

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

You Know What Hurts Me?

An Ukraine Rabbi, named Yitzak, used to say that he had discovered the meaning of love from a drunken peasant. The rabbi was visiting the owner of a tavern in the Polish countryside. As he walked in, he saw two peasants at a table. Both were gloriously in their cups. Arms around each other, they were protesting how much each loved the other. Suddenly Ivan said to Peter: "Peter, tell me, what hurts me?" Bleary-eyed, Peter looked at Ivan: "How do I know what hurts you?" Ivan's answer was swift: "If you don't know what hurts me, how can you say you love me?"

Do you know what made Jesus so loving a person, the greatest lover in history? He knew what hurt people. He knew then and he knows now. What hurts the human heart Jesus knew, precisely as a man, as human. It shows up all through his public life; with the woman caught in adultery; in danger of stoning; the sinful woman

who touches him, to the scandal of his disciples; the Samaritan woman at the well, to the amazement of his disciples; the women of Jerusalem who weep for him on the way of cross. It shows up in all those passages that describe Jesus as having "compassion"-a Greek verb that has to do with our inward parts, our entails, our vowels, our heart-a word that is a wedding of mercy and affection and sympathy and fellow feeling. This powerful verb is used over the sick who reach out to Jesus, a crowd that is hungry, a mother whose son has died, two blind men sitting by the roadside, a leper begging to be made clean, the prodigal son.



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.

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.

March newsletter deadline is February 24.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

During the Christmas Pageant presented by the Sunday School, we were treated to some extra musical talent. We had Ryan Christian on the violin and Helen Findo on the bass clarinet.

Hopefully we will be able to enjoy more music from these lovely young people during this year.

Plans are under way for having some solo / duet / trio choral presentations during the service in this coming year as well.



Carla Zacharias
Music Team Leader

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

It's hard to believe we're already a month into the new year

We continue to struggle with finding additional volunteers for the A/V system. Please, if you can help let us know.

We have decided to discontinue the pre-service hymn sing. If you have any ideas for other activities to supplement morning worship, 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 or broad2well@shaw.ca

Jim Broadwell
Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CCWF

“February is **Black History Month** – The Sunday School children and the Christian Women of Centennial invite you to join us after the Service, on February 05, to celebrate the history, culture, and flavors of Cameroon.”

SESSION NOTES

The Annual General Meeting for Centennial will be held on Sunday, March 5, 2023 following a light lunch after the morning service.

The hiring of an outside youth leader has been cancelled. Okelo Aballa and Omot Ochudo are volunteering to help lead this group. The first Youth meeting will be on Feb. 10th at 7:00 PM.

Terms of reference and guidelines for a new Stewardship Committee were discussed and approved. The Session will be approaching people to serve on this committee over the next few weeks.

The Session approved the starting of an Elder election process to ordain up to 5 new elders. The process will be the same as used previously. Letters with timing details, information on eldership and those eligible, along with ballots will be sent out in about 2 weeks.

An All-teams meeting has been set for Saturday, February 15, 2023 at 10:00 AM. This meeting is for representatives from each team/committee to sit and plan a yearly calendar of events so there are no timing conflicts or confusion between groups. Any new attendees wishing to become members at Centennial please talk to Rev. Kim or any other elder.

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 or call Carla Zacharias and we will get them in for celebrating.

PEWS NEWS

Birthdays to celebrate in February

Feb. 4, Reid MacPhee, Annie Edie; Feb. 7, Doris Edie; Feb. 8, Christerlen Arguilles; Feb. 9, Joe Peter; Feb. 14, Judejunior Enyeawah; Feb. 20, John Bradford, Ajem Obuyi; Feb. 22, Frank Tigley, Partek Changach; Feb. 23, Morgan Muma; Feb. 26, Pam Flim, Jonscofield Fuche; Feb. 28, Lily Serina, Karen Goddard

Please keep in your prayers:

Simon deVries as he recovers in Strathmore hospital.

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1	Family Dinner Night, 5:30 pm
February 4	CCWF, 11:00 am, zoom
February 5	Communion
	Flavours of Cameroon, after service
February 10	Youth Group, 7:00 pm
February 16	FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom
February 19	Food Bank Sunday
February 25	All Teams Meeting, 10:00 am
February 28	Worship Committee, 11:00 am, church Session, 7:00 pm

FROM THE BOARD

At our January meeting we spent a considerable amount of time discussing our financial situation. As you know, we have had to withdraw funds from our investments to meet day to day expenses. To avoid any further withdrawals we asked for additional funding from the congregation. To date \$4470.00 has been received. To cover 2022 expenses, we required almost \$54,000 more than what was received in offerings and other income.{rental income \$820, government subsidy \$1471 }. If offerings do not increase we are predicting a deficit of \$42,000 for 2023. That means drawing down on our investment...again.

Board membership is in need of new faces and ideas. John Bradford has recently resigned, Patience Matute and Gwyn Crowe will not be staying on as members. Also, Frances Djakan has given notice that 2023 will be his last year as envelope secretary. There may be others who have not yet made their intentions known.

On a lighter note....we need folks to help with the offering each Sunday. If you could help on a regular basis or serve as an alternate, please speak to Gwyn.

We are also looking at painting the Sunday School room in the spring. Speak to Tony if you could help.

For next winter, the Board is considering hiring someone to look after the snow shoveling. This will be an extra expense but asking for volunteers has not been successful recently as some

of you live some distance from the church and others are just getting too OLD!! If you are interested the Board will consider paying an honorarium.

Gwyn Crowe
Interim Chair

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of December 31, 2022)

Overall Financial Status (to above date)

Revenue*	\$97,789
Expenditures	\$151,696
Surplus / (Deficit*)	(\$53,907)

* Please note that these amounts may change once we receive the report on our PCC Fund Investment.

Sources of Revenue

Offering	\$95,498
Rent	\$ 820
Gov't Subsidy	\$ 1,471



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

Yes, you've read this before! With the focus on connecting with one another and the February 1 Family Night, the **FISH Network** thought it would be wise to repeat the messaging from the last newsletter.

We continue to encourage you to reach out to your fellow worshippers beyond Sunday at church. Reach out in **friendship**. Call. Text. Email. (Reference the annual report directory for names and numbers.) Let your fellow parishioners know that you are thinking of them – especially at this time of year.

The **FISH Network** is pleased to announce that our **FISH** Family Nights will continue in 2023. We're simplifying the evening. No volunteers required. Dinner will be served. All that's needed is your family!

And so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." Luke 5:10 (NIV)

Your family is invited to join our ongoing **FISH Family Nights** for dinner the first Wednesday of each month. With the Epiphany potluck scheduled for January 7, the first Family Night dinner of 2023 will be February 1. Doors to the church will open at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. Gather around the tables. **Share** in conversation and **friendship**. Enjoy the **hospitality**!

Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to set before the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. Mark 6:41 (NIV)

The **FISH Network** is uncertain if we can replicate Mark 6:41! (Actually, we are certain we can't!) Registration for Family Night dinner is required. You will be reminded to please register via email (watch your in box) or hard copy (available at the church) or 403 285-7144 (to call the church) by January 29 -- we want to ensure the appropriate amount of food is provided! **February 1 menu is pizza (a family favourite), salad, dessert.**

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.

**Wishing
FISHing you a Happy New Year!**

The FISH Network

FROM THE BOARD

1. Funding initiative: The Board and Session agreed to request extra funds from the congregation as we find ourselves in a bit of a funding crunch. The Board has had to withdraw funds from our Investment to pay some of our expenses. To avoid withdrawing more funds everyone is asked to make an extra donation. Details are in the weekly bulletin or for more information, speak to a Board member. A question has been asked as to whether these monies are tax deductible. The answer is, absolutely.....as long as you put the funds in your numbered envelope so it can be recorded. Our thanks to those who have donated so far. We will have a financial up-date in mid-December.

2. Budget 2023: the Board will be putting together the 2023 budget in early January. It is essential that if your group or committee needs funding for 2023 that you make your request known to the Board as soon as possible. This way the budget can be formulated to accurately reflect our needs.

3. Envelopes: 2023 envelopes will be available soon, If you are using e-transfer exclusively and no longer need envelopes, please contact the envelope secretary Francis Djakan (envelopesecretary@centennialchurch.ca) or speak to Board chairman, Gwyn Crowe.

Gwyn Crowe
Interim Chair

