



Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, April 26, 2026 10:30am

Back to the Future of Camping

A Camping Sunday Service

Minister: Jennifer Irving

Musical Accompanists: Megan Arksey & June Flynn



To Ponder: *“I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”*

~ John 10:10b

We Gather Together

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work along with our Joys & Sorrows

Call to Worship

One: We are summoned here by our holy God,

ALL: who calls us each by name,

and gathers us together in the unity of Jesus Christ.

One: From home and community, from camps and classrooms,

ALL: We are called into God’s presence.

One: Young and old and middle-aged,

individuals and families, soft-spoken and outspoken,

ALL: we hear our names being called to join in worship.

One: This house of worship is a place to pursue God’s vision

for all people:

ALL: unity and joy and faith expressed through different gifts.

Let us worship together!

Prayer of Approach (in unison)

Creator God, we hear your wilderness cry from the depth of our souls

and long to answer. We seek you out in the silence and beauty of

nature, in the sound of the birds, the rustling trees, the lapping

water, and the crunching of branches. Our eyes and ears are opened

to your presence in the newness of day, the brisk air, and the colours

of the sunrise. Be with us in this time of storytelling and memories,

guiding us along the forest’s edge into oneness with you.

Lighting of the Christ Candle and the Campfire

Opening Hymn #289 “It Only Takes a Spark”

We Listen for God's Word

Time of Wondering *Favourite Things*

Sung Response VU #226 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

Scripture Readings: Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "Turn, Turn, Turn" (*Choir*)
Acts 2:42-47 (*NT p 150*)
Psalm 23 VU #747 (*Congregational Anthem*)

Reflection

Hymn MV #145 "Draw the Circle Wide"

We Respond in Joy and Faith

Sharing of Camp Memories & Songs (*see insert*)

Camp Simpresca Update & Blessing of Camp

Offertory Invitation

Offertory Hymn VU 541 "Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn MV #154 "Deep in Our Hearts"

Commissioning & Benediction

Choral Sending Forth TLUS 103 "Bambelela"

***Bambelela! Bambelela, O Bambelela, Bambelela
Bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba, Ohhh
Bamba, bambelela!***

***Never Give Up! Never give up, O Never give up, Never give up
Never, never, never, never, never, Ohhh
Never, Never Give Up!***

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

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"Back to the Future of Camping" Camping Sunday Service
written for The United Church of Canada.*

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First Third Ministry Staff – Tasha Whitney and Sarah Provan for 2026*

*Thank you to Geoff Allen for reading today
Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance.*

Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

We acknowledge with respect and with awe the history, spirituality, and culture of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati and Wendat peoples with whom Treaty 18 of 1818 were signed and the territory wherein our church resides, and our responsibility as Treaty members. We also honour the heritage and gifts of Métis people. May we live appreciating the gifts of this land we share with wonder and gratitude and may we live in peace and friendship with all its people.

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LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

CALLING READERS FOR MAY & JUNE! See sheets at the back of the church to sign up for reading scripture and the M&S Stories, as well as for bulletin sponsorship.

SIP 'n' SERVE Join us Monday mornings at 9:00 AM. All cleaners are rewarded with coffee and conversation!

WOWRC UCW GATHERING April 27th Speak to Jennifer about getting a ride to this regional women's gathering in Markdale.

LECTIONARY BIBLE STUDY HOUR Tuesday mornings: 10-11:00am

CENTENNIAL CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesday Evenings at 7:00pm.

CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICES Thursdays at 7:00pm preparing for the Community Choir Concert May 10.

Book Sharing, Sunday May 3, after church. Come join a discussion over coffee of the books you have enjoyed and hear about other's recommendations.

The Centennial United Summer Reading List is being developed! You are invited to submit your suggestions for the book you think all Centennial United should read. Contact Jennifer or put suggestions in the box at the back of the church.

SATURDAY MAY 9, 9 AM – 11:30 AM Grace United Church in Barrie (350 Grove St East) is hosting a Mother's Day Pie and Bake Sale.

SPRING COMMUNITY CONCERT Sunday May 10th at 7:00pm. We are excited to be hosting this ecumenical event with mass community choir sponsored by the Clearview Ministerial celebrating "The Way of Jesus". A wonderful way to celebrate Mother's Day—followed by a social time over sweets in the CE Hall.

CENTENNIAL FISH DINNER May 13, 2026 4:30pm-6:00pm. Workplan posted on side of fridge in kitchen for those able to help make our Annual Fish Dinner a success! And don't forget to get your orders in! Email fundraisers@ucstayner.ca or call Valerie 705-422-1201. \$25 for a generous fillet of Fresh Georgian Bay Lake Trout, potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a bun, with coffee or tea—and PIE!

TOWARDS 2035 TOWNHALL. Join conversations to talk about what Towards 2035 means in your local context, and what resources might be needed. Townhalls take place Wednesday, April 29, 7 – 8:30 PM, Wednesday May 6, 7 – 8:30 PM, Tuesday, May 12, 1:30 – 3 PM. Register now for the time that suits you! If you need help registering contact Pat. <https://forms.office.com/r/ZjvMB4TVKL>.

Centennial Women - Tuesday May 12 at 2pm! Enjoy a spring tea and hymn sing at Blue Mountain Manor. Plan on attending in your spring finery and spread a little joy and light! We are always welcomed by the women of Blue Mountain Manor.

Stayner Garden Club invites Centennial United to **Tulip Days, Thursday, May 14, 11:30 – 1:30 (rain date May 15)** hosted at the Fountain Park on Main Street celebrating the 10th Anniversary of Tulip Days and honouring the 100th Anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legions. Speakers and a free lunch of hamburgers, water and cake and the traditional Dutch treat olliebollen for you to enjoy. Love to see you!

Outreach and Social Action will be holding a **Trunk and Table Sale Saturday, May 16th 10:00am-2:00pm**. Rent a spot in the parking lot to sell your junk out of your trunk for \$20 or, a table to sell your items inside the church for \$30. Sellers can choose to donate part or all of their proceeds back to the church to support Outreach and Social Justice initiatives or keep it for themselves!

The WOW Regional Council is offering an exciting event for children Grades 4-8 **Friday June 5 at 7:00 PM to Saturday June 6 6:30 PM at Camp Bimini** (south of Stratford). The event is called "Gone Fishin", one overnight makes this not too daunting for a first "Camp" experience. There is also an opportunity for older youth to be cabin leaders. Here is a link to the registration information: <https://wowrucc.ca/event/kids-across-the-regions-2026/>. Jennifer is part of the planning and may attend. Please contact her for more details.

MEAT PIES STILL AVAILABLE! \$ 6/pie. Let us cook for you on the nights you don't want to! Stock up now!

This week regional prayers are for Kincardine United Church. You can learn more about Kincardine United here <https://www.kincardineunitedchurch.org/>.

Camp Song Sing A-Long!

The More We Get Together

The more we get together, together, together,
the more we get together the happier we'll be.
For your friends are my friends and my friends are your friends,
The more we get together the happier we'll be.

Ha-la-la-la-la (Grab Another Hand)

Grab another hand, grab a hand next to ya,
Grab another hand and sing this song.
Grab another hand, grab a hand next to ya,
Grab another hand and sing, sing this song:
Al-la, la, la, la, la, la, le-lu-ya,
Al-la, la, la, la, la, la, la-le-lu,
Al-la, la, la, la, la, la, le-lu-ya,
Al-la, la, la, la, la, la, Alleluya!

Other verses: Shake another hand, Scratch another back

Hallelu...Praise ye the Lord

Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! *Praise ye the Lord!*
Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelu! Hallelujah! *Praise ye the Lord!*
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
Praise ye the Lord! Hallelujah!
PRAISE YE THE LORD!!

Fire's Burning

Fire's burning, fire's burning,
Draw nearer, draw nearer,
In the gloaming, in the gloaming,
Come sing and be merry.

Day is Done

Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the lake, From the hills, From the sky.
All is well, Safely rest, God is nigh.