

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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Minister's Musings

Welcome to the first edition of the Centennial Presbyterian Church Newsletter. It is our hope that this newsletter will begin a process to better communicate some of the current and future activities occurring at our congregation at Centennial.

It was George Bernard Shaw who once quipped, "The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place." Ask anyone and they will tell you how true this is. Healthy communication is a prerequisite to healthy relationships, and no less for the church family.

Whether you're new to us or an old friend, our hope is to continue to help make our communities strong by bringing you helpful information, ideas, and a little fun! Throughout the year, we will send you stories and insights from our session, board, and group leaders as well as Centennial kids and families. Do you have an idea or a success story to share? Send us your ideas or stories so we can help support each other and grow together! There are so many interesting experiences and opportunities to learn and our newsletter is just one way we can share that information.

As your minister, I look forward to continuing to reach out to you, including through this new way, as we seek to press together for the work at hand and in preparation for the soon return of Jesus. So please, read on.



DID YOU KNOW ...

That when we are finished using the church for our services, meetings, events, etc., the doors to the rooms need to be shut, the heavy doors (fire doors) need to be shut at the tops and bottoms of stairs and in the middle of the upstairs hallway? These simple steps will help slow things down in case of a fire. And while we're at it, check that all the lights are off, especially in bathrooms.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The new projector and screen for the back of the sanctuary should be installed early this month. When it's up and running the choir, and anyone facing the congregation will be able to see what's on the front screens without turning around. This will include the scripture readers who may choose not to have a printed copy of the reading in front of them.

Beginning in January we will be recording the entire service. These will be posted on our website for anyone who can't make it to church. Note – this is not an excuse to be 'homechurched'. We may encounter a few bumps in the road as the operators get accustomed to it, so please be patient with us.

If you have an interest in reading Scripture and aren't already on the list, please email the office at office@centennialchurch.ca or Jim Broadwell directly at broad2well@shaw.ca. We can also use additional A/V operators and you can use the same contact information if you are interested.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT



The Choir finished off 2019 with our 12th Annual Advent Carol Festival which was a great event again. Six choirs joined in song to kick off the Christmas season.

January marks the start of the next season for the Choir as we begin preparations for the Lenten season.

If you love singing and wouldn't mind hanging out for an extra hour after church on Sundays, come check out the rehearsal and talk to Carla or Doug about joining the choir. Or, if you would like to share some special music for a service, please speak to the Music Team Leader to make those arrangements.

Our Praise Team could use a few more voices to help lead the praise songs at the beginning of the service. If you would be able to come early on a Sunday morning to rehearse that day's selections, please speak to Carla about adding your name!

Carla Zacharias, Music Team Leader

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 4	Epiphany Party and Potluck	6:00 pm
January 8	Board Meeting	7:30 pm
January 9	Mission Team Meeting	7:00 pm
January 11	Rev. Breisch Funeral Service	2:00 pm
January 12	Picture day	12:00 pm
January 18	CCWF Meeting	10:30 am
January 19	Food Bank Sunday	
January 22	Vision Team Meeting	7:00 pm
January 25	Men's Prayer Breakfast	8:30 am
January 26	Intergenerational Service	
	Clifton Manor Service	2:00 pm
	(Pride Muma/Carla Zacharias)	
January 28	Worship Committee Meeting	6:00 pm

VISION TEAM

The Vision Team meets once a month on the 4th Wednesday. The team is currently considering a new name, to better reflect the current work that is being looked at.

The intention of the group is to identify and celebrate the wonderful qualities that make Centennial unique and consider ways that culture can be enhanced and added to.

Many of us came to Centennial while church shopping and stayed because of the friendly and welcoming members of the church... the fact that the potlucks are top notch doesn't hurt either!

Some of our traditions include the CCWF Bazaar in November, Mitten Tree, White Gift and Pageant Sundays in December, Epiphany Party in January, Coldest Night of the Year Walk in February, all of which we look forward to every year.



CENTENNIAL CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

10 a.m. Saturday, January 18

NEEDED: CHAIR PERSON and SECRETARY

The election of officers for the CCWF will take place Saturday, Jan 18. Women of the congregation are encouraged and warmly welcome to attend. Please give prayerful consideration to doing God's will and work through your involvement with the CCWF. Without your participation, this may be the final meeting of the CCWF.

Questions? Please contact Clara at 587 619-3626.

"There are many reasons not to do something, but more importantly is why you should". – anonymous

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please ensure the office has your email address. At this time we have 48 email addresses. You can send your address to office@centennialchurch.ca.

If you would like more information about the committees and groups in Centennial and what they do, please grab a pamphlet from the carousel in the narthex. It will give you lots of information about what they do and who to contact.

February Newsletter submission deadline is February 25.

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Pastoral Care Team is available to every member of the congregation. The team has people in place to help with rides, meals, visitation, grief support and counselling, help for caregivers that need a visit or a break and so much more.

How do you access this team?

There is a poster on the bulletin board in the hallway with the names and numbers of the various leaders. You can contact them directly, or if you aren't sure who to call, you can contact Carla Zacharias, who can help coordinate what you need.

We know it's hard to ask for help sometimes. There are people willing, ready and able to assist you, to pray with you, to support you in your time of need.

Carla Zacharias, Pastoral Care Team Leader

PEWS NEWS

Just a few weeks ago we received news of Rev. Dr. Frank Breisch's passing. As we move into the new year, please keep his family, friends, and the church community in your prayers. His funeral service will be held Saturday, January 11 at 2:00 pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 703 Heritage Drive SW

At the end of December we heard of the passing of David Shepard. He was a long standing member of Centennial. He and Laurie had moved back to Ontario to be near his mother and returned to Calgary and Centennial several years ago.

Jim and Colleen Broadwell are pleased to announce they have become grand-parents! Amy and Ralph welcomed their beautiful baby boy on Monday, December 30. His name is Otto Michael James.

Israel and Emilie Ayongwa also welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Alenwi, early in the morning on Monday, December 30. Congratulations to both families!

Picture day is January 12! Sign up on the sheet in the narthex for your 10 minute time slot.

JANUARY 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4 Epiphany Party 6:00 pm
5	6	7	8 Board 7:30 pm	9 Mission 7:00 pm	10	11 Rev. Breisch Funeral 2:00 pm
12 Picture Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 CCWF 10:00 am
19 Food Bank Sunday	20	21	22 Vision Team 7:00 pm	23	24	25 Men's Break- fast 8:30 am
26 Intergenerational Sunday	27	28 Worship Ctee 6:00 pm Session 7:00 pm	29	30	31	