

# CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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## SESSION NOTES

The **Annual General Meeting** will be held following a light lunch after the service on **Sunday, March 3, 2024**. This will be a joint service with the afternoon Anyuak Ministry. **Volunteers to provide soup and buns are needed.**

The March 10<sup>th</sup> service will include a Stewardship presentation by Karen Plater from the National Office.

The Session is moving forward with getting someone to lead a workshop for the Senior's Ministry program so it can get started.

We would like to thank the new volunteers helping with the Sunday School which is averaging 25-30 students per Sunday.

Elder's Districts have been asked to consider sponsoring the set-up and clean-up for church events as we don't have a committee to look after this. The hope is that each district will look after an event. Your elder will be the contact.

The next Session meeting will be held on February 20th due to some timing conflicts.



## 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.

## FROM THE OFFICE

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

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.

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 28.**

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

If you, or a group you belong to, would like to provide special music during one of our services, please contact the Music Director, Carla Zacharias to make arrangements and pick a service date.



Carla Zacharias  
Music Team Leader  
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## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship at Centennial under the direction of Rev. Mark Tremblay is proceeding very well. Attendance is excellent and our Church School is quite full. We appreciate those who have consented to lead services and to preach. We've detailed our appreciation in our report to the congregation as part of the Annual Report.

The Lenten season will soon be upon us. Because of Jin Woo's continuing medical leave we have decided not to have Ash Wednesday nor Maundy Thursday services this year. We ask that you observe these solemn days individually or with your families.

Future services include a joint service with the Anyuak community on March 3, which date will also be our Annual Meeting. The March 10 service will have a stewardship emphasis led by Karen Plater Associate Secretary for Stewardship of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. A Good Friday service will be held March 29th at 10:30 am and we will celebrate the resurrection on Easter Sunday March 31.

We continue to look into service providers with respect to replacing the projectors at the front of the sanctuary. If you or anyone you know has expertise in this area, please let the church office know.

As the video recording of services continues to encounter technical problems, we have resumed audio recording. These are not polished recordings but they do clearly capture prayers, readings and sermon. If you would like a copy of a particular recording, 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

## PEWS NEWS

### **Birthdays to celebrate in February:**

Feb. 1, Leland Ragan; Feb. 4, Reid McPhee, Annie Edie; Feb. 7, Doris Edie; Feb. 8, Christerlen Arguilles; Feb. 9, Joe Peter; Feb. 14, Judejunior Enyeawah; Feb. 20, John Bradford; Feb. 22, Frank Tigley, Partek Changach; Feb. 23, Morgan Muma; Feb. 26, Pam Flim, Atsimbom Fuche; Feb. 28, Lily Serina, Karen Goddard

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 4	Communion Rev. Tremblay, Pulpit Supply
Feb. 6	Stewardship Committee, 7:00 pm, zoom
<b>Feb. 9</b>	<b>Annual report submission deadling</b>
Feb. 11	Patience Matute, pulpit supply
Feb. 16	Worship Committee, 11:00 am
Feb. 17	Funeral for Chesami family, 11:00 am
Feb. 18	Israel Ayongwa, pulpit supply
Feb. 20	Session, 7:00 pm Board, 7:00 pm, zoom
Feb. 21	FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom
Feb. 25	Ty Ragan, pulpit supply

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

What is a groundhog's favourite colour? MaHOGany

What do you call a woodchuck with no legs? Ground hog

Why did the man send his wife's Valentine through twitter? Because she is his tweetheart

What was the French cat's favourite Valentine's Day dessert? Chocolate mousse

What do you call a very small Valentine? A valentiny



**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**

At our January meeting, the **FISH Network** reviewed upcoming events for 2024 that were identified at the January 13, 2024 All Teams Meeting. We are excited about the year ahead and know you will be as well! There will be opportunities for you to become involved in a variety of initiatives.

It was wonderful having you join in a time of of fellowship, sharing, and hospitality (that's the **FSH** in your **FISH Network**!) at our January 21 Meet Your Elder event. What a great time to get to know your Elder and others in your district. Many thanks to our Elders for providing the snacks.

Your **FISH Network** encourages you to continue to reach out to your fellow congregants. Reach out in friendship. Call. Text. Email. The church directory is a great reference for names and numbers.

Please feel welcome to contact our **FISH Network** -- Annie Edie, 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.

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

## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The new year is off to a wonderful start -- here's looking forward to all that 2024 can be!

Your Stewardship Committee would like to thank you for placing your suggestions in the suggestion box. Please keep those suggestions coming! If you're thinking what suggestion box. Please find this is a reminder that the box is at the back of the sanctuary -- it is marked as 'Suggestion Box'! You may choose to sign your suggestions or submit suggestions anonymously.

We are pleased to action one of the suggestions . . . which is for name tags. Our initial approach is to have sticky-backed tags available each Sunday. When you arrive, please make your way to the mail slots in the narthex. On the flat surface beneath the mail slots, you will find sticky-backed tags and a marker. Please print your name and adhere the sticky-backed tag to you. The tags will help us learn one another's names. In addition, when there are special initiatives, such as Meet Your Elder, potluck meals, International Sunday, etc., the sticky-backed tags will be available for you at the same location -- in the narthex, on the flat surface beneath the mail slots. You are encouraged to please use the tags. Let's get to know our congregation by name! If you see someone without a name tag, please remind them that sticky-backed tags are available in the narthex, on the flat surface beneath the mail slots. Thank you for this fabulous suggestion! Let's all do our part by using the name tags.

Thank you for sharing in the Christmas spirit and holiday cheer by exchanging 301 Candy Cane Candygrams with one another. That's \$301 that has been given to the church. Thank you for supporting this initiative and for your continued support of Centennial Presbyterian Church.

Your continued support includes wearing or not wearing 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 envelop 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. The 50th Anniversary initiative started Sunday, September 17, 2023. Congratulations! In the first three months, you donated \$371. Thank you so much! Please continue to support this initiative throughout 2024.

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

**PASS IT ON REQUEST**

This is an appeal to all the sewers and seamstresses in our congregation. If you have more zippers than you will ever need, perhaps I could put them to good use.

For the past year I have been making "Fidget Mats" for the Alzheimer's Society of Calgary. What is a fidget mat? Fidget mats are often the size of a large placemat. They help to occupy restless hands, and stimulate the mind through touch and focus on texture. They also help individuals feel calm in new or busy environments and come in a variety of colors, themes, and textures. The surface of the mat will have buttons or beads on ribbons, zippers to open and close, snaps to undo, velvet to crush, and fleece to cuddle.

In addition to zippers, another item I like to add to the mats is a key swinging on a leather strap. So if you have extra zippers or keys (small like a suitcase key, or large like a house key), please pass them along. Thank you.

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SHRODE Tuesday, February 21  
TUESDAY

