

# CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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## Minister's Musings Connection

1 As of June 2018, 4.2 billion people are connected to the inter-  
2 net. And Canada is one of the most connected countries in the  
2 world. If you are not on it now, you will be very soon. Companies  
2 are spending hundreds and hundreds of billions of dollars – not  
2 millions, *billions* – to lay cable and to put satellites in space in or-  
2 der to connect everybody in the world. I want to talk to you about  
2 another kind of connection. A relational connection. The Bible  
2 says in Genesis 2:18, God said, "*It is not good for man to be*  
3 *alone.*" We were made for relationships. We were created for  
3 connections. Psychologists call this a universal need to belong.  
3 Even Jesus needed friends. The Bible has a very important word  
3 about connecting people at the deepest level. That spiritual con-  
3 nection is called fellowship.

4 We use the word "fellowship" to refer to just hanging out with  
4 people (which it is not), having a party (which it is not), being with  
4 friends (which it is not). Fellowship is more than socializing. Fel-  
4 lowship is more than networking. Fellowship is more than making  
4 contacts with contacts. It is even more than just spending fun time  
4 with people you love.

What does it mean to be spiritually connected? What's it like? The Bible gives us four-word pictures or metaphors that say, "Being spiritually connected is like this..." The church is not a place to attend. The church is a group to be connected to. IT'S LIKE BEING A PART OF A BODY. The Bible compares the church to a physical body. Romans 12 says this "*Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's body. We are all parts of it and it takes every one of us to make it complete for we all have different work to do. So we belong to each other and each needs all the others.*"

First, notice that in a church we're all different. We're all unique. God doesn't want you to be like anybody else. He made you uniquely you. He wants you to be you. He doesn't want you copying anybody else. You don't have to be like them. You are unique.

Second, we all have different roles to play, different work to do, different niches to fill. In a body, not everything does the same thing. Can you imagine if all the parts of your body did the same thing?

Third, we are all needed to make the body complete. And if you're at Centennial church, you are needed here in the body of Christ. You're not here by accident. God brought you here because you have a role to play in this body of the body of Christ called Centennial.

Fourth, we all belong to each other. The Christian life is not just a matter of believing. It's a matter of belonging. You make a commitment to Jesus Christ and you make a commitment to other Christians and say, "That's going to be the body I'll be a part of."

Fifth, we all need to be connected to each other. When you're disconnected, you're not very effective. God wants you to be connected to His body because you can't be effective as a Christian, as a believer, to grow spiritually without being connected. Why did God choose the body as an illustration of what the church is to be? Because in a body, all the parts grow together. They grow in harmony. You cannot be all God wants you to be and you cannot grow to be what God wants you to be without being attached to a body, a church, a church home.

I want to close with just one question. Why should you stay disconnected? Give me one good reason. When a church like this has so much to offer you, why should you stay disconnected? Why should you remain a spectator instead of a participator? God has designed the church to meet all of your basic needs through this spiritual connection.



## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

The past few weeks some of you may have noticed some extra voices on the anthems that have been offered.

Due to the amazing technology we have at our disposal, Lauren has been able to mix down our recordings, put them on cd and we upload and send them to Doug in Abu Dhabi.

He has a program where he can upload our recordings, add his vocals, remix them and send them back! This way we can hear the anthems with their full sound.

It is amazing what we can do with all of the technology and software that we are afforded.



Carla Zacharias  
Music Team Leader

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We are going ahead with the reconfiguration of screen at the back of the sanctuary.

We will have a Good Friday service again this year.

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.

Jim Broadwell  
Chairman, Worship Committee

## PEWS NEWS

### ***Birthdays to celebrate in March!***

Shirley Mittoo, March 8; Romeo Enyeawah, March 9; Shirley Bates, March 11; Kyrie Kiplagat, March 13; Bunlingo Ogwok, March 17.

### ***Anniversaries to celebrate in March!***

Doug and Carla Zacharias, March 22 (18 years); Gavin and Madison Mahabir, March 31 (3 years).

Please keep Priscilla Towers in your prayers as she is progressing through her recovery and relocation back to her home.

Mavis Williams is still in need of your prayers, she has improved a bit.

## 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!

**March 7 will be our Annual General Meeting.** A separate link will be emailed Saturday, March 6.

Our regular zoom coffee hour will resume at

11:00 am on March 14, 21, 28 (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=Ri9JTUorNFRKeWNDUlpUK2xUQWREQT09>

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7	Annual General Meeting, Zoom at 11:00 am	March 24	FISH Network at 7:00 pm
March 14, 21, 28	Virtual Coffee Hour	March 30	Worship Committee Meeting @ 4:00 pm

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.

March Newsletter submission deadline is March 31.

## FROM THE SESSION:

The Session held a Zoom retreat on February 20<sup>th</sup> for elder training and improving communication by getting to know each other better. This was one of the recommendations from Presbytery and the Session will be moving forward on two more recommendations regarding priorities and ministry plans.

**The Annual Meeting is set for Sunday, March 7, 2021 at 11:00 AM using Zoom.** Please try to sign in slightly ahead of time so the meeting can begin as scheduled. The Communion service for March 7<sup>th</sup> will be recorded and be part of the regular Worship service. Annual Reports will be sent out to congregants by email or regular mail prior to the meeting.

The Session requests that committee members continue in their roles for the upcoming year due to the pandemic. Lack of in person meetings makes it difficult to reach out and change committees. Anyone wanting to serve on a committee can call the convener or their elder to be put in touch with the requested committee.

Doug Bonar  
Clerk of Session

## FROM THE OFFICE

Currently Carla's in office hours will be Thursday from 10:00—12:00, and Fridays from 9:30-12:00. At home office hours will be Tuesdays at 10:00-12:00.

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

Your **OFFERING ENVELOPES** are in your mailboxes. Pop by anytime during office hours (↑) to pick yours up!

The **Today magazines** for March are in. Pop by anytime during office hours (↑) to pick yours up!

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.

Annual reports have been sent out this past weekend.

## PASTORAL CARE TEAM

### *Random Acts of Kindness*

Please continue to keep in mind to submit a random act of kindness that you have either given or received so that we can share some happy news with each other

Please contact the Pastoral Care team if you need, or you know someone who needs help or a little lift to their day.

Remember to call those you don't see so often anymore and brighten their day!

Carla Zacharias,  
Pastoral Care Team Leader  
centpastoralcareteam@gmail.com

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!'

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again!

As she ran she once again began to pray, 'Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!'

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied, 'They couldn't get a baby-sitter.'

## 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.

### FROM THE BOARD:

#### FINANCIAL UPDATE (as of January 31, 2021)

##### Overall Financial Status (to above date)

Revenue	\$6,563.10
Expenditures	\$9,560.29
Surplus / (Deficit)	(\$2,997.19)

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##### Sources of Revenue

Offering	\$5,030.00
Investment*	\$ -
Other <sup>#</sup>	\$1,310

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\* Will be reported quarterly  
<sup>#</sup>Government wage subsidy

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TOM YOU WON'T BELIEVE IT I GOT FRONT ROW SEATING AGAIN OH MY GOODNESS RUN UP HERE NOW I'LL SAVE IT WHILE I CAN



### 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

In our February meeting we looked at ways that we could recognize the work that our members do. We are asking for submissions of names of people in the congregation that you feel should be recognized for their work. Are they on a team and work to keep things going and progressing? Do they do little extra things, like helping out at coffee hour even if they aren't on the schedule? Are they great with our kids, keeping them entertained and feeling like a part of the Centennial family? Email their name to [office@centennialchurch.ca](mailto:office@centennialchurch.ca) and each month we will recognize at least one member.

**Favourite Hymn Sundays are back!** Share with us your favourite hymn and why, and the last Sunday of each month, Rev. Kim will select one of the hymns as part of his service. You can email the suggestion and reason, you could record the reason your hymn is special, either audio or video! You are not required to sing it!

When we can gather together again, the team is coming up with ideas for fun activities we can do as a church or as small groups. We want to continue to be a resource for you – one of Friendship, Inspiration, Sharing, Hospitality.

The FISH Network