

## **Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – Sept. 26 & Oct. 25, 2022**

**Worship:** A Remembrance Service will be held November 6 to honour those who have lost their lives in conflict. Advent begins Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup>. Communion will be held on December 4 & the Children's Christmas Pageant is December 11<sup>th</sup>. On Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, a Blue Christmas service will be held. There will be services on December 24 at 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. as well as 10:30 am on December 25<sup>th</sup> but no service on January 1, 2023. The church building will be closed December 26 to January 2.

**Elders on Session:** As of September 2022, Anne McLachlan has resumed the role of acting Clerk of Session. Since May, Moira Diffey and Jane Van Buskirk have resigned as ruling elders and we are so grateful for their years of service. There are 13 active ruling elders on session with 1 elder on a leave of absence. In September, the congregation approved Term Eldership and a call for new elders was made with no limit on the number of new elders. With the blessings of session at the October meeting, Kim Burgess, Louise Dupuis, Don Dupuis, and Jim Marchand agreed to stand for election. Members (but not adherents) of the congregation can demonstrate their support of these individuals by completing a ballot by November 13<sup>th</sup>. Members who are not able to attend worship service, can request and submit a ballot to their elder. The ballot is submitted in an envelope with the member's printed name and signature on the outside. After all envelopes are opened by a committee of elders, the ballots will be counted anonymously. We hope to ordain the new elders on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Minister's Report:** Eighteen women attended the Women's Retreat at Camp Kintail from September 16-18. Rev. Aide provides monthly worship services to Heron Terrace LTC as well as Royal Marquis & Seasons LaSalle Retirement Homes. Two weddings were celebrated at Paulin in October – congratulations to Yihan Wang and Ruchuan Sun and to Hugh Paulin and Jacklin LeClair. Rev. Aide is on vacation November 6-13, 2022 and December 26, 2022 to January 8, 2023. Rev. Nancy Carle will be pulpit supply on those Sundays.

**Treasurer's Report:** **SEPT 2022 - Operating Income - \$12,128.22** (receipted envelopes \$11,181.55, Facility \$490; Loose \$65, Fundraising \$300; Pres Sharing \$80; Bank Interest \$11.67); **Expenses - \$16788.19 – Inc vs Expenses: (-\$4,659.97)**. **Year to Date: Income vs Expenses: (-\$12,184.29)**. So far, we have only collected \$1,678.90 of the \$4,000 that we pledged to Presbyterians Sharing. While recognizing that these may be difficult financial times, members and adherents are encouraged to regularly donate whether or not they are attending in-person worship services.

**Fundraising Activities:** Our dinner theatre event was a huge success. Counting performers, we had just over 100 people in attendance, in our upper hall. Members of the Congregation, donated pies, rolls, butter, and the sparkling beverage with penne was ordered from Capri Pizza. A beautiful back drop was painted by Finn and John Garswood. Money raised \$2400, net expense \$413.91= profit of \$1,986.09 for the General Operating Fund. Thanks to Joanne Zuk and the volunteers for a successful evening.

**Christian Education:** While this committee has not met, Amy Vreman has agreed to chair it. The group will review the PCC Leading with Care document to ensure that we are following the policy. As of October, A. Landon, S.S. teacher and Darryl Hicks, S.S. monitor, have reviewed & signed the Covenant of Care. Carla Johnson-Hicks (S.S. teacher) & Jim Aide (monitor) will review & sign. Trunk & Treat will be held in the parking lot after service on October 30 for parishioners to distribute treats to community children. A children's Christmas pageant will be presented during the 3rd Sunday of Advent on December 11.

**Mission and Outreach:** Thanks to everyone who participated in the Orange Shirt Sunday on September 25<sup>th</sup> as part of our path to Reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. In October, we are collecting donations for the Our Lady of Guadalupe R.C. Church Food Bank. On November 27, we will be collecting White Gifts for Hiatus House. In December, we will have our mitten, hat & sock tree for donations to schools in low-resourced communities. The loose offering collected during the Christmas eve services will be donated to PWS&D and Presbyterians Sharing.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Acting Clerk of Session*