

# CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

### Jesus' Hands and Feet

Hands are such an important part of our self-expression. Our hands reveal a lot about us—age, type of work, temperament, and so on. Barbara Brown Taylor in one of her sermons reminds us of those Sherlock Holmes stories, where some unsuspecting woman is introduced to Holmes, spends about five minutes in his presence, and then leaves the room. The great detective turns immediately to Watson and tells him what the visitor does for a living, her family status, income level, and hobbies—all based on shaking her hand! Now, when it comes to feet, that is a different matter! Maybe if we still wore sandals and washed each other's feet as our biblical ancestors did, we would know more about what is hidden within our shoes.

One of the distinctive things in the passion narrative is Jesus' invitation for the disciples to examine his hands and his feet. When they saw his hands and feet, they saw everything he had ever been to them. So much was done with these hands and these feet to spread

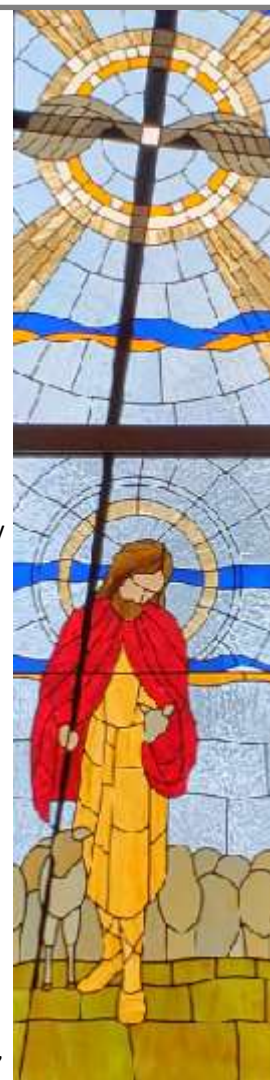
the good news and to bear witness to God's mercy and grace, and then, these hands took up the cross, and these feet journeyed to Calvary. And there they were nailed to the cross upon which Jesus would die. They were wounded now—the hands that had joined him to other people and the feet that had joined him to the earth. They had holes in them, horrible bruises that hurt to look at.

Taylor says, goes on to say: "When the world looks around for the risen Christ, when they want to know what that means, [they look] not at our pretty faces and not at our sincere eyes but at our hands and feet—what we have done with them and where we have gone with them."

What does it mean to be his hands and feet in our time? I wonder if there is something we could do with hands or feet....daily or weekly....to mark the time and keep the season. Let us imagine. As the hands and feet of Jesus in our own time, we serve the poor, travel to the needy, invite the disenfranchised, comfort the lonely. The risen Lord has redeemed our lives and our very bodies. It's our job to spread Easter around a bit, so that our hands and feet become the means of God's justice and healing and peace to our world in our own time.

I believe it is these very things that will go a long, long way to making the joy of Easter complete for us, and indeed for all the world.

Teresa of Avila, 16th century Carmelite nun, wrote: "Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks with compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has nobody on earth but yours."



## PEWS NEWS

### Birthdays to celebrate in April

April 1, Nyagoyini Changach; April 4, Nyajab Changach; April 5, Krystal Oben; April 6, Josh Flim; April 13, Bernadette Fonmedig; April 14, Olive Lewis; April 15, Rameses Rivera; April 27, Curtis Chesami

### Anniversaries to celebrate in April

April 27, Eric & Marie Gichuki

## UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4 Stewardship Committee, 7:00 pm, zoom  
 April 6 Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 pm  
 April 7 Good Friday Service, 10:30 am  
 April 9 Easter Sunday and Communion  
 April 13 FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom  
 April 16 Holy Hilarity Sunday and Food Bank Sunday  
 April 25 Worship Committee, 11:00 am, church  
 Session, 7:00 pm

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

We are looking for some piano players to help out for our worship services. If you play and would be interested in seeing what this is all about, please contact Carla Zacharias for more information. This is especially needed for times when our regular pianist is away.



Carla Zacharias

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We are pleased to announce that Charles Carter has joined as a volunteer for the A/V system. The regular schedule will have Charles manning the booth on the first Sunday of each month.

Thanks to the hard work of Israel Ayongwa we now have the video recording working. March 26 is up on our YouTube channel and we will be making improvements as the weeks pass.

Session has agreed to a set of protocols to be followed in requesting that a presentation be included in Sunday worship:

- If a group wants to present during a service, a request needs to be made to the Worship Committee. If the committee determines it needs to be approved by Session, it will be forwarded to Session. Worship meets the last Tuesday of the month, same day as Session. This helps determine when a request needs to be made.
- Request should include details of the presentation:
  - proposed date
  - estimated time required, this would influence sermon length and song choices
- After approval, notice to the Worship Committee of two full weeks notice of participation
- If preparing your own slideshow, we use a 4:5 format
- If using songs from the songbook, there is no need to type out as we have them already prepared submission of slides,
- Material for the bulletin and Power Point presentation to be submitted by the Wednesday of the week prior to the presentation

As a result of the All Teams meeting we now have a calendar to the end of the year:

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| - April 6 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm  | - October 1 World Wide Communion Sunday                   |
| - April 7 Good Friday 10:30 am     | - October 8 Thanksgiving Sunday                           |
| - April 9 Easter Sunday            | - November 5, Memorial Sunday and Remembrance Day Service |
| - April 16 Holy Hilarity Sunday    | - November 19 International Sunday                        |
| - May 21 Anniversary Sunday        | - December 3 Advent I Communion                           |
| - May 28 Music Appreciation Sunday | - December 10 Advent II Mitten Tree                       |
| - June 25 Promotion Sunday         | - December 17 Advent III White Gifts                      |
| - July 16 Stampede Sunday          | - December 24 Advent IV Church School presentation        |
| - September 10 Rally Sunday        | - December 24 Christmas Eve Service, 7:00 pm              |
| - September 24 Cake Sunday         |   |

Session has agreed that we will resume dancing up the offering on Holy Hilarity Sunday and Sundays that are the fifth Sunday of the month.

We have commenced a search for fill-in pianist(s) for Sundays when Carla is not available. If your talents lie in this area, please let us know.

As always, we value your input on all matters pertaining to worship. Please direct your comments to us at

[office@centennialchurch.ca](mailto:office@centennialchurch.ca) or [broad2well@shaw.ca](mailto:broad2well@shaw.ca)

Jim Broadwell  
Chairman

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.

May newsletter deadline is April 26.

**SESSION NOTES**

- The Elder Election ballots were counted and those receiving the most votes were approved at the meeting to be contacted to consider Ordination as Ruling Elders. They will be contacted soon by Rev. Kim and an Elder. The number of ballots returned was 38.
- There were 4 new members added to the list of professing members on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. If you are unsure of your membership status please talk to your elder or Rev. Kim.
- The second group of refugees has arrived and are staying with the Aballa and Omot families currently. They are: Winykal Ogalla and Mongmo Opams and William Okal who arrived a couple of weeks later. They have jobs lined up and expect to be working very soon.
- Session approved Worship Committee recommendations regarding guidelines for future presentations including getting approval and then 2 weeks' notice of participation. Also approved was dancing up the offering on Holy Hilarity Sunday and on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of those months.
- The Session is working towards starting a Senior's Ministry in the near future.
- The Congregational Visioning Process may be delayed a month or so as there is currently a lot happening with New Elders to be Ordained, building up the Board and Stewardship issues. The hope is to involve as many people as possible to consider what Centennial can become and to get a facilitator to lead us in this endeavor. More information will be forthcoming.

Doug Bonar  
Clerk of Session

**FROM THE BOARD**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of February 28, 2023)**

**Overall Financial Status (to above date)**

Revenue	\$15,368
Expenditures	\$23,407
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$8,039)

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Note that there is sufficient cash on hand (about \$40,000) to meet expenses until June 30 provided that there are no unexpected expenses.  
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**PRAYER CALENDAR**

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.

**ON THE LIGHTER SIDE**

What did the stormtrooper say when he went into a church for the first time?

Pew. Pew, pew, pew. Pew, Pew.

Pew.

If you took all the people in the world who fall asleep during church, and laid them head to toe in a straight line...  
They'd all be a lot more comfortable.



## 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**

Discussion at our March meeting included additional details of events that would be brought forward from the **FISH Network** at the March 18 All-Teams meeting. We were provided with an overview of Korean and Cameroonian church services and were **in**-spired to recommend some elements. Consideration was given to incorporating getting to know one another as part of a church family initiative.

Who have you contacted recently? Who has contact you? Your **FISH Network** encourages you to continue to reach out to your fellow congregants. Let them know you are thinking of them. Feel **in**spired! Reach out in **f**riendship. Call. Text. Email. The directory at the back of previous annual reports is a great reference for names and numbers.

Please feel welcome to contact our **FISH Network** -- Annie Edie, Carla Zacharias, Israel Ayongwa, Jean Tupper, Jin Woo Kim, Phyllis Russell, Shirley Watts, Simon DeVries. If you are uncertain how to reach us, please call Centennial Presbyterian Church (403 285-7144) or reference your annual report church directory.

Experience the joy of **FISH: Friendship, Inspiration, Sharing, Hospitality**

## The FISH Network

### **CCWF**

Thanks to everyone for your continued help and support, we want you all to know that you are appreciated and I couldn't do any of this without all of us together, thank you. The March 5, 2023 after service lunch was well attended and appreciated, thank you for answering the call.

I have attended the All Teams meeting on March 18th, 2023 which was well attended and I am looking forward to some of the programs that were put forward (very interesting) please watch your Sunday bulletin. Get well to some of our team members who have had eye surgeries and other things done. My prayers are with you all.

On Sunday March 26 2023, I bravely stepped forward and answered the call "**Here I am Lord, Send me**" I am now a full fledged member of the church.

Thanks to everyone concerned for the new Coffee pot and warmer, they made a huge difference.

Phyllis Russell  
Chairwoman

### **FROM THE OFFICE**

Office Hours:

Rev. Kim's office hours: Tuesday—Friday, 10:00—4:00

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

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](mailto:office@centennialchurch.ca) or call Carla Zacharias and we will get them in for celebrating.