

# CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

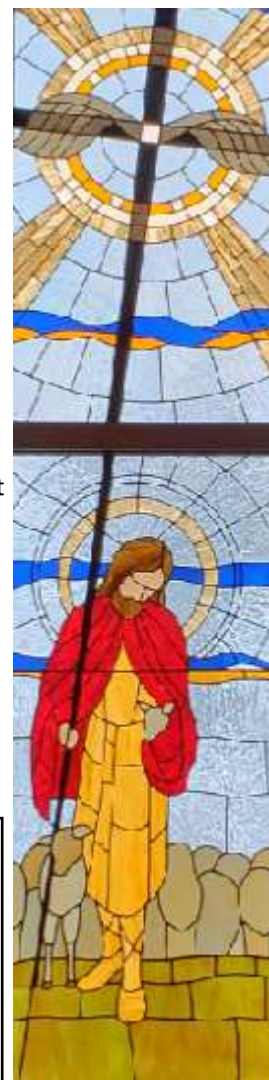
A story is the most natural form of language. Children want us to tell stories. Because stories make connections, give meanings. The Bible is a story. It is a story with a beginning and an end, a plot and characters. The Bible is full of stories. Stories are the heart of scripture. As the stories of saints and sinners unfold in the pages of the Bible, our minds are opened and our senses unclouded. We see in these stories our stories. The stories interweave with each other into a tapestry that displays God's love.

It has been said that everyone has a story. We all have stories about childhood days or growing up. We have stories about meaningful life experiences. We have stories about defeats and victories, and we can talk about many of the lessons learned along the way.

If you're anything like me, you love it when someone starts a conversation with these six words: "Let me tell you a story." We may not even realize it, but each one of us is a storyteller. And more importantly, we all have some stories to share. God is orchestrating

beautiful things, and there is something so important and profound about recognizing the different stories that exist, and continue to happen, each and every day.

Let's share our stories as we slowly get back to the church. Share your stories. Tell your stories to others. Listen to the stories of others. If someone listens to you, you become a story. If you listen to someone, he or she becomes a story. Story listening is a great Christian ministry. This is an invitation; you are invited to share your story. Then, let's listen, really listen, and see where the Spirit leads us in response.



## 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.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

The outreach committee has enlisted 25 visitors to make calls on people who are not affiliated with any church.

The Ladies Bible Study will be held Thursday morning at 10. All ladies are invited to lunch in the Fellowship Hall after the B.S. is done.

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning.

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.

July newsletter deadline is June 29.

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Plans for a full choir and choir season starting in the fall are underway!  
If you are interested in singing in the choir, please contact me, 403-285-9516, and let me know so I can give you all the information!  
We are also looking for additional piano players as well as singers for the Praise Team. If this suits your interest and talents, please reach out to me.



Carla Zacharias  
Music Team Leader

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

We are blessed in our return to in-person worship. It was especially good to gather for a time of fellowship celebrating our 47th anniversary.

Upcoming will be promotion Sunday June 26 and Stampede Sunday in July.

As always, we value your input on all matters pertaining to worship. Please direct your comments to us at [office@centennialchurch.ca](mailto:office@centennialchurch.ca) or [broad2well@shaw.ca](mailto:broad2well@shaw.ca)

Jim Broadwell  
Chairman, Worship Committee

## SESSION NOTES

At the Session meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup> the following was resolved and noted:

- ♦ The only change to the Covid protocols will be that masking will be personal preference only. Fellowship after the service will be held for special services such as Promotion Sunday and Stampede Sunday. Prior to commencing a weekly coffee time after the service, a schedule of volunteers to prepare and clean up needs to be put in place.
- ♦ A team has been set up to begin the search for a potential youth pastor/leader with the hope this can be in place for this fall.
- ♦ A Vacation Bible School program has been planned for July 18- 22 this summer. Registrations and Volunteers are needed. For more info contact Carla Zacharias or Ana Colina-Carter.
- ♦ The Mission team plan for the distribution of funds for mission from our 2021 Annual Meeting in the amount of \$11,200 have been approved by the Session. See the Mission report for details. A congregational appeal for extra funds to go towards the PWS&D Ukrainian Relief efforts was also approved.
- ♦ Rev. Kim is planning on taking four weeks' vacation from July 11<sup>th</sup> to August 8<sup>th</sup> this summer.

Doug Bonar  
Clerk of Session

## PEWS NEWS

### ***Birthdays to celebrate in June***

*June 1, Cherry Mae Arguilles; June 6, Pat McKinnon; June 7, Ana Colina-Carter; June 19, Reymund Arguilles, Kevin Ayton; June 22, Akosua Oppong; June 23, Lucille Hipkin; June 24, Carolen Arguilles*

### ***Anniversaries to celebrate in June***

*June 3, Jim & Colleen Broadwell (50); June 27, Fred & Helen Pauls (52)*

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

June 10 Memorial Service for Shelley Eichhorst, 2:30pm  
Centennial  
June 26 Promotion Sunday  
Teacher/Helper Orientation & Information Session

## FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours:

Rev. Kim's office hours: Tuesday—Friday, 10:00—4:00. Carla will be in the church office Tues., Thurs. and Fri. 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](mailto: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.



**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**

It was decided our **FISH Network** Family Nights would resume in September. More information will be shared closer to the event. Keep your eyes glued to this space for more information during the summer.

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.

Experience the joy of **FISH: Friendship, Inspiration, Sharing, Hospitality.**

The Fish Network

## **FROM THE BOARD**

### Church Cleanup

- ♦ Yard clean-up – A big THANK YOU to EVERYONE who came out on May 21 to help clean up the yard around the church. Now we need folks to cut the lawn each week to keep it looking nice.
- ♦ Indoor clean-up – Cleaning of the interior of the church will be scheduled soon by Tony Singh. Thanks to Tony for changing light bulbs and doing minor repairs recently.

### Finances

- ♦ The pandemic has played havoc with our finances; however, thanks to all those who have faithfully contributed their offerings on a regular basis and some Federal government assistance, we are able to manage through these challenging times. A HUGE THANK YOU to all.
- ♦ For those who mail their offerings, please mark the outside envelope with Attn: Env. Sec. Note also that Interac® e-transfer is a very convenient way to submit your offering.
- ♦ Offerings will be counted once a month throughout the summer, and hopefully return to weekly counting in the fall.
- ♦ The Board recently made a decision to withdraw a total of \$70,000 from our investment in the PCC fund to meet our on-going expenses for the second half of this year. \$30,000 will be withdrawn on July 1 and \$40,000 on October 1.
- ♦ A special request to all committees: Consult with the Board before incurring significant expenses to be sure that funds are available to cover those expenses.
- ♦ PCC Investment Update – The 2022/Q1 report for our investment have been received. No income was distributed this quarter as a result of multiple factors including geopolitical tensions, global supply chain issues and high inflation.

### Board Membership

- ♦ Our membership is unchanged since 2021 and we are in need of new members. If you are interested in serving on the Board, speak to chairman Pride Muma or any Board member.
- ♦ Note that any member of the congregation can attend a Board meeting so if you are interested in joining, come out to one of our meetings. Meeting schedules will be advertised in the bulletins.

The Board of Managers

## **MISSION TEAM**

### **Investment funds for Mission purposes:**

The team brought information forward on the charities discussed at our previous meeting and selected 5 charities to recommend for funding.

The Mission team recommend the following charities be funded by the \$11,200 set aside for mission at the 2021 Annual General Meeting:

- ♦ **\$4200 - Ukrainian Relief through PWS&D** – the PWS&D group of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is partnered with the Reformed Church in Transcarpathia and Sub-Carpathia, the oldest Protestant Churches in Ukraine and Hungary, to provide aid and support to those in need due to the ongoing conflict. Work is centered in Uzhgorod, a city SW of Lviv and near the border with Hungary. As of mid-March over 30,000 refugees have found refuge in the city and over 640,000 have been moved into Hungary. As the work is volunteer based the funds are spent very effectively.
- ♦ **\$3000 - Brown Bags for Calgary Kids** – this charity has been providing needed lunches for underprivileged students for 30 years. At the start of this school year they were providing 3900 lunches per day and currently the number is 5200 per day. The work is provided by volunteers who make the lunches and who transport them to the schools. Cost per lunch is \$2.50.
- ♦ **\$2000 - East Gambella Orphanage** – we have supported this orphanage in the past and the need is even greater now since the corn (maize) used for food is in short supply and they are having difficulty purchasing enough for their needs due to higher costs.
- ♦ **\$1000 - World Vision Family Food Baskets** – this charity was chosen due to need and the fact that donations are matched 7 times over providing a much greater effort for money donated. World Vision is a highly rated charity with a very high percentage of funds going to the needy.
- ♦ **\$1000 - Centennial Refugee sponsorship** – a portion of the funds to go to our program to help be ready for approved refugees when they arrive.

The disbursement of investment monies set aside for mission at the May, 2022 Congregational meeting (\$4,516.00) will be discussed later this year to allow for input from the congregation.

### **Congregational Appeal**

- that Centennial have a congregational appeal for support of the Ukrainian Relief effort through the PWS&D with the funds to be sent in conjunction with the money from the investment fund.

### **Refugee Sponsorship**

The Canadian Embassy still has not carried out interviews of the approved families and then they will need travel arrangements set up by the UN. This gives us no idea of timing for their arrival. The situation in the refugee camps is worsening with child abductions/kidnapping happening more often. The committee is waiting to get more information on the Cameroonian refugee situation in Nigeria.

Information was provided on Guidelines for Sponsorship Priorities for 'Named Refugees'.

The Anyuak community at large has raised approximately \$1200 from a free will offering and \$2000 from CD sales of Ojulu's music. This money will be added to our refugee fund.

### **Ongoing projects**

Agreed that the food bank donations go to the Veterans Food Bank due to their need. Agreed that C. Zacharias will look after the garden plots this year.