

## Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – February 27, 2023

**Worship:** Upcoming Worship Services- **April 2:** Palm Sunday & New Member 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 - Hot-cross buns at 10:00 (volunteer co-ordinator needed), Walk with the Cross & Worship service at 11 am; **April 9:** Easter Sunday, with COMMUNION at 10:30 am

**Presbytery report:** The Presbytery of Essex Kent (ministers and elders from churches within this region) met at Paulin on February 21, 2023. They thanked Paulin for the warm welcome that they received and the pancake dinner. The Presbytery is looking for a part time Minister at large to support the Presbytery in both pastoral care for the Presbyters, and to help with administration responsibilities for the court. The Presbytery will hold a Strategic Planning Workshop for Sessions and Ministers on May 6, 2023, at New St Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Dover. Victor Kim, Principal Clerk has agreed to lead the session. The presbytery provided Sarah Stockford several grants to help cover some of the cost for her studies at Knox Theological College.

**Treasurer's Report:** (for January 2023) January Operating Income: \$15,311.75; Expenses: \$21,688.56 – Deficit of \$6,376.81. Operating Income Breakdown: Receipted: \$12,543.48; Loose: \$80.60, Facility Rental: \$1275; Fundraising: \$1400; Bank Interest \$ 12.67.

**Mission and Outreach:** Over 80 people attended the Pancake Supper on February 21, 2023. \$461.49 was raised for Presbyterians Sharing. Ten people signed up for the CNOY walk in support of UHC-Hub of Opportunities in East Windsor on February 25. \$715 was raised and our top fundraiser was Rev. Lisa Aide. **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 to raise funds for Camp Kintail Campership program. **May** – collect items for **Street Help**. **June 24** – Indoor Yard Sale with Funds raised to go to PWS&D.

**Stewardship:** The Stewardship Committee has implemented 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 9:00 at the Lumber Jack Restaurant. 10-14 women from Paulin & the community attend. Louise Dupuis co-ordinates. Congregational Life and Fundraising Committee to host Wednesday night dinners for the 2nd Wednesday of the month for April, May & June with funds for General Operating Fund at cost of \$10. Thanks to the volunteers who host coffee time after worship on Sundays.

**Capital Fund Fundraising:** The Robbie Burns Dinner was a huge success. Over 100 people gathered to enjoy a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, including haggis, which was piped in. We listened to the bard's story and his poetry. We were entertained by Scottish dancers and enjoyed the music of the bagpipes and our own George Boden. A grateful thanks to all who helped with this event. The profit for the night after expenses was \$2142.79. Upcoming events will include Mother's Day Tea in May, Hamburger supper in July & Steak Dinner in August.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session*