

APRIL 16, 2021



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 18, 2021
Earth Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVESTREAM - 10AM

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MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good day, folks,

How is everyone doing? How are you coping with the stay-at-home order? There is more news coming today, but I'm writing this prior.

As you have likely already read, I will be going on Sabbatical starting on **May 3rd**. I will return in September, well read and well rested. In my place, the Rev. Dianne Cardin will be with you - leading worship with Revs Elizabeth and Steve and doing pastoral care.

My sabbatical was meant to happen last May through August, but I deferred it to this year. Last year, I had planned to take my family to Europe and had hoped I might be able to this year, but alas, that is not to be and we will get there some year. This time around, I plan to attend a few webinar series and read, rest and contemplate. I also hope to paint some rooms in my house, plant some vegetables and tend my flower garden. We will go to a cottage (hopefully it will be safe by the end of July) for a couple of weeks, and if we are really lucky, visit my mom in Port Dover, Ontario. Otherwise, we will stay home and be safe.

I have noticed that some of us are continuing to set their sights low for what is exciting to do and what makes our days enjoyable. Baking cupcakes, walking streets you haven't walked before and trying out new recipes and Netflix series continues to be de rigueur with some of us. Have you started your family tree? Started a blog, a video diary? Have you started a new exercise routine? I haven't. But good on you if you've had the mental bandwidth to accomplish these things! I hope you will also be gentle on yourself. Living in these extraordinary times calls out our strength and endurance on the daily: renewed by good sleep, nutrition, time in Creation and a relationship with God who renews and gives wisdom, grace and insight. May it be so for all of us!

This coming week, I look forward to our last Trivia Night of the Spring season. We will bring it back somehow in September, not sure if it will be in person or continue on Zoom. Coming in September, we will be studying the book "Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life" by Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat. You can read about it here: <https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/book-reviews/view/1109/spiritual-literacy> This book and the attached picture will inform our worship and themes throughout the year. I think it will enrich our personal and collective faith and help build community. I hope you will take some time to engage with it!

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Here is what the ahead looks like:

Sunday - rideaupark.ca - livestream worship at 10am

Tuesday - Broadview Reading Group - 1pm. Everyone is welcome. We are reading pages 54 and 20 from the April/May edition. Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89093844185> Time with Ivan will be afterwards for 30 minutes. (Ivan is fulfilling his practicum work for his diploma in Recreation and Leisure at Algonquin College.)

Wednesday - Kitchissippi Council meets at 7pm. There are elected members of Council, but anyone can join the meeting and hear what is new and happening. Contact Chair of Council, Ian McGregor or me for the zoom link.

Thursday - Coffee Time at 2:15 pm followed by time with Ivan. Bring your own coffee/tea, stay for a chat and update on how folks are doing.

(next) Friday - Trivia Night at 7pm. A fun night to hang out and try to answer Canadian Trivia. We also tell stories related to the people and places mentioned in the trivia! Everyone is welcome! Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/82250633588>

May you all have a lovely weekend of home time,
Blessings,
Jenni

p.s. Please reach out to family, friends or professionals (including me!) if you are struggling? You are not alone!



KUC SPRING FLING - POSTONED

KUC Spring Fling - Spring Fling - postponed but not cancelled!

In light of our new Covid locked down, the event initially scheduled for May 1 is postponed until a later date to be determined. Stay safe.

We will clean the gardens, take down some trees, have some outreach activities (food cards, sun hats), enjoy some Mother Day cupcakes and lemonade, share our Covid experiences/ learnings, pick up some seedlings, swap plants. Play some games. The list is endless. Celebrate the year gone by and anticipate the year ahead. It will be our opportunity to wish Jenni well for her upcoming sabbatical.



More details to come! If you want to help with any of the activities above please contact **Mary L** at 613-829-0274 or email laidlawb@rogers.com

FAITH FORMATION - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Please join us to make "beavertails" with Jennifer Reid, by zoom. This Saturday at 10:30 am. All welcome! I'm sure these will be wholly (holy) delicious, for a nice brunch item.

This is the recipe we will be using so you know what you will knead. (groan) It recommends Rapid-Rise yeast (groan -- too late for Holy Humour?)

<https://www.fleischmannseyeast.com/recipe/master-pizza-dough/>

Here is the zoom link:

Baking "Beavertails!"

Time: Apr 17, 2021 10:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83881678867?pwd=VWJHVEppUVg5WVBzN3Z6LzVoTmoyUT09>

Meeting ID: 838 8167 8867

Passcode: HelsRisen

WIDER CHURCH

Ottawa's annual Fibre Fling 2021

Art Show and Sale is back!

From **April 23rd to May 15th** to be dazzled by the beautiful textile and mixed media works created by Ottawa's own 'Out of the Box' artists....virtual event.

Go to www.fibre-fling.ca for more information!

RISK FAITH - DARING HOPE - AN INVITATION

All United Church leaders and members are invited to register for the upcoming Town Halls hosted by Moderator Richard Bott. The Moderator and the Strategic Planning Project Team are gathering input to map a common mission and vision for the church from 2022 to 2024. The pandemic, the governance restructuring, and changing demographics continue to reshape the church. What should our direction be for the next few years as Christians in the 21st century?

Add your input- churchs-strategic-direction: GO TO <https://generalcouncil43.ca/council/strategic-planning-process-2021>

Earth Day: A Call to Care for the Planet

<https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/earth-day-call-care-planet>

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