

This morning, I'm typing faster. So super fast, you would think the keyboard was on fire! Just kidding, it's not really my typing that is fast, it's my new computer that is fast! I'm so grateful to Kitchissippi for providing a very fast and new computer for me to do my work from home, lead Zoom sessions, and generally read and research faster online! It cannot be overstated how much faster this laptop is, compared to my personal 8-year-old laptop. Very fast! Thank you, Kitchissippi - this makes a huge difference in my life!

I have a few items to share with you.

Thank you, Sylvia, for passing along this information about a virtual learning event with the author of How to be an Antiracist:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ibram-x-kendi-on-how-to-be-an-antiracist-tickets-110866502694>

STUMP THE PREACHER THIS SUMMER!

Do you want to try to stump the preacher? Is there a scripture passage you have always wondered about? A Bible story that you would like explained? Over the summer you can "stump the preacher". Submit a passage and Jenni, Elizabeth or Steve will make it the subject of a Sunday sermon in the summer months. We look forward to your submissions! (jleslie@kitchissippiuc.com)

Tuesday:

Broadview Reading Club 1 - 3pm each week

We discuss a new article each week, usually from the current issue. Often I'm able to post the article, so that you can read it online if you don't have a subscription. This week, we will be reading two articles from the July/August issue - pages 14 and 16. You can also find them here: <https://broadview.org/solo-prayer-covid-19/> and the second one "Real Talk with Shad" on page 16 isn't available online. Sorry!

Please join us!

Zoom info here:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/433401767>

Thursday:

Familiar Voices from Diana and Gavan and the choir

Coffee Time! (BYO) We gather from 10-11:30 am for conversation and sharing.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8925057455>

Sundays

10am - rideaupark.ca

I will be livestreaming with my friends at Rideau Park into the future. All three of us will be taking holidays, and I will post those when they are all finalized. But, each week, at least one of us will 'broadcast' from the sanctuary at Rideau Park.

I hope you enjoy the rest of this beautiful summer day, in which I am grateful for food that grows in my garden, for healthy folks around me and for the innumerable blessings God gives.

I'll leave you with these fine, thoughtful words from Bruce Epperley:

Once Again, Gratitude (6/29)

We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks, your name is near. (Psalm 75:1)

“Your name is near.” Gratitude comes from being aware of the Giver and the gifts. Gratitude comes from recognizing our many blessings, most of which are the result of the grace of interdependence, most of which we have not earned or created. Gratitude, the Psalmist believes, comes from keeping God’s name near, that is always at the edge of your consciousness, at the periphery of your vision.

For the Psalmist to invoke God’s name gives us comfort, courage, and power. Invoking God’s name reminds us of our need for God and inspires us to share our bounty with others. You can place God’s name nearby stopping to pray regularly throughout the day. The apostle Paul counsels, “pray without ceasing.” Turning and returning to God throughout the day, keeping open to God’s presence throughout the day.

In praying without ceasing, invoking the name of God, we discover that we have everything we need to respond to today’s challenges. In being thankful, we enhance our connection with God and discover we are never alone.

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Help me to pray without ceasing, O God. Let me awaken to wisdom sufficient for each day. In gratitude, let me discover that I am never alone. Amen.

Peace and blessings to you all,

Jenni