

# *Centennial United Church, Stayner*

*January 22nd, 2012 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany*



**Minister:** All who seek wholeness through repentance!

## **Thought of the Week**

Once we accept that God's Word is not confined to ancient texts, and that God is still speaking through the public revelations of science, how can we personally tap into that guidance for living joyful and on-purpose lives? What tools can help us apply the wisdom gleaned from billions of years of cosmic and biological evolution, millions of years of primate and hominid evolution, thousands of years of human cultural evolution, and hundreds of years of scientific, technological, and methodological evolution?

Michael Dowd, *Thank God for Evolution*, p. 209



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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**

In mystery and grandeur **we see the face of God.**  
In earthiness and ordinary **we know the love of Christ.**  
In heights, in depths, in life and death,  
**the Spirit of God is moving among us.**  
**Let us praise God!**

Written by Jack Ballantine-Dickson  
*Worship for All Seasons II, Year B*, p. 81  
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**Hymn 582 "There's a Spirit in the Air"**

## **PATH OF LETTING GO**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Forgive us God for attempting to find wholeness in the words of others. We create an impossible burden when we seek the words of others to validate ourselves. Forgive us for not listening to your still small voice which tells us we are loved, we are wonderful, and we are accepted. Hear our prayers and make us whole. Amen.**

### **Affirmation of God's Love**

Psalm 62 VU 780 "My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone"

## **PATH OF CENTERING**

### **Story Time**

**Hymn 356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God"**

**Scriptures** Hebrew: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Pg. 895 O.T.  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20 Pg. 46 N.T.

**Reflection "Sacrifice vs. Repentance"**

## **PATH OF TRANSFORMATION**

**Hymn 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

### **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.**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **reports for the Annual Report** are due Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00. You may email, mail, or drop it off in the box outside the office.

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. **This vote will take place at the Annual Meeting.** There are copies of these faith statements in the office.

If you wish to receive the **Newsletters** via email, please sign the sheet circulating with your name and your email address.

### THIS WEEK AT CENTENNIAL

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

**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.

### UPCOMING AT CENTENNIAL

**The Annual Meeting** will take place after church on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

### ELSEWHERE

**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.

**Wasaga Beach United Church** are pleased to sponsor THE BLACK FAMILY - FIDDLES, GUITARS, VOCALS, STEP-DANCING

The family consists of 10 siblings from 5yrs to 20yrs who have been performing their "down-home" show for the past 8 years. Join us at the RecPlex, 1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach, on Saturday, March 3rd at 7:30pm. Cost is \$15 per person. Tickets: I.D.A. 45th Street South, Wasaga Chamber of Commerce, River Road West, or contact Shirley at 705 429 2032 for other sources.

### ***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.