

CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

Centennial Presbyterian Church

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SESSION NOTES

The Session met with the new Clergy Care and Resources committee of Presbytery whose mandate is to monitor and assist as needed with Clergy and Session needs.

The time for the start of the Annual Meeting on March 3, 2024 was set at 12:30 PM.

Our application for a Supplementary Unemployment Benefit Plan was approved by Service Canada.

It was agreed that the standing policy on paying musical accompaniment be continued. This is that only those from outside the congregation be paid.

The Senior's Ministry program is moving forward and more news will be forthcoming.

The Roll of Active Members was reviewed and updated.

The Sunday School is very thankful for the four new teacher/helper volunteers.

Presbytery has requested that Centennial have a Fire Drill in the near future as part of our Leading with Care Policy.



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.

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.

April newsletter deadline is March 28.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

If you, or a group you belong to, would like to provide special music during one of our services, please contact the Music Director, Carla Zacharias to make arrangements and pick a service date.

Carla Zacharias
Music Team Leader
cyz@shaw.ca



WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Worship at Centennial under the direction of Rev. Mark Tremblay continues to proceed very well. Attendance is excellent and our Church School is quite full. We appreciate those who have consented to lead services and to preach.

As we pass through the Lenten season we look forward to the great celebration of the resurrection of our Lord. Before that, we have a joint service with the Anyuak community on March 3, which date will also be our Annual Meeting. The March 10 service will have a stewardship emphasis led by Karen Plater, Associate Secretary for Stewardship of The Presbyterian Church in Canada. A Good Friday service will be held March 29th at 10:30 am.

April 7, we will celebrate Holy Hilarity Sunday recognizing the greatest joke ever perpetrated on the devil when Jesus came back to life.

We continue to look into service providers with respect to replacing the projectors at the front of the sanctuary. The deficiencies of the current projectors were poignantly noticed during the recent funeral service. If you or anyone you know has expertise in this area, please let the church office know.

Please remember that we have resumed audio recording. If you would like a copy of a particular recording, please let us know.

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

PEWS NEWS

Birthdays to celebrate in March:

March 8, Shirley Mittoo; March 9, Romeo Enyeawah; March 11, Shirley Bates; March 13, Kyrie Kiplagat; March 17, Bunglingo Ogowok; March 26, Shawna Ragan

March 10, Richard & Marjorie Halliday; March 22, Doug & Carla Zacharias; March 31, Gavin & Madison Mahabir

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Mar. 3 | Communion
Okelo Aballa, Pulpit Supply
Lunch, Annual General Meeting, 12:30 pm |
| Mar. 5 | Stewardship Committee, 7:00 pm, zoom |
| Mar. 10 | Karen Plater, pulpit supply
Stewardship Workshop after the service |
| Mar. 17 | Food Bank Sunday
Blue Jean Sunday |
| Mar. 19 | Board, 7:00 pm, zoom |
| Mar. 20 | FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom |
| Mar. 26 | Session 7:00 pm |
| Mar. 29 | Good Friday Service, 10:30 am |
| Mar. 31 | Easter Sunday
Dancing Up the Offering |

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

Why did the leprechaun go outside? To sit on his **paddy-o**

Why did St. Patrick drive all the snakes out of Ireland? It was too far to walk

What instrument does a showoff play on St. Patrick's Day? Brag-pipes

How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time? He's Dublin over with laughter

May those who love us, love us
And those who don't, may God turn their hearts
And if He doesn't turn their hearts
May He turn their ankles, so we will know them by their limping



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

At our February meeting, Rev. Jin Woo Kim was welcomed back to the team and Charlene Christian was introduced and welcomed as the newest team member of the **FISH Network**.

Sincere appreciation to the Session for supporting the **FISH Network's** suggested approach to engage the congregation by having elders sign up as sponsors for each event and reaching out to those in their district to help with events throughout the year, e.g., set-up, clean-up, kitchen. Many thanks to Israel for providing the spreadsheet electronically and hard copy for elders to sign-up. As of late February, responses received are as follows:

Dates	Events	Activities	Elder Sponsor Sign Up
10-Mar	Stewardship Sunday	Help support coffee time volunteers, i.e., set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Alan Christian
7-Apr	Holy Hilarity Sunday	Help with potluck, i.e., set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Israel Ayongwa
26-May	Centennial 49th Anniversary	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	
23-Jun	Promotion Sunday - Joint Service	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen, barbeque(?)	CE Committee, Doug Bonar, Ana Colina
14-Jul	Stampede Sunday	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen. Chili and buns (7 crockpots), 7 dozen buns, beverages, butter, cheese.	
22-Sep	Birthday Cake Sunday	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Simon Tibui
20-Oct	Sharing Our Gifts	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Annie Edie
24-Nov	International Sunday	Help with set-up, clean-up, kitchen.	Dan Edie

Be inspired! Reach out in friendship to your fellow congregants. Call. Text. Email. The church directory is a great reference for names and numbers.

Please feel welcome to contact your **FISH Network** -- Annie Edie, Charlene Christian, Israel Ayongwa, Jean Tupper, Jin Woo Kim, Phyllis Russell, Shirley Watts. If you are uncertain how to reach us, please call Centennial Presbyterian Church (403 285-7144) or reference your annual report church directory.



PASS IT ON REQUEST

This is an appeal to all the sewers and seamstresses in our congregation. If you have more zippers than you will ever need, perhaps I could put them to good use.

For the past year I have been making “Fidget Mats” for the Alzheimer’s Society of Calgary. What is a fidget mat? Fidget mats are often the size of a large placemat. They help to occupy restless hands, and stimulate the mind through touch and focus on texture. They also help individuals feel calm in new or busy environments and come in a variety of colors, themes, and textures. The surface of the mat will have buttons or beads on ribbons, zippers to open and close, snaps to undo, velvet to crush, and fleece to cuddle.

In addition to zippers, another item I like to add to the mats is a key swinging on a leather strap. So if you have extra zippers or keys (small like a suitcase key, or large like a house key), please pass them along. Thank you.

Sally Salonka
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STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Stewardship Sunday March 10

We are excited to share information regarding Centennial Presbyterian’s upcoming Stewardship Sunday March 10. Karen Plater is the Associate Secretary for Stewardship & Planned Giving from The Presbyterian Church in Canada. She has been invited to be our guest speaker. In addition to providing the sermon entitled “From a Little Bit of Oil – Using our Gifts in God’s Mission” on Stewardship Sunday March 10, Karen will be providing a workshop presentation entitled “More than you can imagine: Learning the advantages of different ways to give and why you might be able to give more than you think”. The presentation will be held in the large meeting room immediately following the church service as part of the coffee time fellowship. Karen’s presentation, including questions from you, is scheduled for an hour. Each of you is encouraged and warmly welcome to attend our special Stewardship Sunday on March 10, including the presentation following the church service.

One of the outcomes the Stewardship Committee envisions from Karen’s workshop presentation is to have defined next steps that we can action together as a congregation.

Suggestion Box

Your Stewardship Committee encourages you to continue to submit suggestions by using the suggestion box located on the shelf at the back of the sanctuary. You may choose to submit your suggestion anonymously or if you wish to have a response, please include your name.

Centennial Presbyterian 50th Anniversary

Your continued support matters! Thank you for continuing to support this fundraising initiative. Please continue to wear jeans (or not wear jeans!) to church on the third Sunday of each month. In addition to your regular offering, please designate \$5 per person for wearing/not wearing jeans and make note on your envelope that the additional \$5 per person is for our 50th Anniversary fund. Choose to use your regular offering envelope or a separate envelope noting your envelope number. If you are not in attendance for the third Sunday of a month, please consider designating \$5 per person for the fund at any time – in advance or after the third Sunday or combining a number of months.

Your Stewardship Committee encourages you to continue to support Centennial Presbyterian through your regular offerings, by participating in the special initiatives, and offering your time, talent, and treasure to Centennial.

We thank God for your generosity.
Alan Christian, Annie Edie, Israel Ayongwa, Jean Tupper, Omot Ochudo, Rev. Jin Woo Kim

*“May God give you... For every storm, a rainbow,
For every tear, a smile, For every care, a promise,
And a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends,
A faithful friend to share, For every sigh, a sweet song,
And an answer for each prayer.”*