

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, June 21, 2026 10:30am

Indigenous People's Day & Father's Day Sunday

"Nin-din-awe-maagan-i-dok" We Are All One

Worship Leader: Jennifer Irving

Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey & June Flynn

To Ponder: *"If you come to help me, you are wasting your time. But if you come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together."*
~ Lilla Watson

We Gather Together

Welcome

Sharing Our Life & Work and Our Joys & Sorrows

Lighting the Christ Candle

Land Acknowledgement *(by Philip Cote, MFA, Young Spiritual Elder, Artist, Activist, Historian, and Traditional Wisdom Keeper, Moose Deer Point First Nation)*

Sung Response MV #41 "O Beautiful Gaia" (Carolyn McDade)

O beautiful Gaia, O Gaia, calling us home.

O Beautiful Gaia, calling us on.

Tree bending in windstorm, O Gaia, calling us home.

Tree bending in windstorm, calling us on.

Loon nesting in marshland, O Gaia, calling us home.

Loon nesting in marshland, calling us on.

Warm sand in Wasaga, O Gaia, calling us home.

Warm sand in Wasaga, calling us on.

Call to Worship & Prayer of Approach

One: Let us pray together. God, by whatever name we call You, and however we experience You in our individual lives, we come today ready to celebrate Your Presence. As we gather together, open our hearts to notice your voice.

**ALL: In the song of birds, in the rustle of leaves,
in the warmth of the sun and the gentle rain.**

One: In the wisdom of other peoples and cultures.

ALL: In our own longing for connection and Oneness.

One: Thank you for this time of prayer, reflection and learning.

ALL: We come ready and grateful to receive Your Word. Amen.

Prayer of Confession & Affirmation

One: Before God, with the people of God, I admit to my fears and failings. To the way I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

ALL: May God forgive you; Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our fears and failings. To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

One: May God forgive you; Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. With the whole church,

ALL: We affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

One: With people everywhere,

ALL: We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

One: With all creation,

ALL: We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life; the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world.

Opening Hymn VU 376 "Spirit of the Living God"

Listening for God's Word

Time of Wondering

Choir Anthem – "As A Parent Holds a Child"

Welcoming of New Members

John Harry Dryden

Heidi Anne Marie Sterrenburg & Willem Antonie Sterrenburg

Corinne Kelly Van Adrichem & Martin John Van Adrichem

Hymn VU 657 "He Leadeth Me" (vs. 1-3)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 96:11-12 (NRSVue)

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;

let the field exult, and everything in it.

Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Reflection

Responding to God's Word

Hymn VU #382 "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

Stories of Gratitude & Generosity & An Invitation to Give

Offertory Hymn VU 537 "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands"

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU 296 "This Is God's Wondrous World"

Commissioning & Benediction

Postlude – "I'll Fly Away"

June Flynn, Dave Arksey, Mike Arksey

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.

Thank you to Rev. Anne Hines for preparing the

Worship Resources for the National Indigenous Day of Prayer 2026

*Thank you to Neelah Irving for her technical assistance, for her solo and
for reading scripture & M&S story*

*This bulletin is sponsored by Leesa Meijerink in honour of
Marjorie and Wayne Ridley's 60th Wedding Anniversary.*

*60 years ago right here in Centennial United
Congratulations to Marj & Wayne!*

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

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Jennifer will be taking time off from June 22-September 7

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Summer Office Hours: 9:00am-1pm July 7, 16, August 10, 18.

Regular office hours resume September 8

Summer In Person Gatherings: 10:30am (see schedule)

Our Land Acknowledgement Statement

Centennial United Church, would like to acknowledge our presence on the land that has been traditional territory of the Anishnaabe, Haudenosaunee, Tionontati and Wendat peoples since time immemorial. As we reach back to those early ancestors, we remember our Mother the Earth, through the Seven Grandfather teachings: Wisdom, Bravery, Respect, Honesty, Truth, Humility, and Love. The stories of these nations endure and continue to guide our thoughts and actions on this land. We recognize the medicine wheel and its teachings. We recognize the four directions: North, South, East and West, and the four seasons, Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter. It is these four seasons that represent the circle of life.

“Nin-din-awe-magan-i-dok,” (*nin-din-ah-magan-ee-doc*) which means, we are all relations. We are all One.

Written by Pilip Cote, MFA

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

MILK BAG MAT making Monday, June 22 at 10 AM. Winding up this amazing ministry which will cease to operate out of Centennial United Church as of the end of June.

TODAY! INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY WORKSHOP at Trinity United Church in Collingwood with Elaine Wabie from the Algonquin Nation, Wolf Clan from 12:30pm-2:00pm.

June 24 Grace United in Barrie (350 Grove St E) hosts a Strawberry Supper. Dine in or Take out. \$ 28/person. Call 705-734-0760. Book by June 23. For more info poster is on the bulletin board in hallway.

July 12 at 10:30 we are invited to a service at Trinity United in Collingwood in honour of Collingwood PRIDE. If you'd like to join a pop up choir please come at 9:30 for a practice!

If you would like to subscribe to Broadview now's the time! The church gets a group rate and an annual subscription is a bargain at \$30. Please let Pat know by July 8 (office@ucstayner.ca) if you'd like to be included in our subscription listing (magazine is still sent to your home!).

This week's regional prayers are for St Andrews United Church in Ripley. Ripley is southeast of Kincardine. You can learn more about St Andrews United on their Facebook page.

Centennial Reads Summer 2026!

For anyone looking for a book to inspire hope this summer

NON-FICTION

The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times by Jane Goodall & Douglas Adams. This urgent book explores one of the most sought after and least understood elements of human nature: hope.

Recommended by Marilyn Beecroft

From the Ashes: My Story of Being Métis, Homeless, and Finding My Way by Jesse Thistle. An extraordinary and inspiring memoir, about overcoming trauma and addiction and finding truth.

Recommended by Leanne Campbell

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Barbara Brown Taylor. Barbara Brown Taylor recounts her moving discoveries of finding the sacred in unexpected places, revealing how God delights in confounding our expectations.

Recommended by Greta Horton

FICTION

Spoon Stealer by Lesley Crewe. For those who know this amazing Canadian author, this is a classic Crewe book: full of humour, family secrets, women's friendship, lovable animals, and immense heart.

Recommended by Pat Elson

The Correspondent by Virginia Evans. This gentle epistolary novel (that means the story is told solely through letters like Paul's contributions to the Bible!) is a story of one woman that gives hope for all of us. A joy to read!

Recommended by Jennifer Irving

The Baby-sitters Club: Dawn and the Impossible Three by Ann M Martin. Pretty much any book from this series is a fun read.

Recommended by Blythe Sterrenburg

HONORABLE MENTIONS

Throwback Read: The Boat Who Wouldn't Float by Farley Mowat. A perfect read for while you're waiting for books on hold!

Canada Reads Winner 2026: The Cure for Drowning by Loghan Paylor.

Mark your calendars for a book sharing on **Wednesday September 23 at 7:30pm** and help choose the Centennial's winning book for 2026.

HAPPY READING!

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- June 21 Sunday School wrap up, at the church (worship in the Sanctuary)
- June 28 Outdoor worship hosted by Myrna and Jim Whitley at their farm (3770 Concession 3 South, Nottawasaga Creemore).
Directions to Whitley's Farm: drive south on County Rd 42, if leaving Stayner, go through Cashtown and continue to Avening. Cross the bridge in Avening and turn right onto Sideroad $\frac{3}{4}$ (at the school house, some might remember it as Peggy's Pies), go to the top of the hill and turn left at the "T" (head south on Concession 3) we are on right hand side of the road about 1km from the "T".

For the months of July and August we move into a more relaxed form of worship. Please bring your own lawn chair! Wherever we meet we are gathered in community to celebrate God's love:



- July 5 Berries and ice cream on the church lawn. 10:30 AM
- July 12 We are invited to a special PRIDE Sunday Worship with Trinity United Church (10:30AM) in honour of Collingwood Pride. Pop-up mass choir practicing at 9:30 AM.
- July 26 Tea and biscuits on the church lawn. 10:30 AM
- August 9 Outdoor worship at Geoff and Deb Allen's (1698 County Rd 7, Stayner). 10:30 AM
- Aug 23 Potluck dinner at Barb and Doug Dickinson's (14 MacAllister St S, Collingwood). Arrive at 3:30pm, Eat at 5pm

We begin our Fall Worship:

- Sept 6 Thanks to Geoff Allen for worship leadership in the Sanctuary.

We look forward to seeing everyone in these different spaces!