

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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MINISTER'S MUSINGS

It's hard to believe that another year has passed. The saying, "the older we get the faster time goes by," is becoming a definite reality in my life. It's the beginning of a new year and it's time to reflect on our lives and make resolutions to make certain changes in our lives. Most people make some pretty good resolutions but have little resolve; they make big resolutions but have little will power. It is my hope that this year's resolutions will remember Christ and our personal relationship and worship with Him.

The cartoon character Calvin from Calvin and Hobbes once said, "God put me on this earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now, I'm so far behind I'll never die." We resolve that this year is going to be better. We are going to make some progress on certain areas of our lives, and you know I think that isn't a bad idea for a church as well, because this is a good church, but it's not a perfect church.

There are bigger things, there are different things, there are deeper things, there are more holy things that God is calling us to be; to be more like Jesus Christ. We are not there and so it's a good time for us to evaluate that, take a look at that and to set our face, set our

direction in pursuing what God has called us to be. What is our reason for being? Why should there even be a Centennial Presbyterian Church? In what direction is God leading us? What is it that God wants us to accomplish in the year 2023? And we have a committed congregation of the faithful who are willing to do the hard work of discerning God's future. As I've said before, it is in praying, and studying and listening to each other and to God, that God's vision for this church will be made known.

If you ask me what my hopes are for this congregation, if I were to make some New Year's Resolutions, I would hope that in 365 days, on December 31 when I sit down to list our accomplishments and I back-date them to January 1, our list might be something like this: We dared to dream impossible dreams even as we faced hard realities. We spoke the truth in love to each other, and we listened with our hearts as well as our heads. We reached out in concrete ways to our neighbors around us feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, and encouraging the lost. We offered worship services that were meaningful, intellectually thoughtful, and spiritually uplifting and that fed all generations of worshipers. But those are just my dreams. Who knows, God may have different ones. As someone once said, "God is a companion on the way, leading us to new places, not old places one more time." I hope we may commit ourselves in the life and ministry of our church in the year 2023.



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.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Happy New Year!

In January we are hoping to start up a Junior Choir, which will meet after the church services the opposite weeks of the adult choir. This will be separate from the Sunday School and will work on their own music to present to the congregation. Information was sent out to the parents in November via email.

If you play an instrument and would like to play for the congregation during the offering or postlude, or would like to be part of a small musical group, please reach out and let me know. We would love to have more musical participation in our services.

Getting our choir restarted has been a bit slow. We are hoping to grow it again with some more new voices. If you are interested, please speak to Carla Zacharias.



Carla Zacharias
Music Team Leader

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Happy New Year everyone!

It's been a cold and blustery December. We pray God's blessing on all those who's work requires them to be outside at this time of year. It is also our prayer that all of you will experience good health in the new year.

We regret to announce the departure of Joe Peter from the A/V team. We have certainly appreciated his hard work with the team in monitoring the Power Point and audio systems.

As a result, we head into the new year struggling with respect to volunteers. We really need more folks to help with the audio/visual system.

As we move from the pandemic to endemic phase of COVID-19 we sincerely hope that everyone can join in public worship on a regular basis.

At its January meeting the committee will be considering the pre-service hymn sing. Please let us know your feedback, whether it's a good or bad idea. You can communicate with either Jim Broadwell or the church office.

January 7 at 5:30 pm will mark the return of our Epiphany pot luck. We are going to have lots of fun. Those of you who have been to the parties in the past know this to be true. Plan to come and share your favourite dish and hear stories of Christmas celebrations in various cultures.

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

MITTEN TREE

Thank you to all who participated in this year's Mitten Tree.

Our totals this year were:

73 mittens

29 toques

2 scarves

3 toque and mitt sets

For a total of 107 items!



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.

February newsletter deadline is January 27.

PEWS NEWS

Birthdays to celebrate in January

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

Anniversaries to celebrate in December

January 3, Rev. Kim and Centennial

Please keep in your prayers:

Dorothy Benons and her family as she mourns the loss of her brother.

Simon deVries as he recovers in hospital

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7	Epiphany Party Potluck, 5:30 pm, church
January 8	Zoom demonstration after the service
January 14	CCWF, 11:00 am, zoom
January 18	FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom
January 31	Worship Committee, 11:00 am, church Session, 7:00 pm

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.

Over the next few weeks, you will be receiving a phone call with the purpose of updating your contact and family information for the directory of the annual report.

CCWF

Thank you to everyone at Centennial, especially the coffee fellowship and CCWF team. I want to say a special thank you for standing up and answering the call. It has been a very challenging year for me. I've recently had a major surgery on both my eyes. I am doing much better now, Praise be to God. We have moved our CCWF meetings to Zoom which seems to have left out some of our core members...Well, we've missed you and have decided to remedy this situation.

Praise to The Almighty, we have found a cure in Anna Colina who has volunteered to do a demonstration for us to enable more people to join us on Zoom, Anna volunteered to do a demonstration on January 8, 2023, after church. At this time Ana will assist those who are not familiar with Zoom, and answer any questions about how to access Zoom meetings. "Wow" Thanks Anna.

This will move the CCWF meeting Saturday January 14th at 11:00am on Zoom. I also want to take this time to wish everyone a very healthy, rich and blessed 2023

Phyllis Russell
CCWF Chair



Mark your calendars!

The Epiphany Party is back!

Please join us,
Saturday, January 7 at 5:30 pm

for a potluck supper and
sharing of Christmas tra-
ditions from around the
world.



Saturday, January 7

Doors open at 5:00 pm Potluck Dinner at 5:30 pm



Wednesday, February 1

Doors open at 5:00 pm Dinner served at 5:30 pm

Pre-registration required

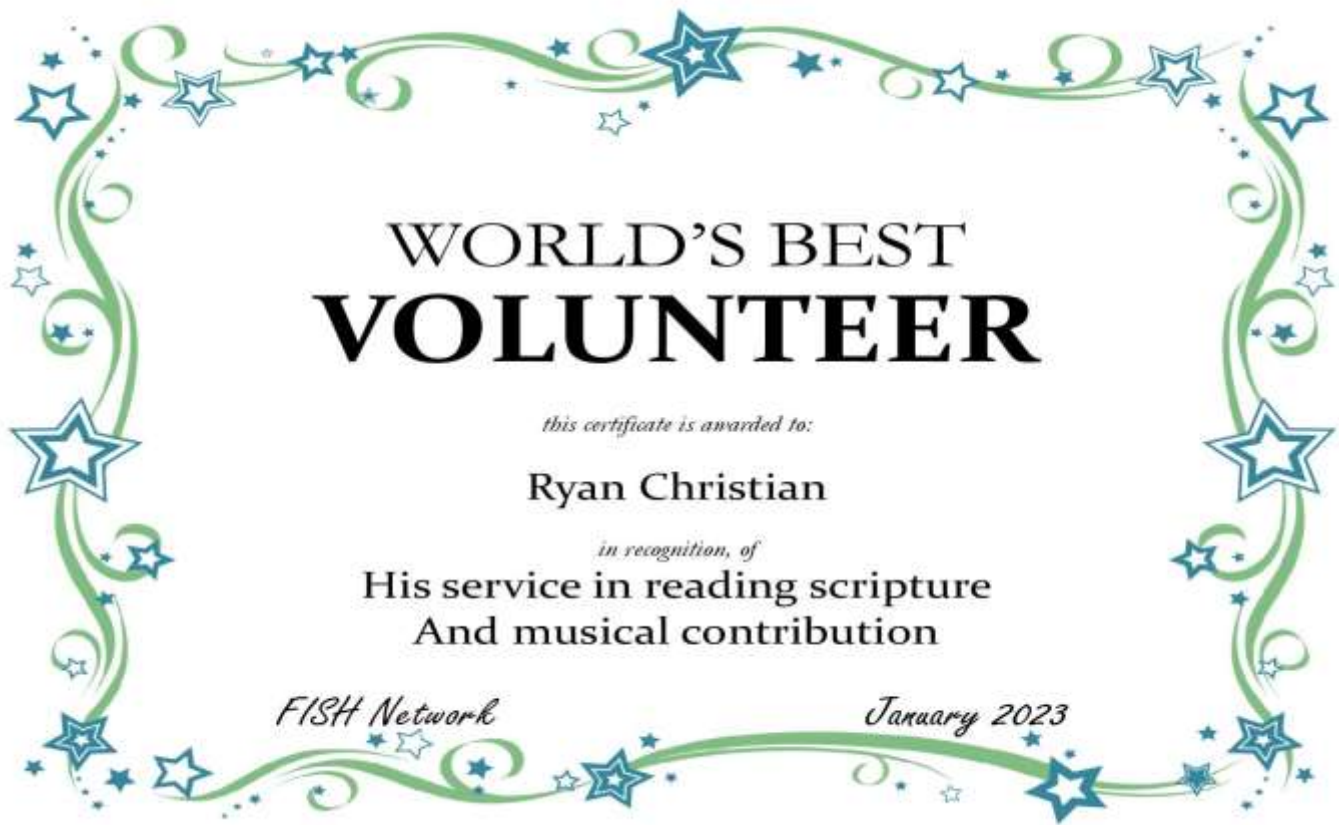


DID YOU KNOW?

- ♦ The Family Night dinner each month is a time intended for us to gather and get to know each other over sharing of food. If you can make it out, you may meet some new people, and get to know your friends better! Pre-registration is required so that we can make sure there is enough food for all to enjoy and not have tons of leftovers!
- ♦ Have you ever noticed the falls on the pillars, the pulpit and the runner on the Communion table change periodically? White is for Communion, Baptism, Weddings, Funerals, Christ the King Sunday, Ascension, and Epiphany ... and that it takes precedence over all the other seasonal colours? Purple is for Advent and Lent, Red is for Holy Week and Pentecost, and Green is for the rest of the year.
- ♦ When you park in the church parking lot, have you ever thought it would be a great idea to have a nice, close parking spot in front of the dumpster enclosure? If it happens during the week and the garbage truck comes, it wouldn't be able to access the garbage. That means they have to come back and it is at an additional cost to the church. Maybe park a little further away and take advantage of the nice, fresh air!

Is there something you are wondering about at Centennial? Send a message to the office and it will be answered in the next newsletter!

Remember, Many hands make light work!



**WORLD'S BEST
VOLUNTEER**

this certificate is awarded to:

Ryan Christian

in recognition, of

**His service in reading scripture
And musical contribution**

FISH Network

January 2023



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

