countries. St. John's has had a partnership with the Diocese of Upper Shire since 2003 that exists to encourage one another and to help spread and strengthen the gospel.

There are many ways in which this team will be helping those in the diocese. Brenda Wagner and Zoltan Horvath, both doctors, will be busy with medical ministry at St. Luke's Hospital, while the rest of the team will attend various ministries, lead Bible study training sessions, build relationships, visit with our sponsored priests and past guests, and observe an Opportunity International micro-finance project.

The team is raising funds for trip costs which will also include medical kits, Bibles, and baby blankets. You can help support them by donating funds ([sjvan.org/give](http://sjvan.org/give)) and by praying for this enthusiastic and dedicated group. You are also invited to join them for a meal on Saturday, June 3 at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to hear their plans first-hand and appreciate the value of these needed supplies. This event will introduce a taste of the country's local cuisine to attendees and give them an experience of the daily inequitable resource distribution for Malawians. More info coming soon on [sjvan.org/events](http://sjvan.org/events)!