

Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church August 2020 Update

Windsor and Essex County are now in Stage 3 and places of worship can open with 30% of their capacity as long as public health recommendations are followed. The Session and Board of Managers of Paulin Memorial Presbyterian Church met on August 17, 2020 via video-conference to discuss resuming in-person worship services. We have agreed to resume in-person worship services on **Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 10:30 am** in the sanctuary. Seating will be limited to approximately 60 people or less in order to maintain 2 metres physical distancing. Attendees must register ahead of time and complete COVID-19 symptom screening the day of the service. Please see the website, <https://paulinmemorial.ca/> for details and updates. Everyone has different comfort levels with gatherings and congregants are not required to attend in-person worship but can continue to watch the service on-line.

At this time, both the office administrator and custodian will return at reduced hours after Labour Day. A time-frame for return of the church organist will be discussed at the next session meeting in September. The church office remains closed and all church business should be completed by telephone or email. In-person appointments are on an as-needed basis. Rev. Lisa Aide continues to be available by cell phone and email. She has virtual “office hours” from 9 to 3 that she has set aside to be available for phone calls or video-chats from Monday to Thursday. Church groups should continue to meet virtually whenever possible. The Upper Hall will be set up as a meeting space once a “use & cleaning” protocol is posted but must be booked ahead of time with Rev. Aide or Margaret Douthart. Rentals for outside groups are cancelled until the end of December and will be reconsidered later this fall.

If you have any questions, please contact your elder. If you are unsure of who your elder is, contact Jane Van Buskirk or Rev. Lisa Aide.

Thanks for all the work done by our volunteers and minister as we continue to adjust to a different way of worshipping and living our faith.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session