

# CENTENNIAL HOTSPOT

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## MINISTER'S MUSINGS

### Be imitators of God

The apostle Paul says, "Be imitators of God (or Follow God's example)... and walk in the way of love" (Ephesians 5:1). The call to such imitation is not a suggestion, but a command. To be like God, we must live in the way of love. And Christ is the supreme example of love. "And walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God (5:2)." Then, we need to prepare ourselves for a strenuous reorientation in the ways that God is love, the ways that God loves, and the ways that we practice love in company with God.

We are commanded to walk in the way of love. Paul's action word is walk, a feet-on-the-ground kind of love. The word "walk" implies a step-by-step, slow but steady process. It refers to our entire manner of life. The point is, the longer you are a Christian, the more your life should be characterized by love. A little boy was following his dad, who was walking in fresh snow. He called out, "Look, daddy, I'm walking in your footsteps!" Our heavenly Father in the person of His own dear Son, walked in

love to the cross for us. Imitate Him by walking in His footsteps of sacrificial love!

To love others, we need to commit ourselves to the body of Christ, the church. It's easy to love mankind in general, but it's more difficult to love the specific individuals in a particular local church. But love is a commitment to seek one another's highest good. This is one reason for church membership. It is the commitment that enables us to work through differences and misunderstandings. Without that commitment, it's just too easy to move down the road to the next church. But guess what? That church will have difficult people too because every church is made up of fallen people. To walk in love, you must be committed to work through relational struggles. **Love like that!**

The Catholic saint Francis de Sales said, "You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so, you learn to love God and man by loving." *Practice the act* of agape loving. Spiritual muscles are like body muscles. If you don't use them, they weaken. One of the great truths of the Faith is that God supplies what we need **when** we need it. Like manna in the wilderness, God nourishes us, grows us, develops us as we need it.

We will have our first Family Night on September 1. Then we will continue to have the event on the first Wednesday of the month. The purpose of this event is to have concrete space and time to commit ourselves to imitate God and walk in the way of love. It will be a step-by-step, slow but steady process. As I mentioned earlier, our heavenly Father in the person of His own dear Son, walked in love to the cross for us. Let us imitate Him by walking in His footsteps of sacrificial love!



## 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.

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.

October Newsletter submission deadline is September 29.

## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

We are looking forward to resuming our Music Teams this year! Rehearsals are scheduled to start September 19, but due to some ongoing health issues, this date may be postponed.

If you are already a choir member, we look forward to seeing you again. If you were thinking you might like to join the choir, please get in touch with me to let me know!

We will once again be without our fearless conductor, but we have that covered!

It will be great to get together to sing again.

Carla Zacharias  
Music Team Leader



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

We are back worshipping together. We trust you are finding our services meaningful and uplifting as we glorify and praise God together.

Serving in the church by volunteering should not be an option. Everyone should find an area where they can use their gifts for the glory of God. In the realm of matters for which the Worship Committee is responsible we can use you in the following ways:

Membership on the Worship Committee

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

Upcoming special services include Promotion/Rally Sunday September 12, Communion October 3, Thanksgiving October 10 and Memorial November 7.

Please continue to let us know your upcoming family celebrations so that we can acknowledge them in the announcements. We want to continue for physical services.

As noted above, we are going to begin video recording our services. There may be some delay in this as we are having difficulty obtaining a reasonably priced video camera that meets our needs. Once up and running, the videos will be posted to our website and available on our YouTube channel for those who cannot or are unwilling to be at worship.

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

## PCC Investment Update (as of June 30, 2021)

The 2021/Q2 report from our investment have been received. The earnings for Q2 are \$3,123. This compares to \$ 1,721 for the same period in 2020.

	2020	2021
Q1	\$3,071	\$2,757
Q2	\$1,721	\$3,123

## PEWS NEWS

### *Birthdays to celebrate in September!*

Sept. 13, Lauren Zacharias; Sept. 14, Tena Anderson; Sept. 15, Hadassah Gaheta; Sept. 17, Casey Chesami; Sept 21, Jude Enyeawah; Sept. 25, Evelyn Good; Sept. 26, Colleen Broadwell, Becky Tigley, Andrea Cunningham; Sept. 28, Debbie McRae; Sept. 29, Wilson Anung, Alan Christian

### UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12 Rally and Promotion Sunday  
September 15 Fish Network Meeting 7:00 pm  
September 28 Worship Committee Meeting  
Session Meeting, 7:00 pm



## 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

A big thank you those who returned the registration form or called the church office to pre-register for our first Family Night on September 1. The **FISH Network** looks forward to welcoming you and to sharing an evening of friendship and hospitality! We are so excited about this initiative that we have started to plan for our next Family Night on Wednesday, October 6. You will soon see information about pre-registering for the October Family Night. The **FISH Network** wants to express our appreciation to Session for unanimously supporting this ongoing congregation-focussed friendship and hospitality initiative.

In addition to greeting one another at Centennial’s Sunday church services, we encourage you to continue to reach out to one another. Did you send a text or receive one? What about an email or phone call? Did you reach out to someone? Did you hear from someone? Reaching out in friendship – how wonderful! Be inspired. Make someone’s day – reach out!

Do 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. We are a resource for you – one of Friendship, Inspiration, Sharing, Hospitality.

The FISH Network

## FAMILY NIGHT

### Family Night, October 6

Our second Family Night is planned for **Wednesday, October 6, 2021**. Dinner will be provided and starts at 5:30. Following dinner, at 6:30 there will be small breakout groups for Sunday school aged children, our youth group, small adult groups, nursery can be made available for those who may need it.

This evening gives families a night where they don’t have to cook and can commune together in one place, providing something for the entire family without them having to run back and forth each week to different meetings. The goal is to better foster community in our church, provide for each other’s needs.

Once again, you have to PRE-REGISTER! That’s right, an RSVP is required so that we know how much food to provide, if we need nursery care, how many kids for the children’s activities, how many youth to prepare for, and how many small groups for the adults we need.

We will need some volunteers to make this run smoothly. We will need people to help clean up and in the kitchen, we may need people who can help in the nursery, children’s area, youth (supervisory capacity), and to lead the small groups for the adults. Don’t worry, Rev. Kim can help you out there! It’s not really a bible study, more of a conversational environment that can be whatever each group needs it to be.

If any of these areas appeal to your strengths, please reach out to Jean Tupper or Carla Zacharias to get your name on the list!

**The deadline to register is September 29.** That gives us enough time to ensure we will have enough food and volunteers to make the night a success! Registration forms will be emailed out the first week of August. Please ensure you fill them out completely so we can accurately plan.

## SESSION NOTES:

- ~ Reopening has seen average attendance of 40-45 people for the first 3 Sundays. Social distancing has been maintained with active ushering. We are closely monitoring the pandemic situation and recommendations as we go forward.
- ~ October 3<sup>rd</sup> - First live Communion service since the pandemic began. No September Communion service for safety reasons due to Covid-19.
- ~ An elder election process will be started near the end of September.
- ~ We accepted Elder Shirley Fleming's resignation as an active elder with regret and thanks for her many years of devotion and work on behalf of the congregation.
- ~ Our ministry priorities review is planned for early October and will include looking at our current committee structure to be more efficient and in line with chosen priorities.
- ~ The Leading with Care committee is putting together the list of people who need to update their police checks. The checks are needed for those who work with youth or vulnerable adults.

Doug Bonar  
Clerk of Session

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- ~ Rally Sunday will be on September 12<sup>th</sup> where teachers and helpers will be commissioned, the school plan outlined and Bibles presented to students going into Grade 3.
- ~ September 19<sup>th</sup> -beginning of Sunday School classes (may depend on Covid situation)
- ~ 2 Sunday School classes to start the year, with age 3-12 students split into an older and a younger class. A class for age 13-15 students may begin a little later based on numbers and available teachers/helpers. Students will be socially distanced as much as possible and a masking policy will be presented on Rally Sunday.
- ~ Sunday School registration will be done by telephone this year to mitigate any covid concerns.
- ~ A new convenor is needed for the Nursery. Many thanks to Emilie Neba who has done a great job during her time as convenor.

Ana Colina-Carter

## FROM THE BOARD:

Grass cutting for August is August 10 and 26. If you can help, please call John Bradford at 403 272 5846.

If the weather is inclement you may cut a day or two earlier or later.

Since the Board does not have regular meetings over the summer, we encourage you to let a Board member know if you see a maintenance issue that requires immediate attention. Board members are: Pride Muma, Tony Singh, John Bradford, Kwo Ojulo, Valsa Peter, Annie Edie, Gwyn Crowe, Patience Matute, Charles Carter. Ex officio members are treasurer, Sally Salonka, envelope secretary, Francis Djakan, and Rev, Jin Woo Kim.

There will be an additional **Indoor clean up on Saturday, August 7 at 10:00 am**. Please contact Tony Singh at 403-293-5259 if you can make it out to help. The lawn may also need to be mowed that day.

Mailed in offerings were not counted July 26 but will be counted with the offering on August 08.

The Board thanks those who have continued with their weekly/monthly offering by mail, e-transfer or PAR.

Board of Managers

## FROM THE OFFICE

Office Hours:

Rev. Kim will be back from holidays August 3!

Carla will be in the church office Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:00 –12:00 and Fridays from 9:30—12:00.

Please note Carla will be working remotely from Hinton most of the week of August 8 to help out her daughter and son in law for a few days with the new baby.

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.