

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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Happy New Year to everyone. May the new year bring happiness and prosperity, in the way that it appears for you.



BOARD

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of November 30, 2023)

Overall Financial Status (to above date)

	2023	2022
Revenue	\$101,492	\$86,866
Expenditures	\$129,842	\$130,964
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$28,350)	(\$44,098)
Revenue from Offering	\$98,080	(\$84,575)

There is an increase in the revenue this year compared to the same period in 2022, with the primary source being Offerings. Note however, that the deficit this year is still significant, even though it is lower than in 2022.

FROM THE OFFICE

Rev. Mark Tremblay is our Interim Moderator. At the moment, he can best be reached at 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 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.

February newsletter deadline is January 26.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Happy New Year!!

As we move into 2024, we are looking to restart the choir. If you have a love of singing, please contact Carla Zacharias to add your name!

We are still looking for some additional musicians and singers for our Praise Team. If you have a talent in either of these areas, please contact me at 403-285-9516 or cyz@shaw.ca.



Carla Zacharias
Music Team Leader

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Happy New Year to all the members and adherents of Centennial. It is our prayer that God will bless you and keep you safe and well throughout 2024. We pray too for the congregation as a whole – for worship that results from servant leadership, kingdom vision, godly stewardship and effective organization.

We would love for you to join us in our Epiphany Potluck and Party, January 6, 2024 beginning at 5:30. It's a relaxing informal time where we can fellowship together and share stories of Christmases that you have experienced. If you are planning to attend, please call either the church office at (403) 285-7144 or Jim at (403) 285-2976 so we can have an idea of numbers. At either phone, if you can't get through leave a message with the number of adults and children attending.

Time marches on without looking back to see who's following. We won't detail future services in this report but in a few short weeks Lent will begin with Ash Wednesday February 14.

We thank the members and adherents of Centennial for the overwhelming response to Mitten Tree and White Gift projects in 2023. You are all a blessing to those who are helped by these contributions.

Among the goals the committee has for 2024 we will set out a couple here.

First it is our prayer that a vibrant worshipping choir can be restated to sing to God's glory. All are invited to join and use their talent of music in this vital ministry within the congregation. Choir music has been keenly missed since the pandemic.

Second we are looking into viable financial means to replace the two projectors at the front of the sanctuary. The screens have become more and more difficult to read especially with certain colour combinations. We are looking into service providers before proceeding too much further.

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 AND WHITE GIFT SUNDAY

Thank you for your generous response to our December Mission Sundays!

Our Mitten Tree total for Children's Cottage was 151 pairs of mittens, 19 hats, 9 scarves and one pair of ear muffs. That is wonderful and will be the up there with the highest amount donated.

The Pregnancy Care Center was very appreciative and kept saying wow as they loaded their three carts and also saying how much joy the gifts would bring

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.

PEWS NEWS

Birthdays to celebrate in January:

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

Anniversaries to celebrate in December:

Jan. 3, Rev. Kim and Centennial; Jan. 8, Simon & Melanie Tibui

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 6	Epiphany Party, 5:30 pm
Jan. 7	Communion Rev. Tremblay, Pulpit Supply
Jan. 9	Stewardship Committee, 7:00 pm, zoom
Jan. 13	All Teams Meeting, 10:00 am
Jan. 17	FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom
Jan. 21	Ty Ragan, pulpit supply
Jan. 26	Worship Committee, 11:00 am
Jan. 30	Session, 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. Ephesians 4:15-16

FISH Network: Friendship Inspiration Sharing Hospitality

A big **thank you** to all of you for your enthusiasm and participation with International Sunday, November 19. Annie and Isael, thank you for taking the lead with this initiative. Israel, your leadership with the service and your thought-provoking "Where is your treasure buried?" sermon was so appreciated. Cameroonian choir – inspiring! The sanctuary was vibrant with traditional international dress. Carla, thank you for displaying the flag banners and poster in the fellowship hall – such brilliant colours! The international potluck lunch was a cornucopia of flavours. Thank you all for bringing such tasty dishes. And to those who helped with the set-up and clean-up, yet another sincere 'thank you'. International Sunday -- an incredible experience of coming together in **f**riendship, **s**haring and **h**ospitality!

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

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!**

Thanking God for your generosity
and wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas!

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

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

What is a New Year's resolution? Something that goes in one year and out the other!

This year I resolve to procrastinate less! *Today is January 9th!* See, I'm better already! Last year I made the same resolution on February 15.

I'm celebrating New Year's with a couple of noisemakers ... yeah, I still have company from Christmas.

My new year's resolution is to stop putting my foot in my mouth all the time... I'll bet yours is losing weight?

No matter how badly life treated you last year, just walk tall with your head held high. **THIS** is a brand new year!

May all your troubles last as long as your new year's resolutions.

Right before the clock strikes midnight on Dec. 31, raise your left leg. That way you will start the new year off on the right foot.

Wishing you 12 months of success, 52 weeks of laughter, 365 days of fun, 8760 hours of joy, 525600 minutes of good luck and 31536000 seconds of happiness!

EPIPHANY PARTY POTLUCK

Saturday, January 6

5:30 pm

Come join us for a time of fellowship over food, and sharing of our Christmas traditions.

Please contact the office (403-285-7144) or Jim Broadwell (403-285-2976) to let us know of your intention to join us!

If you receive either voicemail, please leave a message.



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