

# Central United Church Update

## May 2017

### Transition Minister

I have been informed by Hugh Johnson, Personnel Support for Calgary Presbytery that he has been in discussion with a Minister who may be interested in taking on the role of our Transition Minister. That person wished to take until the end of May to make their decision.

### Interim Pulpit Supply

Since a Transition Minister will probably not be prepared to begin until after the summer, we will be availing ourselves of the group of ministers who are available for “pulpit supply” which includes providing occasional Worship Leadership to Calgary and area United Churches.

In her role as Worship Director, Kathy Seibel has agreed to work with the Worship Planning Team and select ministers from the Calgary Presbytery Pulpit Supply list. These Ministers will be able to supplement the ministers within our own staff and Congregation.

This period of summer pulpit supply may be like a “staycation” where we as a Congregation can have the benefit of a variety of Ministers and messages without having to travel around to other churches!

### Central's Celebrate Life Recovery Sunday Evening Service

The Board of Elders has accepted a proposal for the continuation of the Sunday Evening Celebrate Life Recovery service to be led by Lay Leaders Peter Sheridan and Brad Oneil. This proposal was strongly supported by Pastor Wayne as a natural transition to these two leaders whom he has mentored, supported and groomed for such a time as this. This arrangement is meant to bridge the gap until we have a Transition Minister in place. At that time, the proposal can be modified if necessary.

These two will be working directly with the incoming Transition Minister as well as applying their demonstrated lay spirituality, professional counselling and combined leadership skills. They will draw upon others with a close association with the Recovery Ministry to serve in a variety of ways.

The Celebrate Life Recovery Service will be similar to the existing format with a weekly message tied to a passage or passages of scripture on topic for the current month i.e. January – Step One, February – Step Two, etc. It is the intention to have one presentation by the transition minister each month, one guest presenter each month and the remainder of the presentations by the lay leadership. The music will continue to be the strong, uplifting music provided by the “Cracked Pots”.

In addition to the Codependency Workshops currently offered prior to the service, Bill Moore will lead an introductory level Bible Study. It will use the Recovery Bible, personalizing the scripture to the 12 Steps and focusing on the scripture chosen for the evening's service. Prayer will continue to be offered following the service.

Being in a time of transition, change is inevitable. I will continue to post updates in the interest of keeping everyone informed on “what's new in the pew”. I also welcome any questions that I am failing to address.

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*Chair – Board of Elders*

