

Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – Sept, 2023

New Beginnings: Transformation Weekend is November 3 to 5, 2023. The small group leaders are: Nancy Blair, Janet Brigham-Turowski, Nancy Carle, Audrey Landon, Jim Marchand & Anne McLachlan. Unfortunately 3 people had to bow out because of the change in the dates. The Transformation Weekend consists of: Friday night potluck 6 p.m. with presentation at 7:00 in Upper Hall for the whole congregation. The House Leaders will meet in Parlour on Saturday morning from 10:00 to 1:00. For Sunday worship, there will be a covenanting process for the whole Congregation. Please sign-up in the narthex for the small groups.

Communication: November 10th is the due date for newsletter articles to be sent to Mike Golab (paulin.ewsletter@gmail.com) with distribution for November 24th. As requested by our members, list of the active elders on session and the board of managers is posted on the church bulletin board and website. A list of church committees is also posted and volunteers from the congregation are encouraged to join a committee. Thanks to Audrey Landon & Carla Johnson-Hicks who will be attending Presbytery meetings along with Rev. Aide.

New Members & New Member Sunday – We will welcome new members during a service in November. Rev. Aide will contact adherents & potential members and arrange for classes. Not sure who is your elder? Please check with Audrey Landon, the roll clerk or Rev. Aide.

Baptism: Session had previously decided that if families want a faith connection with our congregation, we will support them by providing the sacrament of baptism, no matter how often they attend Paulin. As well, we are blessed to have many grandparents in our congregation who support their family's faith journey. On October 15th, Luke W. is being baptized and in November, Andrew B. will be baptized.

Worship: We will have a brief service of Remembrance on November 5th to honour the sacrifice that people in our congregation made during past wars & conflict. On Sunday, December 24th, there will be a 10:30 am worship service and only 1 Christmas eve service at 7:30 p.m.

Christian Education: The committee will be meeting in November to review feedback about the Vacation Bible Day Camp and plan activities for children & youth in our congregation. A reminder that 2023 was the first year that we held our VBS since 2019 and that many of the volunteer members work in healthcare or in education. Please continue to pray for them as they recover from the effects of the 3 years of the pandemic. Volunteers from the congregation are welcome to join this committee.

Faith Community Action: (formerly Mission & Outreach) October's Mission project is a Pew Challenge to see which side of the church can donate the most socks and underwear for the Soup Shack. On November 26th, we will collect White Gifts for Hiatus House. We continue to offer free period products in the female washroom. Presbyterian Church calendars will be available for \$10 in November with \$5 going towards Camp Kintail Camperships. We are recommending to the Personnel Committee that we pay our employees, at least a Living Wage, which was \$18.15/hr for 2022, and we apply for designation as a "Employer Who Pays a Living Wage."

Congregational Life: Coffee Hosts are needed for coffee after church on Sunday. The Women's Retreat - 24 Women enjoyed the beautiful weather and sessions on The Lord's Prayer led by Rev. Aide from September 15-17 at Camp Kintail. The next Women's Breakfast is October 14th at the Lumber Jack.

Fundraising: On November 18, 2023 there will be a Dinner Theatre with the play, "Charlie's Aunt." A Pointsettia Bazaar will be held December 8, 2023. Proceeds are for the General Operating Fund.

Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session