

Centennial United Church, Stayner

February 12th, 2012 ~ 6th Sunday after Epiphany



Minister: All who have experienced the incredible healing of Spirit!

Thought of the Week

For the world and time are the dance of the Lord in emptiness. The silence of the spheres is the music of the wedding feast. The more we persist in misunderstanding the phenomena of life the more we analyze them out into strange finalities and complex purposes of our own, the more we involve ourselves in sadness, absurdity and despair. But it does not matter much, because no despair of ours can alter the reality of things, or stain the joy of the cosmic dance which is always there.

Thomas Merton, 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

Maker of all that is, heaven and earth, known and unknown, birth and death and the sense of eternity:

Giver of life, liver of life: words for you lift my spirit. Yet I am so small, my needs consume me.

Hold my hand; encourage me to dance your dance, to laugh with your joy, surpassing all trouble and failure.

Remind me of your beauty: speechless wonder, goodness, light and darkness.

Open me to your giving this day.

Let me receive and trust myself into your hands. Amen.

Written by Neil Whitehouse.

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Hymn 240 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

PATH OF LETTING GO

Prayer of Awareness

Holy One, our world demands that we care for the environment but also consume aggressively to help the economy recover;

that we look after ourselves so won't drain the health care system while we use our time and resources in looking after family, friends, and strangers;

and that we strive for peace and support our troops.

We are surrounded by conflicting messages.

Grant us, O God, the grace of being with you now that we may hear your Word and feel more deeply your truth about how to live lives of holy peace, joy and wonder in this, our conflicted and shifting time. Amen.

Written by Sheila McLeod.

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Assurance of God's Love (from Psalm 30)

I will extol you, O God, for you have lifted me up;

you have not let my enemies triumph over me.

O God, my God, I cried to you for help and you restored my health.

You brought me back from the dead; you saved my life as I was going down to the Grave.

Let all your servants sing praises to you, and give thanks to your holy name.

Your anger is but for a moment, but your kingdom is life eternal.

PATH OF CENTERING

Story Time

Hymn 612 "There is a Balm in Gilead"

Scriptures Hebrew: 2 Kings 5:1-14 Pg. 367 N.T.
Gospel: Mark 1:40-45 Pg. 47 N.T.

Reflection "Healing"

PATH OF TRANSFORMATION

Hymn 622 "Your Hands, O Christ"

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



*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 Board Executive Members
are your hosts for the month of February.*

*Greeting you today are Shirley & Wally Somerville
Scripture ready by Dave Hopper*



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Reports are available in the Narthax and the CE Wing. Be sure to pick up your copy to read before next week's Annual Meeting.

The **Annual Meeting** will be February 19th after the church service. Bring your own bag lunch to be enjoyed with coffee and tea.

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.

THIS WEEK AT CENTENNIAL

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

Finance, Property & Stewardship meet Tues., Feb. 14th at 7:00 p.m

Centennial Women will meet on **WEDNESDAY, February 15th**, 2012 at 7:30. **Please note the second change of night!** Sandra Squire will be our guest speaker. All women of the congregation are invited. Please call Valerie Willock at 705-422-1201 if you have any questions.

UPCOMING AT CENTENNIAL

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

Board Meeting Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, at 7:30.

Choir practice begins Thursday, February 23rd at 7:30 p.m.

STAYNER UNDER SIEGE -A Family Friendly Centennial Friends Event

February 25th, 6:00 in the C.E. Room. First we eat...Pot Luck style, then we go to battle. Maybe...at least we will go to learn about a battle that occurred very near to Stayner, in August of 1814. 2012 marks the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812. Many of us may not be aware of the pivotal battle that occurred near the mouth of the Nottawasaga River. We will hear about the many special events being planned throughout the southern Georgian Bay area as well as viewing a portion of a new documentary about the war. Marilyn Beecroft will bring us up to the minute on the building and opening of the new Wasaga Beach Welcome Centre at Nancy Island Historic Site.

Bring the whole family for an evening of good food and fellowship.

February Book Club meets on February 27th to discuss "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosney. **March Book Club** meets on March

26th to discuss "Revelation" by C. J. Sansom. This is an open Women's Book Club for all women. We meet in the Gathering Place on the fourth Monday of the month. Snow dates are the following Mondays in the month. Thanks to all and enjoy your winter reading!

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.

World Day of Prayer will be held this year on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 2:00 pm. The Anglican Church of the Good Shepherd, 219 Scott Street, will be hosting this event. Everyone is invited and we look forward to seeing you. Light refreshment will be served.

Fund Raiser for the Door: Youth for Christ has turkey pies (\$3.50) and 10" apple pies (\$10.00) for sale as a fund raiser for The Door Youth Centre. Please contact: Ellen Craig at 705-428-2323 or Brenda Young at 705-28-3070 to place your order.

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.

The RecPlex, 1724 Mosley Street, Wasaga Beach on Saturday, March 3rd at 7:30pm. Cost \$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.