

Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – November 28, 2022

Worship: Advent began Sunday, November 27th with White Gift Sunday. Communion will be held on December 4 & the Children's Christmas Pageant is December 11th. On Friday, December 16th 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 25th but no service on January 1, 2023. The church building will be closed December 26 to January 2. Rev. Shirley Murdock will lead worship on January 8, 2023 while Rev. Aide is on vacation. Rev. Aide is on vacation December 26, 2022 to January 10, 2023 but will be available for pastoral emergencies. Mike Golab is editing the Paulin Newsletter & articles are due to him by December 2, 2022.

Elders on Session: In November, the congregation demonstrated their support for Kim Burgess, Louise Dupuis, Don Dupuis, and Jim Marchand to be called as ruling elders and they were ordained during worship Service on November 20, 2022.

Treasurer's Report: October Operating Income - \$ 17,300.73 PLUS \$2,982.07 transferred from the Ontario Grant Restricted Funds. Total operating income adjusted to \$20,282.80 with Expenses – \$17,211.07 - **Income vs Expenses = \$3,071.73**

Year to Date: Income vs Expenses: (-\$10,175.54)

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.

Christian Education: Audrey Landon reported that all the monitors have signed their covenant of care and the Sunday School did a fire drill in October. We are still looking for someone with a commitment Christian Education for the next generation to chair this committee. Please contact Rev. Lisa if you are Interested in participating in this important volunteer work.

Mission and Outreach: For White Gift Sunday on November 27, about 30 gifts were received as well as cheque/gift card donations of approximately \$1,1100 for Hiatus House. In December, we will have our mitten, hat & sock tree up in the parlour 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. So far, we have only collected \$1,678.90 of the \$4,000 that we pledged to Presbyterians Sharing. Please help us support this important mission work that occurs within Canada and Internationally.

Pastoral Care: The team met on November 15 to update the list of people who are "shut-in" or who reside at LTC or Retirement Homes. Some people were re-assigned and the new list passed to the Minister, Clerk of Session and Roll Clerk with a copy for the office. Thanks to Louise Dupuis who has stepped down from the team and welcome to Elizabeth Rivait who is joining the team.

Congregation Life: The Women's Breakfast group continues to meet the 2nd Saturday of the month at 9:00 at the Lumber Jack Restaurant. 10-14 women from Paulin & the community attend. Louise Dupuis co-ordinates.

Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Acting Clerk of Session