

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MINISTER'S MESSAGE

My first wrist watch, and many others after that, required winding. Every evening prior to going to bed I would wind-up my watch so it would be able to tell time for the next 24 hours. If I forgot to wind my watch it would come to a stop sometime during the day. This ritual, winding the watch, has ceased now that most watches are battery powered. We take it for granted that our watches will display the correct time and are somewhat surprised when we find our watches stopped because of lack of power.

Humans are very much like the wrist watch. They need to receive a certain power in order to keep running. Part of our power source is the summer months. We have the opportunity to rejuvenate ourselves by spending time differently. Children don't have to go to school, families find time to go on holidays, and people go camping, swimming, hiking, cycling or find other pursuits which allow them to enjoy the outdoors. All of these activities make a pleasant diversion from the busyness which occupies us from September to

June. The summer activities are one way we humans have of replenishing our spiritual and physical selves for the next ten months of activity.

Yet we are also social and spiritual beings. Church is one activity which allows the social and spiritual stimuli to be present. It does so in two ways. Socially we need contact with other people to challenge our thinking, comfort our worries, or soothe our misgivings. By being with others we allow our "spirits" to grow, and develop. Our spiritual development is also provided by Biblical wrestling! Hearing stories of how others have struggled with their faith, how they have perceived the Divine, or why they had called someone in their midst, Saviour, Son of God or Messiah enables us to recharge our own spiritual batteries. We need constant spiritual nurture or we, like our wrist watch, will have difficulty facing the many challenges of our life.

Also, like our wrist watch, one winding is not sufficient. Just as we need many meals to physically get us through our months and years, so too we need much spiritual nurture to get us through those same months and years. Now that we've spent a wonderful summer being rejuvenated may we continue to find health and nurture, for both body and soul, in our continued experience of being church.

Welcome to another exciting year at Centennial United!

Wim

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome Back! The fall marks the restart of many activities in our church. We see the children return, the choir in the loft and the calendar filling up. It is wonderful to see our church living. The work that Centennial does within the community shows that we not only read and study the scriptures, but we live the messages by supporting local works such as the Food Bank and The Door, or larger projects such as the Food Grains Bank. Together we are working to make the world better; we are showing God's love to those in need. We are being the Church!

*Many Blessings
Kenneth Dutka, Board Chair*

COMMUNICATION, PASTORAL CARE & VISITATION

Unfortunately, our glorious summer is drawing to a close. It was a stressful summer to be a farmer, however. There was excessive rain in the spring as well as abnormally cold temperatures which resulted in a much later than usual planting. Then God decided to give us an extremely dry July - great for tourists and cottagers - but not for farmers. But the rains arrived just in the nick of time for most of us, thus the crops do not look too bad.

As fall approaches our activity level at Centennial United seems to increase as well. We anticipate our annual Turkey Dinner October 23rd, our Anniversary

Service October 23rd, and our Sunday School getting back together.

At our upcoming committee meeting in September, we plan to discuss ways to make our pastoral care better. We are not able to meet the needs of our shut-ins and elderly without expanding our group of people willing to visit. Thus we need to re-examine our priorities and perhaps diversify our committee. Fund raising and visitation will be the key elements of this discussion. I will report our findings in the next newsletter.

Les Beattie, Chair

120TH ANNIVERSARY

The 120th Anniversary Committee has planned a special day to celebrate the 120th Anniversary of the Building and Congregation of Centennial United Church. On October 23rd, the 10:30 worship service will include special music and the well-known speaker and writer Ken Gallinger. You may have seen his articles in the Observer and Toronto Star. He will have a challenging message for us.

Following the service, a lunch, catered by Jim and Vicki Henderson will take place in the CE Hall.

An afternoon, lighthearted program, MC'd by Don Beattie, will follow the lunch. Everyone is encouraged to plan to stay for this program of music and fun, a tradition at Centennial for many decades.

*120th Anniversary Committee consists of:
Gretta Bishop, D. A. Millsap, Fran Somerville, Marjorie Ridley, Doug Dickinson, and Don Beattie.*

WORSHIP & MUSIC NEWS

As the long, hot days of summer become a distant memory, we settle in to prepare for fall worship activities.

Looking back this summer, we thank Paul Boughton for leading worship while Wim was on vacation. Thanks to Helen Stewart for stepping in to musical leadership when Bruce was away.

A number of members worked the sound board and power point to cover for vacation time.

Preparations are under way for the final quarter of 2011:

Rally Sunday.....Children return to Sunday School

World Wide Communion.....thanks in advance to members that respond when asked to help serve and clean up.

Thanksgiving Sunday October 9th

Anniversary Sunday October 23rd
Watch for announcements, guest speaker and other events.

Remembrance Day...reflections

Oh yes....**Advent** planning!

I want to acknowledge members that greet and read scriptures....your participation enhances and provides variety to our services. Please participate if you can. The fall schedule will be passed around for sign up.

We are also planning services and contacting guest leaders to fill in while staff is away.

Thanks for your continued support.
See You at Centennial.

Dave Hopper, Chair

OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION

COMMITTEE: Nancy Brillinger, Don Coutts, Lynne Coutts, Catherine Dunlop, Edith Eedy, Al Fraser, Mary Glencross, Wim Kreeft, Kim McArthur, Lloyd Somerville and Norm Soules

October 1: Saturday **Used Clothing Sale**

October 2: Sunday following the church service, the committee is hosting a **Food Grains Project Celebration Luncheon** in the C.E. Room. The luncheon features our famous bean dishes with breads and dessert. There will be a freewill offering. The luncheon is to celebrate the successful harvest and Centennials' contribution to end world hunger. Our harvest along with the Government's pledge to match 4 to 1 will contribute approximately \$40,000.00 plus. Many thanks to the many people who contributed to the success of the Food Grains Project.

November 4: Friday A presentation of **Rocky Mountaineer travelogue and dessert social**, with more details to come.

Following our August 30th meeting tentative plans were discussed for the following: Christmas Family project, our commitment to the Door (through Soup Luncheons, Penny Sale and Silent Auction, etc) The Clearview Food Bank and 2012 Food Grains Project. As our plans progress we will keep you informed.

Submitted by Don Coutts

CENTENNIAL WOMEN

"God of days and years and eons, still you call as in the past. Work undone demands our labour, justice yearns for peace at last. Yours the vision and the challenge, ours the mission and the praise. Celebrating past and present, consecrating future days."

Centennial Women's Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. and is open to all women of the Congregation.

Last May we had a very interesting speaker from "The Grey Grannies" a supporter of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. We also took ownership of a church service while Wim was away and received some positive comments.

Last June we once again helped out with the Strawberry Tea for all members of Centennial who are either house bound or living in nursing homes. This is always well attended, about 75 this year, and a fun time too!

In September we will be having a birthday party, complete with birthday cake and a game. Please bring a signed, unaddressed birthday card, a personal needs item as a gift for the Food Bank and a picture of yourself as a child for the game. There may even be some prizes!

Valerie Willock is the organizer of this group ~ call her at 705.422.1201



YEAR TO DATE FINANCES

Income	\$93,014.22
Expenses	<u>99,905.52</u>
Deficit	-\$ 6,891.30

Mission & Service Goal	\$17,000
Mission & Service to Date	\$12,574.21

EDUCATION & PROGRAM

As we move into the cooler days of Fall and settle back to our more normal patterns some things will be different.

After a long and very, very helpful productive time working in our library, Ferne has decided that it is time to step back. This means that the E&P committee will need to re-evaluate how we run the library. A sizable majority of the people who filled out the survey felt that the library is valuable. Would you be able to help by looking after re-shelving books one or two weeks a year? Training would be available.

Sunday School, as always, needs adults to make things happen. In the survey, only one person said that we should close the Sunday School! I have heard on a couple of occasions, how much people get out of working and having fun with the young people. And like grandchildren, you get to send them back to their parents. Please consider helping out even if for just one week.

Gordon Kerr
for the E & P committee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We're Back!

Thank you for helping out with our Rally Day service. It was wonderful to see so many families out and to share photos from our last six years. It is amazing to see how the children have grown both physically and in maturity. It is wonderful to see their faith growing, and the questions coming. Looking at those photos we can see wonderful memories, the kind that stay with you. The memories formed with our family at Centennial will be the ones that help keep them in faith as they grow, marry and raise their own families. Those photos are all the proof you need that Sunday School still is important and needed! This generation needs the same opportunities as those in the past. Even if our weekly numbers are low, the kids are still here, we need to be here to serve them. "Let the little children come to me" - the children were important to Jesus, let us show them that they hold the same importance now. Valerie and I are looking forward to once again sharing our time with our young people, but we could use your support too. We need a few more teachers to help spread out the schedule and cover away days. We are also looking for help with our special events and community outreach such as our fall community party, our Christmas Party, the Christmas Parade (Dec 3rd). We would love to have you join us. Please contact us if you are interested in teaching or helping out.

Remember, Life's a Race Track are you on the track or in the bleachers?

Thank you, for your continued support.

Jen Gerrior, Sunday School Co-ordinator

SPONSOR A BULLETIN

Looking for a great way to further support your church? Sponsor a Sunday bulletin in memory of a loved one or celebrate a birthday, new birth, anniversary, or any other event. Cost is just \$20. Contact the office at 705.428.3711 to get your event into the bulletin!

THE GOOD FOOD BOX

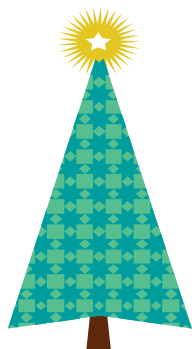
Seize your opportunity to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables at very reasonable prices. The Good Food Box is the perfect idea! A large box (approx. 32 lbs of various fruits & veggies) is \$14.; a medium box (approx. 22 lbs) costs \$10. Place your order by the 2nd Tuesday of each month for delivery on the 3rd Wednesday. Call Richard & Carol Marsden at 705.428.3945 to place your order.



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Get an early start on your Christmas shopping by visiting our many talented vendors. Put your feet up after touring around the craft tables, white elephant table, home baking & silent auction by enjoying the delicious offerings of The Tea Room. Call Christa @ 705-445-5602 for any questions or to book a table.

Saturday, November 12th
9:30 a.m. ~ 12:30 p.m.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Gently Used Clothing Sale

Saturday, October 1st, 8:00 a.m. – noon
to benefit The Door

Food Grains Celebration Luncheon

Sunday, October 2nd after service

Worldwide Communion Service

Sunday, October 2nd, 10:30 a.m.

120th Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, October 23rd, 10:30 a.m.

Turkey Dinner

Saturday, October 29th

The Spirit of Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 12th
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.

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