



Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday Worship
10:00 am

Office Hours
Monday through Friday
9:30 am – 4:00 pm

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Minister's Message...

It is difficult to believe that Advent is upon us! As I write this, it is raining, though the weather people say snow is on its way.

This year we will be using four words to describe our Advent experience: Faith, Compassion, Trust and Hope.

During the Advent and Christmas season we see so much generosity and goodwill among people, families, communities and nations. The Creative Worship group wondered together what our world would be like if we all behaved this way the other 11 months of the year. What do you think?

Experts say that when you surround yourself with positive, generous people, you in turn, will become more generous and positive as well.

Our faith in God, made incarnate (flesh) in Jesus, calls us back to the time of Jesus' birth. God wanted connection with humanity - a loving relationship. Being in touch with humanity meant God, in Jesus, would show us how to be loving, generous and compassionate people. Being in relationship with God compels us to live differently - to have compassion for others and to act on those cares and concerns, to love others as God loves us and them, to seek out right relations with family, friends and neighbours and indeed "our enemies" is the gospel message. This is the message we remember every Christmas: God so loved the world that God sent Jesus to teach us how to love, how to heal, how to be compassionate and include the least of these. In faith, let us live out that gospel message all year long!

Wishing you a very blessed Advent and Christmas!

*Advent and Christmas blessings,
Rev. Jenni*



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The church office will be closed Tuesday, December 24, through and including Friday, January 3, 2020.

Chair of Council Message..

It seems incredible that November is upon us again. In reflecting on 2019, I am struck by how busy the year has been and how all of you at Kitchissippi have worked together to make a difference in so many ways.

Christmas is a particular time of celebration and of reflection. In this often frenetic world it is a time to pause and celebrate the birth, meaning and wonderment of Jesus. With that in mind it is also a time to look back and forward - with gratitude for the year passed, and hope and enthusiasm for the year ahead.

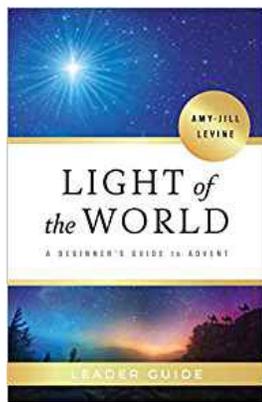
Speaking personally, Peg and I have much to be grateful for this year. Our family continues to thrive, and we are looking forward to the birth of our first grandchild, due in late November. There is something about the birth of a baby which reminds us of new life, new hope, a new beginning. The birth of the Christ child brings us the hope, love, peace and joy which pass human understanding. May these blessings of Christmas time remain with you and yours every day, all year long.

My very best wishes for a blessed Christmas surrounded by family and friends, and a joyous new year with much peace and happiness.

Ian MacGregor

Learning Opportunities

Advent Book Study
 "LIGHT of the WORLD"
 by Amy Jill Levine will be held very Monday at 1pm until December 2, 99 and 16) in the KUC Boardroom. Books are available through Rev. Jenni or the church office.



**The (regular) Book Study will resume after January 6th 2020 in the KUC Boardroom
 All welcome!**

Music Program

Christmas Choral Evensong

KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH CHOIR
 GAVAN QUINN, MUSIC DIRECTOR
 REV. JENNI LESLIE, MINISTER
 FEATURING TRADITIONAL CAROLS AND CHRISTMAS CHORAL MUSIC BY DONALD PATRIQUIN



TUESDAY DECEMBER 17, 2019 at 7 PM

Kitchissippi United Church 630 Island Park Dr. Ottawa
 Free Admission/Reception Information (613) 722-7254

**Sunday School
Pageant Sunday - Sunday, December 15**

Anyone, of any age, who wishes to participate on that day Sunday. Dec 15 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 14 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 Charlie Scromeda or Laurie Joe if you can help out that morning, or if you can help in advance preparing costumes.

DECEMBER GREETER/USHER LIST

Team 1	Jane Christie, Richard Christie, Marilyn Sierolaski, Helen Witkowski	DEC 29
Team 2	Nancy Brodie, Janet Balcome, Norah Patriquin, Doug Brooks	Dec 1
Team 3	Mike Jones, Marion Reid, Frank Chapman, Gweneth Gowanlock	Dec 8
Team 4	Jane Craig, Scott MacCrimmon, Alayne Current, Barbara Nunn	Dec 15
Team 5	Bruce Chapman, Mary Laidlaw, Anne Fraser	Dec 22

**Ladies' Pot Luck
Dinner
Wednesday,
December 4**



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

UCW meeting meetings with continue to rotate from Wed after noon's (first Wed of the month at 1PM) to Tuesday evenings (first Tuesday of the month) at 7PM in the Parlour.

The first meeting in 2020 is Wednesday, JAN 8 at 1PM in the kitchen. Look for the upcoming 2020 dates in the calendar of events! All Ladies are welcome!

**Sunday, December 15
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 15 (after worship)
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 15 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, Brenda Harcourt, Donna Horner or Rev. Jenni if you have any questions.

Kitchissippi's Christmas Outreach

Outreach/Refugee Circle and Friends have been busy this fall helping our Ugandan friends Ivan and Kevin complete programs and find jobs, as well as ensure they're ready to enjoy their first Canadian winter (getting outside, wearing layers, etc.) Many KUC folks have made a huge difference in helping both settle in. Thank you!

Our refugee support budget is being drawn on significantly and we welcome tax-receiptable donations to Kitchissippi United Church Refugee Fund. We're planning at least one key fundraiser in 2020 to help Ivan and Kevin repay their travel loans. We also await word on next approval steps for the Burundian refugee family of 4 now in Rwanda. Our sponsorship documents were approved; now we're keeping fingers crossed for the family's approval. We will need and welcome KUC and community support when they come, possibly in 2020.

Our special Advent outreach will again focus on 3 projects supported for many years: the Mitten Tree; "White Gifts" for residents of 2 care facilities; and our major effort, Hampers, for needy families largely in the Carlington Community. Consider donating to the Refugee Fund through KUS Canada Helps- <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/Kitchissippi-United-Church/campaign/refugee-fund/>

If you can, please consider support for 1 of this project:

-- CHRISTMAS OUTREACH ACTIVITIES --

THE MITTEN TREE: SUNDAY DEC 1 AND DEC 8

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 1 AND DEC 8

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. We pick up groceries at Carlingwood Loblaws at 8:00am, pack hampers at 9:00am then deliver them. Lots of volunteers needed to pack and deliver! Please use the sign-up sheet

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 15.** 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, Saturday, December 21** and then deliver hampers right after. Volunteer packers and drivers needed!



Faith Formation	
Affirm Circle	Right Relations
<p>The Affirm Circle has been meeting regularly to discuss KUC’s progress in the Affirming process, and in particular to develop an inclusive Celebration Policy. In the spring, Affirm hosted an educational event for "PIE day" — a national event that encourages United churches to eat pie and learn about being "Public Intentional Explicit" about their support of LGBTQ2S+ individuals. Last Sunday, November 24th, Affirm hosted a “Trans 101” to teach vocabulary and answer questions about being transgender. We were graciously joined by Ruth and Anne Wood, who preached on Ruth's transition.</p>	<p>Kitchissippi has been learning about Right Relations by taking part in Project of Heart, an intergenerational learning journey on Indian Residential Schools. As part of this project, we learned about the history of residential schools in Canada and Irene Barbeau, a residential school survivor, spoke to the congregation about her experiences. The project also involved a letter-writing campaign in support of children on reserves, a group research dinner about specific residential schools, and the creation of artistic tiles to commemorate both victims and survivors of the schools</p>
Eco Christianity	Sunday School and KUC Youth
<p>The Eco Christianity Circle has had a busy and exciting year! In the spring, they hosted an energy workshop with Faith & the Common Good, an interfaith network of faith communities that care for the earth. Faith & the Common Good also provided several native pollinator plants that the Eco Christianity circle planted in the Alcove Garden. In August, Kitchissippi took our worship outside for a "Forest Church" in Hampton Park. Currently, the Eco Christianity Circle is preparing for a project to survey the plastic use of businesses on Wellington St West.</p> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; margin-top: 20px;">  <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 10px; background-color: #f9f9f9;"> <p>The Eco Christianity Circle is busy planning activities for the new year. Stay tuned for more information to come!</p> </div> </div>	<p>This fall, the Sunday School has been studying A New Creed, the United Church's affirmation of faith. Sunday School students shared their thoughts about the Creed at Kitchissippi's last Learning Sunday, in which the whole congregation had a chance to reflect on the first half of the Creed. The students will continue to learn about the second half of the Creed in the new year, and the congregation will be invited to contemplate it together during a service later this winter. First up, though, you'll see our children act in our annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 15th!</p> <p>Kitchissippi's youth attended a gathering with the youth group from Concord, NH, which KUC hosted this spring. Together, we learned about Indigenous history in Canada, and heard from two amazing speakers, Kyrstin and Lise, about their experiences as Indigenous women. We are planning an outdoor youth gathering for this winter alongside Trinity and First United – more information to come!</p>



CHRISTMAS AT KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH
December 1 ADVENT 1 (FAITH) COMMUNION/BAKE SALE
December 8 ADVENT 2 (COMPASSION)
December 15 ADVENT 3 (TRUST) PAGEANT/LUNCHEON
December 17 CHRISTMAS CHORAL EVENSONG 7pm
December 22 ADVENT 4 (HOPE)/ LESSONS AND CAROLS
December 24 CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Kitchissippi United Church Calendar

DECEMBER 2019

Sun 1	10:00am	Advent 1 - (FAITH) Communion/ Healing Pathway/ UCW Bake Sale after service/ Mitten Tree/ White Gift
Mon 2	1:00 pm	Book Study (Boardroom)
Wed 4	6:00pm	KUC Ladies Dinner - All Ladies of Kitchissippi Welcome (Hall)
Fri 6	7:00pm	KUC Council Meeting – Rev. Jenni’s
Sun 8	10:00am	Advent 2 – (COMPASSION) Carol Sing / Mitten Tree/ White Gift/ Poetry
Mon 9	1:00 pm 6:30pm	Advent Book Study (Boardroom) Investment Club (Boardroom)
Tues 10	3:30pm	Men’s Book Club (Parlour)
Sat 14	10:00am	Pageant Rehearsal and Pizza lunch (Sanctuary and Hall)
Sun 15	10:00am	Advent 3– (TRUST) Pageant / Luncheon after the service / Flowers for Pastoral Care
Mon 16	1:00pm	Advent Book Study (Boardroom)
Tues 17	8:30am	Men’s Breakfast (Hall)
Tues 17	7:00pm	Evensong Choral Christmas Service
Sat 21	8:00 am	Christmas Hamper Packing (Hall)
Sun 22	10:00am	Advent 4 – (HOPE) Lessons and Carols
Tues 24	7:00 am	Christmas Eve Candle Light Service
Sun 29	10:00am	1st after Christmas Lay led Service

JANUARY 2020

Sun 5	10:00am	Epiphany Sunday
Mon 6	1:00 pm	Book Study (Boardroom)
Wed 8	1:00pm	UCW January gathering (Parlour or Kitchen)
Sun 12	10:00am	1 st after Epiphany
Mon 13	1:00 pm 6:30pm	Book Study (Boardroom) Investment Club (Boardroom)
Tues	3:30pm	Men’s Book Club (Parlour)
Sun 19	10:00am	2 nd after Epiphany
Mon 20	1:00 pm	Book Study (Boardroom)
Tues 21	8:30am	Men’s Breakfast (Hall)
Sun 26	10:00am	3 rd after Epiphany

ON GOING IN 2020

- **Choir Practice** every Thursday at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Book Study** every Monday at 1:00pm in the Boardroom
- **Food Bank Sunday** first Sunday of the month is Food Bank Sunday
- **UCW-** Now a monthly rotation of Afternoon and Evenings
Evenings (first Tuesday of month at 7pm in the parlour)
Afternoons (first Wednesday of the at 1pm month in the Parlour)
- **Men’s Breakfast** (third Tuesday of the month in the Hall)
- **Men’s Book Club** (first Tuesday of the month at 3:30pm in the Parlour)
- **Investment Club-** Dates to TBA
- **Worshiplude Weekend** – Youth Guests at KUC – January 31-Feb 2, 2020

