

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

It is January!

It is January. The month of January takes its name from the Roman god Janus -- a two-faced being, with each visage facing the opposite direction. Janus/January is a hinge time -- a vantage point from which we can still see back into the past year and yet can also face forward and look expectantly at the year that lies ahead. Janus does look backward to the past, but he also looks forward to the future.

Without any definite idea about "where to," we tend to repeat each year in much the same way. With no sense of ownership about the future, about this coming year.

The writer of Ephesians takes a hopeful, January forward-look at God's intentions for humanity and finds a remarkable vision, one which can usher us into this New Year. We may be assured that God

has "a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth" (Ephesians 1:10). We need to look with a spirit of hope at the "where to" of this year's January. Again, the author of Ephesians provides a positive image by proclaiming, "We who first hoped in Christ have been destined and appointed to live for the praise of his glory" (v.12).

Let us use this January to begin creating a future built on hope. It is the first month of living a faith that looks backward to the evidence of God's great gift to us in Jesus Christ and forward to the day when God's plan "to gather up all things in him" will become a reality. We have been given another New Year. Let us use it wisely, to the glory of God.



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.

January Newsletter submission deadline is January 26.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

As the Music Team is not rehearsing at this time, I thought we could look at the history of music in the Christian church over the centuries. The following is an excerpt from an article on onlyonehope.com:



“Music has been used to worship a deity for over a millennium and in Christianity from its inception around 30 AD. The music used in the first churches was likely simple chants, using only the voices of the adherents, though instruments have been used for music in general since 4000 BC or earlier. Indeed, the author of many of the earliest songs used in worship – the Psalms – played stringed instruments, and historians say that King Solomon’s temple included choral groups. Much worship music began based on the earliest music offered to God with voice and simple instruments and evolved to include multiple voices and instruments to offer praise and worship to the Holy One, the God of Heaven and earth. Music was used in Christianity for several reasons. The most common is, of course, worship. Whether or not this music was accompanied by instruments in the earliest uses is unknown; however, both accompanied and unaccompanied worship music is documented in the early years of Christianity, though unaccompanied was much more common. Some early church leaders declared instruments to be a part of pagan worship that had no place in a Christian church.

Similar, but not the same as worship, is praise. While praise can be a form of worship, it can also be separated from it. Psalm 22:3 states, “But Thou art holy, O Thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.” Many songs have been written that praise the God of Heaven, and this includes many of the Psalms.

The third reason for music in Christianity is to aid in memorization of Scripture. Because people tend to remember things better when they are set to music, singing Scripture allows people to more easily learn the passages in Scripture. In the same way, many doctrines and theological views are also incorporated into songs used in churches around the globe for worship and edification. “

Carla Zacharias
Music Team Leader

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

In last month’s newsletter I commented on the speed at which time accelerates, and here we are in another year. Most of this month’s comments are repeats of prior ones.

We thank Jean Tupper for her volunteer work as a lay reader. She’s going to take a break for now. We welcome Morgan and Madlin Muma who have been added to the volunteer lay reader list. We look forward to hearing from them.

The difficulty in obtaining a reasonably priced video camera that meets our needs remains. Our needs include WiFi connectivity and audio input so that we connect to our sound system, so many of the available cameras do not meet our needs. Once up and running, videos of our services will be posted to our website and available on our YouTube channel for those who cannot or are unwilling to be at worship.

We wish God’s richest blessings on all of you for 2022.

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, Worship Committee

PEWS NEWS

Birthdays to celebrate in January!

January 1, James Bol; January 5, Abongwi Ayongwa, January 7, Rev. Kim; January 8, Melanie Tibui; January 10, Portia Falgui, Charlotte Chesami; January 13, Linda Tynan; January 15, Cheryl Arguilles; January 17, Barry Anung; January 21, Kendell Fusianka-a; January 31, Paul Kim

Anniversaries to celebrate in December!

January 3, Rev Kim and Centennial, 4 years

REQUEST FOR WINTER HELP

Shirley Mittoo is looking for someone who may be able to help her with her sidewalks this winter. Please contact the office for more information if this is something you can help with. She lives just on Rundlehorn Drive, just off of 52nd street if that helps in your decision making.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 19 FISH Network Meeting 7:00 pm Zoom

January 25 Worship Committee Meeting 4:00 pm Zoom
Session Meeting 7:00 pm



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.”

FISH Network mission, Ephesians 4:15-16

FISH Network: Friendship Inspiration Sharing Hospitality

At our December **FISH Network** meeting, discussion included postponing Family Nights until protocols allow us to gather for this initiative. Topics also included use of proceeds from investments, ways to attract new members, and youth group ideas. We revisited the importance of staying connected with one another. Are you hearing from your friends from church? Are your friends from church hearing from you?! What a fabulous way to start the new year . . . by making phone calls or sending texts and emails to exchange “Happy New Year!” Our annual report church directory is a great reference for phone numbers. If you do not have an electronic or hard copy of the directory, please call the church (403 285-7144). Reaching out in friendship -- a wonderful way to welcome 2022.

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.

We are all working together to experience and embrace the joy of **FISH: Friendship, Inspiration, Sharing, Hospitality.**

Wishing
FISHing you a Happy New Year!

FROM THE BOARD:

Some of you are probably wondering what has happened to your 2022 offering envelopes. To make a long story short....they are at the home of the envelope secretary and he was called to Africa on urgent family business. As soon as Francis returns we will get them to you. In the meantime if you have 2021 envelopes left over, use them, or use a regular envelope and put your envelope number on it. No need to put your name on it as the counters ONLY go by the number on the envelope. Sorry for any inconvenience.

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of November 30, 2021)

Overall Financial Status (to above date)

Revenue	\$ 89,532
Expenditures	\$133,946
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$44,414)

Sources of Revenue

Offering	\$72,073
Rent	\$ 945
Gov't Subsidy	\$16,514

FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours:

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

Carla will be in the church office Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00–12:00 and Fridays from 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.

Just a quick reminder, please remember to write “**Envelope Secretary**” on your envelope when mailing in your offerings. Offering envelopes are counted the last Monday of each month.