

Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – January 23, 2023

Worship: Upcoming Worship Services And Events- **February 19:** Scout Sunday; **February 26:** First Lent, COMMUNION The Lenten Services will focus on the theme of “I AM” (the Vine, Light of the World, etc.); **April 2:** Palm Sunday; **April 6:** Maundy Thursday, with COMMUNION As at the Last Supper we will start with a simple potluck meal at 6 pm.; **April 7:** Good Friday service at 11 am Preceded by hot-cross buns and Walk with the Cross; **April 9:** Easter Sunday, with COMMUNION

New Beginnings: This Presbyterian Church in Canada program will resume around the end of March.

Minister’s Report: In December, Rev. Aide sent Christmas Cards to every member of our church Family. She will be sending Thank You cards again in 2023 as part of our Stewardship committee work, not just for those who donate financially but also to those who support our other outreach work. With the help of M. Douthart, Rev. Aide has organized the minister’s office so that it has a safer and more welcoming layout. She continues to put out a daily devotion each week on Facebook as well as her regular worship prep for the Sunday services. Rev. Aide provides worship services at 3 retirement homes and 1 Long Term Care facility once a month. She is the interim moderator for Knox Presbyterian Church in Wallaceburg. The Presbytery of Essex Kent meets at Paulin on February 21st at 6:45 pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Christian Education: The Christian Ed committee met via Zoom on January the 16th. The group decided that money donated through our birthday church will be given to Presbyterians Sharing. We will host our VBS from August 21 to the 25. Rev. Lisa will put together the sign-up forms and the cost per child of the camp to be \$50. Please contact Rev. Lisa if you are Interested in participating in this important volunteer work.

Mission and Outreach: \$500 from the loose offerings received in the Christmas eve services was split between PWS&D and Presbyterians Sharing. Items from the mitten tree donated to 5 schools in Windsor. **January – Welcome Centre & Shelter for Women & Families** – collect items for personal hygiene and pet program. **February 21– Shrove Tuesday** Pancake supper together with Congregational Life committee. Good will offering with Funds raised to go to Presbyterians Sharing. **February 25 – Coldest Night of the Year** walk in support of **UHC -Opportunities Hub** (4:00-6:00 p.m.) on Cantelon Dr. in East Windsor. **March/April – Open Microphone Mission Moment** – Every Sunday (except April 2 & 9), members of the congregation will share the charity/mission work that they do in the community. No donations will be solicited during these presentations. **March 22 – Soup Supper** at 6:00 pm. A free-will offering raise funds for Camp Kintail Campership program. **May** – collect items for **Street Help**. **June 24** – Indoor Yard Sale. Funds raised to go to PWS&D.

Stewardship: In an effort to encourage new members, the Stewardship Committee decided to implement Craft Thursdays. Every Thursday afternoon in March from 1:00 to 3:00, members of the community will be invited to meet in the library to make crafts for our Poinsettia Tea in December.

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, Clerk of Session