

## Highlights of Paulin Session Meeting – October 2023

**New Beginnings:** Transformation Weekend is November 3 to 5, 2023. The small group leaders are: Janet Brigham-Turowski, Nancy Carle, Audrey Landon, Jim Marchand & Anne McLachlan. Everyone is encouraged to sign-up in the narthex for the small groups where we will discuss “WHY” we are at church rather than “WHAT” the church does for us.

**New Members & New Member Sunday** – Rev. Aide will contact adherents & potential members and meet individually with them in November. After receiving instruction from the minister, potential members will be approved at the November 27<sup>th</sup> Session meeting with public profession of faith during an Advent Worship service.

**New Elders:** We moved to 6-year Term Eldership in 2022 and 2024 is the next election year. We are recruiting new elders. Six elders are at the end of their “terms” but can be re-elected: Bonnie Pittock, Darrin Stockford, Beth Stockford, Carla Johnson-Hicks, Anne McLachlan & Audrey Landon. There will be a Nominating period over 3 Sundays in January 2024. Two members are required to nominate a member (must be in agreement with the nomination). At the first session meeting after the nominating period, the session will receive and approve the list of nominees. Ballots will be distributed to members only, and voting will take place over 2 Sundays. Candidates are elected based on congregational support (i.e., a predetermined threshold of votes required) with no maximum number of elders.

**Clerk of Session:** Since January 2019, Anne McLachlan has served as Clerk of Session; two years longer than she intended. Now it is time for other members of Paulin to step up and take on this leadership position. As of December 15<sup>th</sup>, the Clerk of Session position will be vacant. A. McLachlan will continue to take the Lead Elder role for New Beginnings, as well as serve on the Personnel Committee and the Faith Community Action committee.

**Minister’s Report:** Rev. Aide continues to provide a monthly worship service at three retirement/LTC homes where people from Paulin reside. She attended the Synod meeting virtually. She continues to be interim moderator Knox Presbyterian Church Wallaceburg. She has telephoned 14 people for pastoral reasons and visited 2 families in person during October. Rev. Aide was on vacation for 1 week in October.

**Worship:** We will have a brief service of Remembrance on November 5<sup>th</sup> to honour the sacrifice that people in our congregation made during past wars & conflict. On Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a 10:30 am worship service and only 1 Christmas eve service at 7:30 p.m. The Wireless headsets are no longer working but K. Garswood & J. Calder are attempting to repair. Session will apply to Presbytery for a grant to pay for 2 wireless headset microphones.

**Christian Education:** Thanks to Jim Marchand who painted and freshened up the nursery room to convert it into a permanent Sunday School room. The other old Sunday School rooms are currently being rented by various community groups for storage. The old Library room is used for meetings by church and community groups.

**Stewardship:** This committee is struggling as there is no elder available to chair it. Rev. Aide has agreed to send out thank you letters to people who recently began contributing financially to Paulin.

**Fundraising:** On November 18, 2023, there will a Dinner Theatre with the play, “Charlie’s Aunt.” A Pointsettia Bazaar will be held December 9, 2023. Proceeds are for the General Operating Fund.

*Respectfully submitted by Anne McLachlan, Clerk of Session*