

## **Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – June 12, 2023**

**Pastoral Concerns:** Every session meeting starts with acknowledgement that the land that we gather on is the traditional territory of the 3 Fires Confederacy of First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, the Odawa and the Potawatomie. After a spiritual devotion, prayers are offered for those with pastoral concerns.

**Minister & Elder Update:** Rev. Lisa Aide and Jonathan Calder will be married in the church sanctuary on October 7, 2023 with a reception to follow. Norm Diffey has resigned as an active elder and he was thanked for his 35-years of service on session. Mike Golab will chair the worship committee.

**Treasurer's Report:** **MAY Operating Income:** \$15,898.78; Expenses: \$14,174.62 – SURPLUS of \$1,724.16- Year to date deficit is \$12,925.50 for general operations.

**New Beginnings:** Rev. Ron Fraser is our Coach. The Introduction to Transformational Ministry Weekend will be September 8 to 10. The weekend consists of three events; 1) A Friday night open event; a Saturday morning workshop to train 7-8 House Group Facilitators, and 3) Sunday worship at which the Coach will preach and take part in a covenanting service. Each of the House Groups will have 8-12 participants with one leader. The House Group Leaders are expected to attend the Friday night open event (90 minutes), the Saturday training session (3.5 hours), and then lead 4 successive house meetings of about 90 minutes every 2-3 weeks. Rev. Aide will be contacting people to see if they are willing to serve as house leaders. They should be people who are competent, respectful of the ideas of others, and are optimistic. Is God calling you?

**Stewardship Committee:** There are several webinars on the PCC website about stewardship & the importance of supporting the ministry of Paulin through financial gifts. The envelope secretary, roll clerk, and treasurer, as well as the minister will be invited to participate in this committee. Their participation will help support the minister in providing personalized thank you cards/letters for when people first financially support the congregation and when they continuously support the congregation.

**Vacation Bible Day Camp** – August 21 to 25, 2023. A preliminary meeting was held in early June and the Christian Education committee will meet regularly to finalize the details. While a private summer day camp is renting the Lower Hall, Paulin's Bible Day Camp will take place in the upper hall and sanctuary. It is a ministry project to help children connected to our congregation and in our community on their faith journey.

**Mission and Outreach:** The Yard Sale on June 24, 2023 raised \$650 for PWS&D but also recycled household goods and provided several hundred people from the community with the opportunity to purchase some bargains.

**Congregational Life:** 66 people attended our Community dinner on May 10, 2023 with \$541.68 raised for the General Operating Fund. Coffee Hosts are needed for coffee after church on Sunday in order for this ministry work to continue. The Women's Retreat is September 15-17 at Camp Kintail at a cost of \$210.

**Fundraising:** The Mother's Day Tea on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> raised \$1,367 for the General Operating Fund and was well-attended. The Hamburger Dinner on July 22 and the Steak BBQ on August 26 will raise money for the General Operating Fund. It is the policy of the Presbyterian Church in Canada that all church groups receive approval from the session for any fundraising within the congregation. This approval can occur on a yearly basis or event-by-event and generally the group doing the fundraising identifies where the funds are designated. All monies are submitted to the church accounts.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session*