



Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

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**The church office will be closed Monday,
December 27, through and including
Tuesday, January 2, 2018.**



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Minister's Message...

Walter Bruggemann, in his book "Celebrating Abundance" reminds us that preparing for Advent is to be sucked into a vortex of indulgence from decor to gifts to calorie-rich foods. He suggests we create the illusion of abundance, when in fact; Jesus came into a world of poverty and powerlessness, born into scarcity. He implores us to seek out God's meaning of abundance - how Jesus has turned the world into abundance: God as the gift that keeps on giving. A few of us will meet Thursday morning on December 7, 14 and 21 to discuss these ideas. You are more than welcome to join us!

May we all search out the abundance that Jesus came to embody - and may you all enjoy and treasure family, friends and neighbours near and far as the world work towards the coming of God's peaceable kin-dom.

*Advent and Christmas blessings,
Rev. Jenni*

Chair of Council Message..

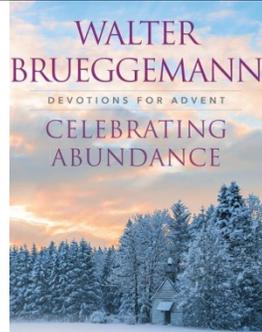
My granddaughter Grace will be four years old on December 24th. This is the first year that she is aware of both her birthday and Christmas and her excitement is overwhelming. We spend a lot of our time explaining that it is too early to decorate; that she needs to pick one cake (dinosaur, My Little Pony) and that she cannot invite the world to her birthday parties. She is having two. As she describes it one pretend for her friends and one real one for her family on her real birthday. I remember being that excited about Christmas - the anticipation, the surprise, the fun, the family parties. In fact, to be honest, I still get excited. I am reminded each Christmas about the love of family, the promise of Christmas, the excitement of the new baby, the hope, the miracles Christmas brings. Christmas is about possibilities, the unknown, and the excitement of what is to come. We are never disappointed with what God offers. Each year we get to celebrate again the possibilities. So my wish for all of us is to be excited as Grace about the possibilities and the promises of Christ's birth.

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
Mary Laidlaw*

Faith Formation

Advent Book Study

What does Celebrating Abundance mean to you in Advent and Christmas? I have a feeling has a different idea of what this phrase means.



We will meet

Thursday mornings to discuss the devotions in the book and the ideas therein:

Dec 7, 14, and 21. 9:30am - 11am.

Rev. Jenni has books available in paper and there are Kindle editions you may get –online.

Pageant Sunday

Sunday, December 10

Anyone, of any age, who wishes to participate on that day Sunday, Dec 10 will be invited to be part of it -- you don't even have to come to rehearsal!



There WILL, however, be one rehearsal for the children and some adults' lead-parts on Saturday, December 9 from 10am to 12:30pm.

There will be a pizza lunch after rehearsal. **We will need volunteer help to prepare the costumes and organize the pizza lunch -- this is a great opportunity for anyone to help with the children.** Please contact Diana Brushey at diana.brushey@kitchissippiuc.com or Laurie Joe if you can help out that morning, or if you can help in advance preparing costumes.



Kitchissippi EcoChristianity

EcoChristianity Circle is busy planning activities for the new year. Stay tuned for more information to come!

Music Program

Sunday, December 17: The Wondrous Story, Christmas Cantata – 10am

Tuesday, December 19: Contemplative Service Holden Evening Prayer – 7pm

For the *Contemplative service on December 19th*, the choir will be singing a vespers service called Holden Evening Prayer. This work was composed by recording artist and liturgical composer Marty Haugen while he was a musician-in-residence at Holden Village, a Lutheran retreat in Washington state. As Marty composed these 8 vesper worship pieces, each piece was 'prayed, sung and shared' with the Holden community he was a part of.

This tranquil and beautiful meditative music includes spoken prayers, chants, solo and choral singing. Holden Evening Prayer celebrates God as our Light and salvation, God as the light in darkness, and God as the light in our hearts, and includes readings and compositions based on Psalm 141, the Annunciation and the Magnificat. We invite you all, in the midst of all the busyness of this season, to set aside the time to come and enter into this special vespers time.

Sunday, December 24: (morning service) – 10am Christmas piano duet featuring Julia Gordon and mystery musical guest.

Wednesday, December 6

Ladies' Pot Luck Dinner

All women in the church are invited to attend starting at 6pm-in the hall. Dinner at 6:30 pm

Sunday, December 10

Christmas Luncheon

Folks whose family name starts with M-Z are asked to bring cut sandwiches A-L are asked to bring squares, cookies and or fruit (please cut). Nut free please and gluten free and egg free donations are also most welcome.



Pastoral Care

**Sunday, December 10
Flowers for Pastoral Care Circle**

The Pastoral Care Circle continues to visit with friends and members in need of support and fellowship. On Sunday, December 10 we will be bringing Christmas plants to our members who cannot get out to church and we need your help in delivering these plants. At coffee hour, you can find the names of the intended recipients attached to the plants.



If you could deliver one or two plants to someone you know or someone who lives near you, that would be appreciated. With your help we will bring joy to the hearts of our church family members. Please speak with Marion Reid, Donna Kricorissian, Irene Bond or Rev. Jenni after church if you have any questions.

Outreach

The Mitten Tree: Sunday Dec 3 and Dec 10

We are collecting mittens for needy schoolchildren, no toys thanks. Please bring mittens, hats or neck warmers to decorate the tree and we will distribute them before Christmas.

White Gift Project: Sunday Dec 3 and Dec 10

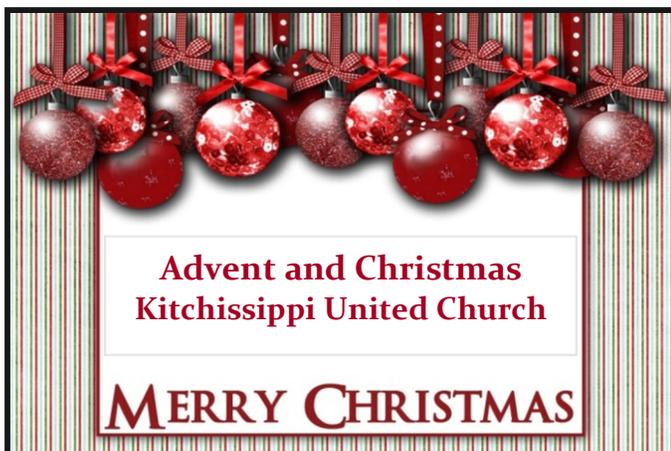
Outreach Circle will use donations in specially marked White Gift Envelopes to purchase small gifts (toiletries, etc.) for Kimberlane-Alexander House and Hampton Lodge, residential care homes for about 120 adults with psychiatric disabilities. We will deliver a large box to each residence the week before Christmas.

Hamper Project (Gifts + hampers for needy families): We are filling hampers for about 15 families in need. Family members' first names will be on the bulletin board in the hall by late November.

GIFTS – KUC members who wish to participate in this project are asked to pick up a tag early December, purchase a gift and bring it to church, wrapped and labeled, **on Sunday, Dec 17**. We suggest that the maximum value of this gift should be \$20-25.

HAMPERS – We buy groceries from the KUC Outreach budget, volunteers pack gifts + groceries in the hall at **9:00am, Friday, December 22** and then deliver hampers right after. Volunteer packers and drivers needed!

POSTCARD INVITATIONS! You will find these postcards at church- please feel free to take some with you in Sunday and invite a friend or neighbour to Kitchissippi's Advent and Christmas services.



EVENTS & SERVICES	
December 3	ADVENT 1/ COMMUNION/ WHITE GIFT 10 am
December 10	ADVENT 2/ PAGEANT/ WHITE GIFT 10 am
December 17	ADVENT 3/ CHRISTMAS CANTATA 10 am
December 19	CONTEMPLATIVE CHORAL SERVICE 7 pm
December 24	ADVENT 4/ BAPTISM 10 am

December		
Fri 1	5:00pm	Minister's Meal and Movie in the Hall
Sun 3	10:00am	Advent 1/ Communion / Healing Pathway offered Mitten Tree / White Gift / Bake Sale
Tues 5	6:45 pm	Council meeting and Pot Luck at Rev. Jenni's
Wed 6	6:00pm	Ladies Potluck Dinner in the Hall - All women in the church are invited join in
Thurs 7	9:30am	Advent Book Study in the Boardroom
Sun 10	10:00am	Advent 2/ / Pageant/ Luncheon after worship Flowers for Pastoral Care/ Mitten Tree / White Gift
Thurs 14	9:30am	Advent Book Study in the Boardroom
Sun 17	10:00am	Advent 3/ The Wondrous Story, Christmas Cantata
Tues 19	8:30am 7:00pm	Men's Breakfast in the Hall Contemplative Choral Service in the Sanctuary, Holden Evening Prayer
Thurs 21	9:30am	Advent Book Study in the Boardroom
Fri 22	9:00am	Hamper Packing in the Hall
Sun 24	10:00am 7:00pm	Christmas Eve Service/ Baptism Christmas Eve Candlelight service/ Lessons and Carols
Sun 31	10:00am	First after Christmas/ New Year's Eve
January		
Tues 2	7:00pm	UCW evening group meeting in the Parlour
Wed 3	9:30am	Afternoon group meeting in the Parlour
Sun 7	10:00am	Epiphany Sunday
Sun 14	10:00am	2nd after Epiphany
Tues 19	8:30am	Men's Breakfast in the Hall
Sun 21	10:00am	3rd after Epiphany

On Going in 2018

- **Choir Practice** every Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Food Bank Sunday** (first Sunday of the month is Food Bank Sunday - Donations of your non-perishable good and toiletries go to the Parkdale Food Center)
- **UCW-** Evening group (first Tuesday of month at 7pm in the parlour)
Afternoon group- (first Wednesday of the at 1pm month in the parlour)
- **Men's Breakfast** (third Tuesday of the month)

Worshiplude Weekend – February 2 to 4, 2018
Annual General Meeting – Sunday, February, 25 2018

