

# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*



**Minister:** All who hear God's calling and respond accordingly!

## **Thought of the Week**

"God, as the name for the universal life force, is worshipped in different forms by every religion and faith. "The name we use doesn't matter – the dedication does."

Leslie Sinclair," *Observer*, January 2012, p. 50



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## **PATH OF CELEBRATION**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

*"Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."*

*Psalm 139:23-24*

**Hymn 374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre" vs. 1**

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

#### **Call to Worship**

We enter this building seeking a place of quiet, allowing our hearts, minds and spirits to listen for your voice.

**God we pray that we may leave the busy-ness of our living behind us. Still our beings we pray.** (silence)

In our quiet help us to hear the voices of our brothers and sisters around the world.

**God we pray that the pleas of our fellow human beings will be heard over the incessant demands of our selfish egos.** (silence)

May we always be open to hearing your voice calling us into wholeness, into service, and into your everlasting peace.

**Amen**

**Hymn 562 "Jesus Calls Us"**

## **PATH OF LETTING GO**

**Prayer of Awareness and Thankfulness of God's Presence**

Psalm 139 VU 861

**Hymn** 506 "Take My Life and Let it Be"

## **PATH OF CENTERING**

**Story Time**

**Hymn** MV 161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"

**Scriptures** Hebrew: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 Pg. 267 O.T.  
Gospel: John 1:43-51 Pg. 117 N.T.

**Reflection** "Called By God"

## **PATH OF TRANSFORMATION**

**Hymn** MV 79 "Spirit, Open My Heart"

**Minute for Mission**

**Presentation of our Gifts and Offering**

**Doxology** 542

*We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.*

**Dedication**

**Most gracious and merciful God, you have richly blessed us in so many ways, that we might be able to serve you, our Creator and Redeemer, freely and faithfully. Accept these, our offerings, not as the measure that we owe to you, but as a celebration of your love for us, laid aside for your service and offered in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**Congregational Prayer**

**Congregational Hymn**

**Commissioning**

**This day, the Spirit of God waits on the threshold of our experience, waits to be embodied, as always, in responsive**

human lives. So let us renew our commitment to be vehicles of that Spirit, and let us go forth with joy to set that Spirit free in our daily living.

**Benediction**

**Hymn** MV 209 “Go, Make a Difference” vs. 2



*The bulletins are sponsored today by Doug and Barb Dickinson in honour and celebration of Herb Dickinson’s 99<sup>th</sup> birthday on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011.*



*If you are visiting today, we feel blessed by your presence. We hope you found today’s service fulfilling and uplifting. Please take a moment to sign our guest book in the Narthex.*

*You are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship service in the CE Hall.*

*The Ministry & Personnel Committee are your hosts for the month of January.*



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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Since 1925 The United Church of Canada has created several **statements of faith**: 1925 - Twenty Articles of Faith; 1940 - Statement of Faith; 1968 - The New Creed; and, 2008 - A Song of Faith. We as a congregation are being asked to vote on whether we want all of these statements to be included within our Manual,

as part of our Basis of Union. There are copies of these faith statements in the office.

**THIS WEEK AT CENTENNIAL**

**Sip ‘n Serve** meets on Monday at 9:00 a.m.

**Stewardship, Property & Finance** Tuesday, Jan. 17th at 7:00 p.m.

**Outreach & Social Action** will meet Tues., Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**Board** meeting Wednesday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

**UPCOMING AT CENTENNIAL**

**Women's Book Club** The Women's Book Club meets on Mon., Jan. 23rd @ 7:30 p.m in the Gathering Place. The first book, "Shanghai Girls" will be discussed. Please refer to the Reading Group Questions on pages 320 to 322. Any other questions? Phone Greta Horton, 705-445-5930.

**ELSEWHERE**

**Clearview Community Church** presents Gospel Music Night on Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. Featuring local talent! Free admission! [www.clearviewcommunitychurch.org](http://www.clearviewcommunitychurch.org).

**Stayner Evangelical Missionary Church** is holding a Roast Beef Supper to benefit Colin & Tanya Walker who lost their Dairy barn and cattle to fire. Tickets are \$15/each. Children \$7. Date: January 28<sup>th</sup> with two seatings at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are available by calling Janice (Cookie) Stephens at 705-428-5881.

## ***FROM THE LIBRARY***

The Christmas books and decorations have been put away for another year. The decorations will appear again but the future of the library is unknown until the Congregational Meeting in February. The shelves look very bare in some sections – that is because books with outdated information have been pulled to, hopefully, make room for new and up-to-date titles both in fiction and non-fiction. The children's section has undergone the same weeding. The Memorial Shelf will remain the same and have its own special place whatever decision is made about the life of the library.

The trolley will have a 'theme' for the balance of the month – HUMOUR! Hope you will browse and find something to bring a smile to your face as we go through these long winter days. Some titles you will find:

Daily Splashes of Joy – 365 gems to sparkle your date

A Hug for you to today – A hug to lift your spirits

Humor for the Heart – Stories, quips, and quotes to lift the heart.

Chicken Soup for the Father's Soul – whether you are new to fathering or a seasoned pro, this book will make you laugh, keep you inspired and remind you that you are never alone on your journey.

Age Happens – Best quotes about growing older.