

Centennial United Church, Stayner

Sunday, May 3, 2026 10:30am

Fifth Sunday of Easter—Mental Health Sunday

Minister: Jennifer Irving Musical Accompanist: Megan Arksey

To Ponder: *“In the end, the only real love in the world is found when you let yourself be truly known.”* ~ Nadia Bolz-Weber

We Gather Together

Welcome & Land Acknowledgement

Sharing our Life & Work along with our Joys & Sorrows

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Choir Anthem “God Lights a Lamp”

Call to Worship (*written by Rev. Amy Petré Hill*)

One: We gather in the presence of the One who abandons no one.

All: Come Holy Spirit, our advocate and comforter.

One: All are welcome in this sacred place,
made holy through your presence with us.

**All: Open our hearts and minds this day,
guide us into a loving relationship with all your children.**

One: We gather as God’s beloved people, leaving no one outside.

**All: Spark us with a word of life and radical belonging—a message
that we share with others as we seek to live out Christ’s love.**

One: We call on the name of God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Approach & The Lord’s Prayer (*written by Rev Dr. Sarah Lund*)

God of love, today as we celebrate Mental Health Sunday, stir in us deep compassion for people living with brain disorders and their families. Raise our awareness of how we can create a supportive and safe spiritual community for people who feel isolated, shunned and ashamed. Inspire us to reach out in love as a sign of your radical hospitality and grace. Encourage us to receive the gifts that are given by all, including those who are living with mental health challenges. Just as you receive this common prayer Jesus taught us...Amen.

Opening Hymn #658 “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

We Listen to the Word

Time of Wondering

Sung Response MV #85 “Take, O Take Me as I Am”

*Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;
set your seal upon my heart and live in me.*

Scripture Readings: Acts 7:55-60 (NT p 157)

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (VU p. 758 Parts One & Three)

John 14:1-14 (NT p. 137)

Reflection

Hymn MV #145 “Draw the Circle Wide”

We Respond in Love

Stories of Generosity

An Invitation to Giving

Offertory Hymn VU 541 “Praise God from whom all Blessings Flow”

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People

Closing Hymn VU #716 “My Life Flows On”

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.

*Today’s worship service uses resources prepared for Mental Health Sunday
by the United Church of Canada in partnership with
The United Church of Christ Mental Health Network.*

*Thank you to Dave Hopper 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.

CENTENNIAL UNITED CHURCH

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LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH

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

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

The Centennial United Summer Reading List is being developed! Submit your suggestions for the book you think all Centennial United should read. Submit suggestions in the box at the back of the church, or contact Jennifer.

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

OUTREACH & SOCIAL ACTION MEETING – Sunday May 3, 2026 9:45am
We'll gather before church to get all our ducks in a row for the Trunk and Table Sale and discuss moving forward in the Affirming Process!

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.

MILK BAG MATS Resumes this **Monday, May 4 at 10:00am**

May Monday Meaning Meanderings! Starting Monday May 4th at 2:00pm meet at the church and take time to meander through mother nature searching for meaning for our faithful living. All are welcome. Subject to cancellation if the weather doesn't cooperate!

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

CENTENNIAL CHOIR PRACTICE Tuesday Evenings at **7:00pm**. All are welcome to join us as we prepare anthems for our Spring worships!

CLEARVIEW COMMUNITY CHOIR PRACTICES Thursdays at **7:00pm** in the Sanctuary as we prepare for the Community Choir Concert.

SPRING COMMUNITY CONCERT Sunday May 10th at **7:00pm**. Centennial hosts 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 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.

CENTENNIAL FISH DINNER May 13, 2026 4:30pm-6:00pm A Workplan is now available for those able to help make our Annual Fish Dinner a success! And don't forget to get your orders in too! For \$25 you get a generous fillet of Fresh Georgian Bay Lake Trout, potatoes, veggies, coleslaw, a bun, with coffee or tea—keep your fork for Pie for dessert! Order with Valerie at 422-1201 or by email at fundraisers@ucstayner.ca

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 May 6: 7 – 8:30 PM or 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>.

TULIP DAYS Thursday, May 14, 11:30 – 1:30 (rain date May 15) hosted at the Fountain Park on Main Street. Stayner Garden Club invites us to help celebrate the 10th Anniversary of Tulip Days and honour 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. We would love to see everyone!

MOOSEHIDE CAMPAIGN May 14 is Moose Hide Campaign Day, a day when all Canadians are invited to take a stand against violence toward Indigenous women, girls, and 2S-LGBTQIA+ people.

Here are some ways that we can participate in this campaign:

- **Attend Virtual Events:** Distance is no barrier to participation. You can join the national sunrise ceremony, educational plenaries, and specialized workshops through the campaign's comprehensive livestream:
<https://www.youtube.com/@Moose-Hide-Campaign>
- **Register for virtual workshops** on the [Moose Hide website](https://moosehide.swoogo.com/2026campaignday):
<https://moosehide.swoogo.com/2026campaignday>

OUR ANNUAL YARD SALE REIMAGINED! May 16, 2026 10:0am-2:00pm

Rent a spot in the parking lot to sell your junk out of your trunk for \$20 or, a table for \$ 30 to sell your items inside the church. Sellers can choose to donate part or all of their proceeds back to the church to support outreach initiatives. Talk to Jen Gerrior if you have a few items but not enough to fill a trunk or table on your own!

Barrie Presbyterial Women's Mission Society Annual Meeting will be held Saturday, May 23 at Jubilee Presbyterian Church. Featuring Guest Speaker Mary Helen Garvin speaking on "One for All". 9:30 AM for gathering, 10 AM for meeting, followed by lunch, \$15. RSVP by Wednesday May 16 to Janice Terry Janber35@gmail.com or call 705-322-3038.

Unity Worship Service Sunday May 24th at 6:00pm at Fellowship Baptist Church in Collingwood. Sponsored by the Georgian Triangle Ministerial with a free will offering being collected for the Monthly Community Supper in Wasaga Beach. It's an outdoor service and you are asked to bring your own chair!

Special Sunday Soul Stroll! Sunday June 7th at 2:00pm. Rejuvenate your soul by joining us for this special stroll through Stayner enjoying the best of the season! Rain Date: June 15th.

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.

This week's regional prayers are for the Rockwood Stone Pastoral Charge, including Rockwood (in Rockwood) and Stone (in Guelph-Eramosa) United Churches. Learn more here

<https://www.rockwoodstoneunitedchurches.com/>