

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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Minister's Musings

The gift of the unified church

What could Christ have prayed for in the final moments before His arrest? He might have prayed for His own strength, that the eleven disciples would support Him that they would not flee from Him and His teachings. Instead, His prayer was dominated by a single great thought -- the unity of the disciples.

Jesus knew that the church could never make the impact on the world that He wished it to make unless spiritually the world saw in that church a oneness, a unity. We need to note that Jesus asked God to give us unity as a request. That means that unity is given and not achieved. It is indeed received, or Jesus wouldn't have urged the disciples to "be one." Rather, He looked to the Father and said grant to them the gift of unity. The pattern for the unity of believers is unlike anything else on earth. It is nothing less than the unity of the Father and Son. It is not merely a unity of organization, purpose, feeling, or affection. Just as the Father is in the Son and the Son in the Father, we are to be so related in the church. Christians are drawn to one another because they are drawn to a common center, Jesus Christ Himself. Jesus prayed that "they would be in us." For that is the source of the power of that unity.

We are committed to being a diverse, loving community of faith. We're all different. Different complexions, we look different, we dress different, we have different interests and tastes. We're differently gifted, some of us have great gifts others have more mundane gifts. Let me tell you a great self-image story. Newsweek magazine a few years ago interviewed Stacey King of the Chicago Bulls. And they asked him "What's been your greatest moment in the NBA?" and he said, "No question. It was the night, a glorious night, I'll never forget the night when Michael Jordan and I combined for 70 points." What Stacey King did not tell the interviewer is that Michael Jordan hit for 69 points that evening and Stacey King only scored one point. But think about it. Isn't that great? That he thinks of it as they did it together. Cause they did. They were a part of the same team. I'm here to tell you, I don't care what you look like, I don't care what race you are, what side of the city you're from, I don't care about your bank balance, or which side of the tracks you came here from. I don't care what your gifts are. Maybe you can only score one point. Maybe you can hit for 70. There's a place for you in the body of Christ. There's a place for you. And here at Centennial Presbyterian Church, we're committed to struggling to make that a reality.

The impact of a unified church is that the world believes God the Father sent Christ the Son "that the world may believe that you have sent me." Only the obvious, visible unity of believers will convince the world of the divinity of Jesus Christ. Only the sight of united disciples will convince the world of the truth of Jesus' message and mission. John 13:35 says: "By this, all men will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."



NOTES FROM THE LOFT

As we head into summer, some of the things are winding down for our small music team. As is usual for the music team, no anthems will be provided during the summer. Although, with Doug expected to return the first week of July, we will spend a few days recording as much music as we possibly can for the rest of the summer and as backup in case the government's reopening plan doesn't roll out as we expect. We also do not know what rules will be in place for in person singing even if we do get to be together to worship in person. And for that reason, we are planning to be prepared for whatever the fall brings us!



Carla Zacharias
Music Team Leader

WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

A return to actual physical worship is getting closer to a reality. Given that a return is now sooner rather than later, we ask that you let us know your plans for volunteer service. Whether or not you may previously held one or more of these positions, we are starting afresh in a way so please email the church office with your plans. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas:

- ◆ Lay reading
- ◆ Powerpoint preparation
- ◆ Sound operation
- ◆ Slide show operation
- ◆ Video operation (we are planning to record our services)
- ◆ Ushers
- ◆ Greeters

Despite the actual Calgary Stampede plans, we will be having Stampede Sunday July 11. Please plan to join in for some yahoo worship and have your pancake brunch ready for Zoom fellowship at 11:00 am.

Virtual communion services are continuing and will be celebrated by Zoom the first Sunday of each month at 11:00 am.

Also, please continue to let us know your upcoming family celebrations so that we can acknowledge them in the announcements.

We continue with virtual coffee time at 11:00 am each Sunday (following communion on those days.) If you have difficulty with joining, please call Jim Broadwell at (403) 285-2976 for help.

As always, we value your input on all matters pertaining to worship both virtual and physical. 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 June!

June 1, Cherry Mae Arguilles; June 6, Pat McInnon; June 7, Ana Colina-Carter; June 19, Reymund Arguilles; June 22, Akosua Oppong; June 24, Carolen Arguilles

Anniversaries to celebrate in June!

June 27, Fred & Helen Pauls (51 years)

Please keep in your prayers: Fred Pauls and his brother as they recover from their accident; Priscilla Towers as she is receiving treatment at Peter Lougheed; Ossie Roberts as he deals with the loss of his daughter, and all those who are experiencing various health issues, are alone and who are struggling during this time

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR!

Our Virtual Coffee hour continues! It is an easy way to connect with others from the congregation. You can stay for five minutes, half an hour, an hour! Come say hi!

11:00 am on June 6, 13, 20, 27 (if the service goes long, or your coffee isn't quite ready, just jump on the call when you can!) <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83259579765?pwd=Ri9JTUorNFRKeWNUUlpUK2xUQWREQT09>

Meeting ID: 832 5957 9765 Passcode: 369315 One tap mobile +1 647 374 4685 .. 83259579765#

If you have any difficulties, please contact Jim Broadwell and he can talk you through it.

FROM THE SESSION:

There will be a live Zoom based Communion Service on Sunday, June 6th at 11:00 AM.

We heard back from the Chisholm Fund regarding a grant to cover the building repairs and some upgrades. Unfortunately our request was **declined**. The letter from the Fund managers mentioned an increased level of requests and needs in Saskatchewan which is its primary focus.

The Session approved the Worship committee request to rearrange the furniture at the front of the sanctuary. This was mainly to move the pulpit up to the top of the steps to allow more room for the children for their story time. This will be done on a trial basis.

Rev. Kim is planning to take vacation from July 5th to July 26th plus a week of study leave from July 27th until Aug. 2nd to prepare for the upcoming year.

The Leading with Care committee will be meeting later in the second week of June to put together the protocols and procedures needed to be able to reopen for live services when possible.

It was felt that since there were no actual Sunday School classes this past year it would be more appropriate to have a larger event on Rally Sunday, September 12th instead of a Promotion Sunday service. It is hoped that we would be holding live services by then.

A workshop is being planned to identify the main priorities for ministry at Centennial for the next 2 – 3 years. The timing for the workshop has not been finalized.

Doug Bonar
Clerk of Session

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

The FISH Network continues to meet and discuss different ways in which we can help enhance many of the fantastic characteristics of Centennial. We are known to be a welcoming and friendly church, what can we do to share that with others, let them know they would be welcome here. How can we support, uplift and encourage each other? Are there events we can have that allow us to get to know each other better, etc.

Keep the members of the FISH Network in your prayers as they prayerfully consider ideas to enhance life at Centennial.

CCWF:

CCWF is on a hiatus at this time. Don't really know what the future holds for this particular program but I am praying for something good to happen for CCWF.

Looking forward to the re-opening of our CHURCH

Phyllis Russell

Congratulations to Lauren Zacharias on her graduation from Crescent Heights High School!

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



WORLD'S BEST
VOLUNTEER

this certificate is awarded to:
Emmanuel Nyambod
in recognition, of

Volunteering to help Shirley Mittoo

FISH Network

June 2021

FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of April 30, 2021)

Overall Financial Status (to above date)

Revenue	\$26,511
Expenditures	\$45,721
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$19,210)

Sources of Revenue

Offering	\$23,671
Rent	\$240
Gov't Subsidy	\$2,600
Investment*	\$ -

** Will be reported quarterly*

FROM THE BOARD:

There are two things in life that are guaranteed ...taxes and grass cutting at the church!

Yes, it is that time of year when the assistance of able-bodied folks is needed to cut the grass. A successful clean-up was held May 1, the lawn was cut by John and Lynn Bradford May 15. The Board of Managers feels that every 2 weeks is sufficient, so we need volunteers for May 29, June 12, June 26, July 19, July 24, Aug, 7, Aug.21, Sept 4, Sept 18. There are 2 lawn mowers at the church, bring your own trimmer and 3 people can get the job done quickly.

Please call John Bradford at 403 272 5846 to book your week and for information on access to the lawn mowers as they are locked in the shed.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Board of Managers



FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours:
 Rev. Kim will in the church office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30—4:00.
 Carla will be in the church office 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS		Meetings:	
June 6	Virtual Communion	June 16	FISH Network at 7:00 pm
June 13, 20, 27	Virtual Coffee Hour	June 29	Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:00 pm
June 20	Father’s Day		

As newsletters are being emailed at this time, for those who do not have email addresses or have not provided one a physical copy of the newsletter will be mailed.
 June Newsletter submission deadline is June 24.



GARDENS:

If you pop by the church this summer, you will notice that the garden beds are being used this year. A couple of gardeners in the church got permission to use one or two of the beds for personal gardening. The other beds will still be growing potatoes, zucchini, possibly carrots for the Food Pantry at Robert McClure as in the past. It's important that the church looks occupied!

PASTORAL CARE TEAM

The Pastoral Care Team has many avenues with which they can provide assistance to the members of Centennial. For the past few years we have had a bit of a laid back approach, letting people know if they need anything to reach out to the team and we can arrange whatever assistance they need.

While we have had a few requests for rides to medical appointments, help to manage a craving for mashed potatoes, and help moving some things, we also realize that people are hesitant to reach out and ask for help. As a result, the leaders of each area are going to be brainstorming a few ideas on how we can better serve the members of Centennial.

Please note that your request doesn't have to be large, it really can be as simple as needing a phone call, help moving a piece of furniture that isn't where you want it, having a meal or two delivered to take the pressure off meeting your daily tasks.

Now that we have an email list that is pretty comprehensive, we can get a request out quickly to everyone to help. We only share details that you say we can, so your privacy is respected.

Carla Zacharias
Pastoral Care Team Leader

