

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

Centennial Presbyterian Church

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SESSION

Rev. Jin Woo Kim received notice from his doctors that he would not be able to return to work until the end of February. He will be re-assessed then to see if he is able to return.

The Reception of New Members Sunday will happen in January as a number of people have indicated their wish to join as voting members. If unsure of your membership status, or would like to become a member, talk to an elder or the clerk.

Pulpit supply for December will be:

Dec. 3rd – Rev. Jean Morris – Communion Service
Dec. 10th – Rev. Bruce Clendening – Mitten Tree and Baptism
Dec. 17th – Frank Tigley – Sunday School Christmas Pageant
Dec. 24th – Frank Tigley
Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Service – Rev. Fiona Swanson
Jan. 7, 2024 – Rev. Mark Tremblay – Communion Service



BOARD

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of October 30, 2023)

Overall Financial Status (to above date)

Revenue	\$91,142
Expenditures	\$115,976
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$24,834)

PCC Investment Update

The 2023/Q3 report from our investment has been received. The Market Value of the investment is \$352,267.88 compared to \$372,841.07 in Q2.

A decision was made at the November Board meeting to withdraw \$20,000 from the PCC fund on January 1, 2024, to cover expenses until March 31, 2024.

FROM THE OFFICE

Rev. Mark Tremblay is our Interim Moderator. At the moment, he can best be reached at revmarktremblay@yahoo.com.

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. Tremblay will be in the church office most Friday mornings. **Friday, December 8, Carla's hours will be 8:00-10:30 am.**

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.

January newsletter deadline is December 27.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

December is a busy month and we are planning to have some special musicians to play during the offering and even with some of our hymns.

We are still looking for some additional musicians and singers for our Praise Team. If you have a talent in either of these areas, please contact me at 403-285-9516 or cyz@shaw.ca.



Carla Zacharias
Music Team Leader

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We continue to ask for your prayers for the Kim family as we continue to worship our God and King. We hope to have more information soon as to his return to us.

Future services include:

- December 3 Advent I Communion, led by Jean Morris
- December 10 Advent II Mitten Tree, led by Bruce Clendenning
- December 17 Advent III White gifts and Church School presentation, Led by Frank Tigley
- December 24 Advent IV Lessons and Carols of Christmas, led by Frank Tigley
- December 24 Christmas Eve Communion, led by Fiona Swanson
- December 31, led by Ty Ragan

We are excited that the Advent and Christmas seasons allow us to give back to those in the community. Particularly we use the Mitten Tree story and the presentation of White Gifts to glorify God and show our support to the Children's Cottage and Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre respectively.

On December 10, bring unused mittens, toques and scarves with you to worship and watch how they are used to brighten the sanctuary and provide warmth and comfort to the children of Children's Cottage.

On December 17, bring gifts wrapped in white for distribution to the mothers and babies supported by Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre. Suggestions for gifts include:

- For Moms: scented candles and holders, fancy soaps, bubble bath, picture frames, photo albums, journals, lotion, shower gel, gift certificates, coffee, mitts or gloves, warm socks, slippers blankets, bus tickets.
- For Babes: sleepers, onesies, baby clothes, bibs, teething rings, soothers rattles, baby wash, diaper cream, diapers (newborn or size 1), new books, new toys, blankets.

The tradition of White Gifts began in Ohio in 1903 when the wife of a Methodist minister and her two daughters came up with the idea of giving gifts wrapped in white paper at Christmas time to people in need. Gifts are wrapped in white so that they will be anonymous and so that people who can only give a little will not be embarrassed.

We continue the practice of dancing up the offering on the fifth Sunday when a month has five Sundays. We encourage all members of the congregation to participate. Offering Substitute Cards are available at the back of the sanctuary for use by anyone who does not have an offering to place on that day.

The Committee needs more members. Please consider your passion and if you would like to participate in the decisions that affect worship advise Carla or Jim in person or at the email addresses below.

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

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.

PEWS NEWS

Birthdays to celebrate in December:

Dec. 4, Valsa Peter; Dec. 5, Godfrey Phillip; Dec. 7, Val Singh; Dec. 10, Shirley Watts; Dec. 12, Carolyn Taylor; Dec. 15, Fred Pauls; Dec. 16, Heather Bonar, Princejayden Enyeawah; Dec. 29, Francis Djakan-Leumen; Dec. 30, Alenwi Ayongwa; Simon deVries, Otto Bender

Anniversaries to celebrate in December:

Dec. 27, John & Lynn Bradford, Doug & Marilyn Bonar

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 3	Communion Rev. Jean Morris, Pulpit Supply
Dec. 5	Stewardship Committee, 7:00 pm, zoom
Dec. 10	Mitten Tree Rev. Bruce Clendening, Pulpit Supply
Dec. 13	FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom
Dec, 17	White Gifts / Church School Presentation Frank Tigley, Pulpit Supply
Dec. 24	Morning service, 10:30 am Frank Tigley, Pulpit Supply Evening service and Communion Rev. Fiona Swanson, Pulpit Supply
Dec. 31	Ty Ragan, Pulpit Supply

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

On behalf of your Stewardship Committee, we would like to express our appreciation to Charles Carter for providing the congregation with a financial update. Not an easy top to share, yet Charles did it masterfully. The appeal was there -- a call to action so each of us in our own way, can respond to the current financial deficit situation here at Centennial Presbyterian Church.

We would like to remind the congregation of the **50th Anniversary initiative**. From now until May 2025, your Stewardship Committee is encouraging you to join in fundraising for this special event. Every third Sunday, you are invited to wear jeans to church and dedicate \$5 per person to our 50th Anniversary fund. Please designate the additional amount in a separate envelope marked with your envelope number or with your regular offering stating the additional amount for 50th Anniversary. (Please note the 50th Anniversary contributions would be in addition to your regular offering.) Those who are not comfortable wearing jeans to church can still participate by dedicating \$5 every third Sunday of the month for not wearing jeans! Mark your calendars for every third Sunday and designate \$5 per person for wearing jeans – or not wearing jeans – to church!

Candy Cane Candygram reminder: The Christmas spirit and holiday cheer are being shared! In addition to being a fundraiser, this initiative is an opportunity for you to extend a “Merry Christmas”. Let those ‘someones’ at Centennial know how much they mean to you, how they are appreciated. Do this with a candy cane, ribbon, and tag – for just a dollar. Feel the joy of giving! Know how good you will make some feel upon receiving this heartfelt gesture. Take the Candy Cane Candygram beyond the doors of Centennial. Give them to your family, friends, work colleagues. Explain the initiative to them and perhaps take the opportunity to invite them to join us in fellowship here at Centennial. Intentional giving. Think about 5 or 10 or more people you would like to give a Candy Cane Candygram to. The Candy Cane Candy grams will be available in the narthex after church service each week up to and including December 17. Here’s looking forward to continuing to share in the Christmas spirit!

Thanking God for your generosity
and wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

How did the ornament get addicted to Christmas? He was hooked on trees his whole life.

Why was Santa’s little helper depressed? Because he had very low elf esteem.

What do you call a broke Santa Claus? Saint-nickel-less

What do you get when you cross a duck with Santa? A Christmas quacker.

Why do mummies like Christmas so much? They’re into all the wrapping.

How much did Santa pay for his sleigh? Nothing. It was on the house!

What do you call an elf wearing ear muffs? Anything you want. He can’t hear you!

What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? Frostbite.

What do you call Santa’s little helpers? Subordinate clauses.

What’s the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has No-el.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Thank you for your generous response to Operation Christmas Child! Together 76 boxes were collected!!

Evelyn
Missions Committee



While Mary was giving birth
to the son of God,
Joseph was having his own problems.

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