

Centennial United Church, Stayner

January 29th, 2012 ~ Celebration Sunday



Minister: All who face their demons and walk into wholeness!

Thought of the Week

Naming the demons means knowing the demons. . . The Gospels imply that anyone who exorcises cannot be a stranger to demons. . . To have faced our demons is never to forget their power to hurt and never to forget the power to heal that lies in touching broken heartedness. . . Jesus hears, below the demon noises, an anguished cry for deliverance. Through. . . mutual touching. . . community is co-created as a continuing, redemptive reality.

Rita Nakashima Brock from Imaging the Word



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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

Psalm 111 VU 833

Hymn 260 "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness"

Celebration Hymn 224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah

PATH OF LETTING GO

Prayer of Confession

Creator, we've come to this place of worship to find the quiet centre within the crowded life we lead. Help us to still the noises within our hearts and minds while we listen for your still

small voice. [silence] God of all, we seek wholeness. Yet to be whole we need to face our own brokenness and understand the forces that have caused it. Help us to face our demons and may the evil spirits within our lives be cast from us. [silence]

Affirmation of God's Love

Stories of Jesus' healing were not just physical but also spiritual, emotional, and mental. We know that the Eternal Giver of Life surround each of us. May the Life-Giver continue to provide each of us with wholeness, connectedness, peace, and sanity. Amen.

PATH OF CENTERING

Story Time "The Gift of Subira"

Hymn MV 144 "Like a Healing Stream"

Scriptures Hebrew: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Pg. 189 O.T.
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28 Pg. 46 N.T.

Reflection "Good vs. Bad"

PATH OF TRANSFORMATION

Hymn 620 "Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit"

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 today are sponsored by Doug and Barb Dickinson in memory of our parents Hugh Orr who passed away February 20th, 2004 and Ida Dickinson who passed away January 18th, 2009.



The bulletins are also sponsored by Marilyn & Jim Beecroft in celebration of their granddaughter Brianna Elizabeth Girard on January 21st, 2012 in Peace River, Alberta. And one makes three!



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.

*Greeting you today are Bernice & Don Beattie
Scripture ready by Marilyn Beecroft*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gift Card order will go in February 6th. Please continue to support the church with this great program. See Wally with your order.

Thank you to everyone for getting the reports to me for the Annual Report. They will be ready for pick up by Sunday, February 12th.

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.

UPCOMING AT CENTENNIAL

Finance, Property & Stewardship meet Mon., Feb. 6th at 7:00 p.m.

Worship & Music Committee meeting Wed., Feb. 8th at 7:30 p.m.

The Annual Meeting will take place after church on February 19th.

ELSEWHERE

The **Food Bank** is looking for a new Director/Manager. If anybody is able and/or willing to fill this position please contact Wim.

The **Food Bank** is also looking for more workers. Please contact Wendy Jefferies (705-428-5532) if you are able to contribute some time working at the Food Bank.

The Door is in need of people to assist them in their work. If you are able/willing to work with children, please contact Jen Gerrior (705-428-3733). Or if you would be willing to sit on their steering committee, your willingness would be most appreciated.

The family of Janneke Leimgardt wish to invite you to a **Come and Go Tea** to help celebrate Janneke's 80th birthday. Please join us Sunday, February 5th, 2012 in the CE wing of Centennial United from 1-3 p.m. for refreshments and cake. Best wishes only please.

Be sure to keep Saturday, February 11th open for **the Stayner Lion's Annual Ham & Bean Supper** here at Centennial United Church. Supper will be served from 4:30 – 7 p.m. Adults \$12.00, children 6-12 \$5.00. Take out is available. Proceeds will go to Lions Camp Dorset – a camping experience for those living with dialysis needs and kidney disease.

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.