

# CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

Centennial Presbyterian Church

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## SESSION

A joint Board/Session meeting was held and Emmanuel Nyambod was installed as the new Board Chairperson on an interim basis until final approval at our next congregational meeting. Church finances were discussed and all agreed with Charles Carter making a presentation to the congregation. Ideas were discussed on possible ways to improve the situation and these will be shared with the Stewardship committee.

### Pulpit Supply:

Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> – Communion Sunday with Rev. Mark Tremblay in the pulpit.

Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – Remembrance Day Service led by Ty Ragan

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> - International Sunday led by Israel Ayongwa, potluck lunch to follow

Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Mark Tremblay – Baptism

An Elder training event is planned for Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM led by Rev. Tremblay.



The annual All-Teams meeting will be held on January 13, 2024.

The “Meet your Elder” Sunday will be January 21st where elder’s districts will sit together for refreshments and snacks following the service.

A Reception of New Members Sunday is being planned for sometime in January as well so if you are interested in becoming a voting member, please let an elder or Rev. Tremblay know.

We are still looking for a qualified person to lead us in some training before initiating the Seniors Ministry.

## FROM THE OFFICE

Rev. Mark Tremblay is our Interim Moderator. At the moment, he can best be reached at [revmarktremblay@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

**December newsletter deadline is November 29.**

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

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](mailto:cyz@shaw.ca).



Carla Zacharias  
Music Team Leader

## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Future services include:

- November 19 International Sunday
- December 3 Advent I Communion
- December 10 Advent II Mitten Tree
- December 17 Advent III White gifts and Church School presentation
- December 24 Advent IV
- December 24 Christmas Eve

You may have noticed that the projectors at the front of the sanctuary seem to grow dimmer each week. These have never been really suitable for our use and replacements would enhance our worship experience. As we were casually discussing this it was mentioned that finances continue to be a problem and money might not be available for this. I was reminded that giving is a part of the worship experience and giving generously enhances that experience. I ask that we all consider our ongoing commitment to the work of Centennial and how the amount we give in relation to our income fits with biblical principals.

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

## 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.

## PEWS NEWS

### ***Birthdays to celebrate in November***

*Nov. 2, Bradley Anung, Francis Leumen Djakan; Nov. 5, John Legge; Nov. 7, Jalie Serina; Nov. 8, Maya Ayongwa; Nov. 15, Richard and Rosalinda Carter; Nov. 16, Doug Zacharias; Nov. 24, Sam Kiplagat; Nov. 29, Doug Bonar, Brad Kriwoken, Loveline Emeh; Nov. 30, Ann Laverty*

Please keep Rev. Kim and his family, and Phyllis Russell in your prayers as they navigate through their recoveries.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Nov. 3  | Worship Committee, 11:00 am  |
| Nov. 5  | Rev. Mark Tremblay, pulpit supply<br>Communion   |
| Nov. 7  | Stewardship Committee, 7:00 pm, zoom   |
| Nov. 10 | Youth Group, 7:00 pm, church   |
| Nov. 12 | Remembrance Day Service<br>Ty Ragan, pulpit supply   |
| Nov. 15 | FISH Network, 7:00 pm, zoom  |
| Nov. 19 | Israel Ayongwa, pulpit supply<br>International Sunday and potluck lunch<br>Dedication of Shoeboxes |
| Nov. 24 | Worship Committee, 11:00 am  |
| Nov. 26 | Rev. Mark Tremblay, pulpit supply<br>Baptism of Meadow Mahabir                                     |
| Nov. 28 | Session, 7:00 pm   |

## CCWF

### Update on our Stuffing Parties

In September and October we held Stuffing Parties to complete our toys that will be donated to Samaritan's Purse for their Operation Christmas Child Program. We have two large bags filled with toys: 14 hand puppet clowns, 8 Izzy dolls, 2 cats, and 25 teddy bears!! Thank you to everyone who participated in this mission project. In November we will take the toys to Samaritan's Purse when we go there to assist with the sorting and inspecting of the Shoe Boxes.



## STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Your Stewardship Committee is pleased to provide the following updates.

What a success the "Centennial Needs a Lawnmower" summer fundraising event was – thanks to you! Funds collected surpassed what was needed for purchasing a lawnmower. On behalf of your Stewardship Committee, we thank God for your generosity.

In November, Charles Carter will be providing the congregation with a financial update regarding Centennial Presbyterian Church.

### *Centennial Presbyterian Church 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

From now until May 2025, your Stewardship Committee is encouraging you to join in fundraising for this special event. Every third Sunday, you are invited to wear jeans to church and dedicate \$5 per person to our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary fund. Please designate the additional amount in a separate envelope marked with your envelope number or with your regular offering stating the additional amount for 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. (Please note the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary contributions would be in addition to your regular offering.) Those who are not comfortable wearing jeans to church can still participate by dedicating \$5 every third Sunday of the month for not wearing jeans! Mark your calendars for every third Sunday and designate \$5 per person for wearing jeans – or not wearing jeans – to church!

Inquiring minds want to know more! Specific use of the funds has yet to be determined. The funds will be used for celebrating Centennial's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

### *Candy Cane Candygrams*

It's time to share some holiday cheer! Your Stewardship Committee is pleased to announce that Candy Cane Candygrams will be available starting Sunday, November 12 through to December 17. What are Candy Cane Candygrams? They are a fun way for you to share "Merry Christmas" with your fellow congregants, family, and friends. You may choose to give your Candy Cane Candygrams in person or leave them in the narthex mailboxes. For \$1.00, you will be provided with a candy cane, ribbon, and card/tag. Plan your list. Check it twice. Purchase your Candy Cane Candygrams. Experience the joy of giving! Proceeds are for Centennial Presbyterian Church.

Silent Auction & Potluck: postponed. Information will be shared as this initiative evolves.

Thank God and make the most of every day!

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



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 so wonderful to celebrate all our birthdays together at the September 24 Birthday Cake Sunday celebration event. Such a fun time of friendship, sharing, and hospitality! Once again, a big thank you to the elders for providing the birthdays cakes and to those who so willingly helped with the set-up and clean-up of the event.

At the March 18, 2023 All Teams Meeting, one of the events that was scheduled was Sunday, November 19 International Sunday. Your FISH Network is pleased to help bring this event to life and encourages you to join in! Annie and Israel from our team are leading the event – sincere thank you to them. The Anyuak congregation has been invited to join in celebrating International Sunday. Israel will lead the church service and provide the sermon. There will be special music. You are encouraged to wear your traditional, international dress. For example, if you are Cameroonian wear kabba, sanja or toghu; East Indian, sari or kurta; Filipino, barong or baro't saya; German, lederhosen; Scottish, a kilt. You are asked to please bring a traditional dish to share at the potluck lunch following the church service. If you have any questions regarding International Sunday November 19, please reach out to your FISH Network.

Your FISH Network encourages you to continue to contact your fellow congregants. Let them know you are thinking of them. Feel inspired! Reach out in friendship. Call. Text. Email. The church directory is a great reference for names and numbers.

Please feel welcome to contact our FISH Network -- Annie Edie, 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.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Carla has the shoe boxes ready & available from the upper shelf of the coat racks in the foyer.

When you fill them, they can be returned to Carla's office piled on the chair beside the filing cabinet. The deadline is Nov. 19th for the blessing before they are off to Samaritan's Purse. From there they are inspected, crated & sent on their way to the port of their destination.

Evelyn  
Missions Committee

