

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

Centennial Presbyterian Church

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

You are Gifted!

Dear Friend,

You are a gifted person. While the word "gifted" in our day often refers to those with exceptional capabilities, the truth is everyone us has been given a unique "gift-mix" by the Lord who loves us.

God said of the craftsman Bezalel, "I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with ability and intelligence, with knowledge and all craftsmanship." Exodus 31:3

Sometimes we limit our ideas of giftedness to matters like gifts of faith, healing, giving and mercy which are among the gifts we learn about in the New Testament.

Yet, God also gifted Bezalel with the knowledge, ability and skills for the work he was to do. God has gifted you for the work set before you!

Notice Bezalel was gifted by God and Bezalel was filled by the Holy Spirit. Empowered by the Holy Spirit and using his God-given abilities, Bezalel was able to accomplish the work that our Lord sent him to do.

Our Lord also gifts and empowers you by his Spirit to accomplish the work that he has sent you to do – work in your home, in your place of employment, in your community, and in the church.

Thank God for the abilities that you have received and work to develop them. As you use them, trust the Lord to work through you by his power.

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for people." Colossians 3:23

Joy to you – Jin Woo



FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours:

Carla will be in the church office Fridays from 9:30—12:00, and working from home on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30-12:00.

Rev. Kim's office hours are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday from 9:30—3:30.

If you have **upcoming birthdays and anniversaries** you would like us to celebrate as we do every Sunday, please send the dates to office@centennialchurch.ca or call Carla Zacharias and we will get them in for celebrating.

Newsletters will continue to be emailed, for those who do not have email addresses or have not provided one a physical copy of the newsletter will be mailed.

June newsletter deadline is May 29.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Do you have a gift for singing or playing a musical instrument? If so, we'd love to hear from you and have you join us in Sunday worship.

Please contact Carla Zacharias if you would like to share your gifts.



Carla Zacharias
Music Team Leader
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WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We have continue to look forward to our spring activities. May 12 is Mother's Day, May 19 Music Appreciation and May 26 our 49th Anniversary **with cake!**

With respect to Music Appreciation, we are going to be singing three of your favourite hymns or praise songs. If you have a favourite, please let Jim or Carla know or contact the office by telephone or email.

By the time you read this we will have the new projectors installed and we look forward with anticipation to the enhancements to the worship experience that they will provide.

Based somewhat on the lack of feedback we have discontinued audio recording. If you require this, it can be done on a request basis.

As always, we value your input on all matters pertaining to worship. Please direct your comments to us at office@centennialchurch.ca or broad2well@shaw.ca

Jim Broadwell
Chairman

PEWS NEWS

Birthdays to celebrate in May:

May 1, Richard Halliday; May 14, Phyllis Russell, Pride Muma; May 15, Ama Oppong; May 16, Catherine Mbanwie; May 25, Charles Carter; May 29, Colleen Doyle; May 31, Gloria Anane

Anniversaries to celebrate in May:

May 11, Israel Ayongwa and Emilie Neba; May 14, Frank and Becky Tigley; May 23, Jin Woo and Joyce Kim

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 5	Communion
May 7	Stewardship Committee, 7:00 pm, zoom
May 8	Happy 50 th Anniversary Ctee, 7:00 pm, zoom
May 11	Yard & Church clean up, 10:00 am
May 15	FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom
May 19	Food Bank Sunday Blue Jean Sunday
May 21	Board, 7:00 pm, zoom
May 24	Worship Committee, 11:00 am
May 26	Anniversary Sunday

PRAYER CALENDARS AND PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer concerns that arise, please contact the office and we can include these in our prayer chain. If you would like to be part of our prayer chain, please contact the office and have your name added to the list. Updates will be given via text or email as is suitable for you.

Do you wonder how you can reach out to others in the congregation?

- Every day on the prayer calendar is a person or family to pray for that day. Look them up in the directory and give them a quick call to say hello! It's a small gesture that could go a long way.
- Check the Pews News section and make Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary calls!

The 2024 Prayers Calendars have a new addition! The prayer calendar has the regular groups and families to pray for, along with a daily devotion on the first page. The second page, for those who may be interested in "Reading Thru the Bible in 52 Weeks", has more substantial readings for each day.



The FISH Network

Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:15-16

FISH Network: Friendship Inspiration Sharing Hospitality

How fun it was to share in the friendship, hospitality, and celebration of Holy Hilarity Sunday on April 7 – Potluck & Hats that bring you joy! A big thank you to those who helped with the set-up, clean-up, and kitchen.

Upcoming Event: Centennial’s 49th Anniversary. After church service on May 26, cake will be served in celebration of Centennial’s 49th Anniversary and to welcome newcomers. Please mark this special celebration date on your calendar.

The schedule of upcoming events is below. A sincere thank you to elders and those in their respective districts for being engaged and helping with the events. You can look forward to hearing from your elder . . . or you can contact your elder and let them know you are looking forward to helping!

Dates	Events	Activities	Elder Sponsor Sign Up
May 26	Centennial 49th Anniversary	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Tony Singh
June 23	Promotion Sunday - Joint Service	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen, barbeque(?)	CE Committee, Doug Bonar, Ana Colina-Carter
July 14	Stampede Sunday	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen. Chili and buns (7 crockpots), 7 dozen buns, beverages, butter, cheese.	Frank Tigley
Sept 22	Birthday Cake Sunday	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Simon Tibui
Oct 20	Sharing Our Gifts	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Annie Edie
Nov 24	International Sunday	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Daniel Edie

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Happy 50th Anniversary Committee is coming together! There is room for you to join – let anyone on the Stewardship Committee know you are interested. Two co-chairs or a chairperson are needed! Meetings have been scheduled for the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Your continued support of Centennial’s 50th Anniversary fundraising initiative is so appreciated. Please continue to wear jeans (or not wear jeans!) to church on the third Sunday of each month. In addition to your regular offering, please designate \$5 per person for wearing/not wearing jeans and make note on your envelope that the additional \$5 per person is for our 50th Anniversary fund. Choose to use your regular offering envelope or a separate envelope noting your envelope number. If you are not in attendance for the third Sunday of a month, please consider designating \$5 per person for the fund at any time – in advance or after the third Sunday or combining a number of months.

Thanks to you and your generosity, we are pleased to advise that to date \$921 has been designated for Centennial’s 50th Anniversary via the wear jeans/not wear jeans fundraising initiative. Please continue with your monthly \$5 designated donations for use in celebrating our significant milestone!

Your Stewardship Committee encourages you to continue to support Centennial Presbyterian through your regular offerings, by participating in the special initiatives, and offering your time, talent, and treasure to Centennial.

We thank God for your generosity.

Alan Christian, Annie Edie, Israel Ayongwa, Jean Tupper, Omot Ochudo, Rev. Jin Woo Kim

BOARD

The church has made some progress in the last quarter in ramping up effort towards financial improvement and church maintenance activities.

Financial situation of the congregation:

Our main source of income as a congregation comes from our regular Sunday offerings. Our deficit as a church has reduced compared to the same period last year. Please see financial report for details. Christians are encouraged to increase their weekly offerings/giving so we can offset the deficit.

Maintenance:

The Spring season is here again and as a church should be prepared to clean surroundings of the church. The Board hereby requests members of the congregation to come out in their numbers on 11th May 2024 for church cleanup. We plan to clean the church - both indoor and outdoor. The Board recently came up with a list of items that need regular attention/maintenance. Our church roof was recently inspected by Golden Contracting Ltd. The roof inspector stated that our roof is still in good state. We'll try and do a second roof inspection before making a conclusive statement about our roof.

Church maintenance and financial management is an ongoing process. I would like to cease this opportunity to thank all Christians who have been able to guide, direct and provide recommendations that have been instrumental towards the furtherance of church activities.

Emmanuel Nyambod
Chairman of the Board of Managers.

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of March 31, 2024)

Overall Financial Status (to above date)

	2024	2023
Revenue	\$28,712	\$23,435
Expenditures	\$36,457	\$34,255
Surplus / (Deficit)	-\$7,745	-\$10,820
Revenue from Offerings	\$28,031	\$23,362

There is an increase in Offerings and overall revenue in 2024 compared to the same period in 2023, and as a result the 2024 deficit as of March 31st is lower for the same period in 2023. Special thanks to the congregation for your continued support to Centennial!

Charles Carter

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS FOR 2024

May 19	Music Appreciation	May 26	Anniversary Sunday	June 23	Promotion Sunday
July 14	Stampede Luncheon	Aug	No events	Sept 8	Rally Sunday
Sept 22	Birthday Cake Sunday	Oct 20	Sharing Our Gifts	Nov 3	Memorial Sunday
Nov 10	Remembrance Day	Nov 17	Shoeboxes	Nov 24	International Sunday
Dec 1	Mitten Tree	Dec 8	White Gift Sunday	Dec 15	Christmas Pageant
Dec 24	Sunday School Christmas Eve				