

APRIL 9, 2021



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 11, 2021
Holy Humour Sunday

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVESTREAM - 10AM

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MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good Friday to you!

Well! Today is a new day and the news is not good: very high cases for Ontario. This new stay-at-home order feels familiar, and I don't know about you, but it doesn't change the way life has been going very much. We didn't go out a lot anyway. I was asking folks on coffee time if they would be taking up any new hobbies or going back to familiar ones. Puzzles, baking were the old and new favourites. I actually feel like it's going to be ok as the weather is so wonderful. The kids and I have our bikes tuned up, I will leave the garden work for now so that whatever is still sleeping/living in my leaves and mulch continues, but I will observe the tulip and perennial growth. Many of you have walking buddies/groups and I've thought 'what a great idea!'. So when a friend asked if I wanted to start walking regularly, it was easy to say yes. Now, we will walk together with masks on, and of course, Roxy is thrilled! What new or old hobbies or pastimes will you use this time around? Anyone reading anything good these days? I just finished *The Pull of the Stars* by Emma Donoghue, which is about the Spanish Flu pandemic in 1918 Ireland. Very good book. Has anyone read *Love in a time of Cholera*? I think I'd like to read that next, though my holds at the library are stacking up.

Last week, Ottawa announced that it would vaccinate Faith Leaders and I eagerly registered (thank you to all who forwarded the information!) AND I was vaccinated on Wednesday! What a relief it has been! I am glad to be (half) vaccinated, and look forward to a time when we can all gather together again! It does feel like we are one step closer each time I hear about one of you being vaccinated - so please, keep that good news coming! AND, if you'd like to broadcast it, I will gladly start a list!!

In accordance with the stay at home orders, you will see that Revs Elizabeth, Steve and I are recording from home for the duration. We know that some of our folks like this and some don't, but I think we all agree that keeping everyone healthy, including our music professionals is top of mind.

On a lighter note, this Sunday is Holy Humour Sunday! I look forward to hearing all the jokes folks have sent in! On an even lighter note, I think I planted upwards of 50 tulip bulbs in one of my raised garden beds and I

think the squirrels stole all of them! Tulip smorgasbord!
photographic evidence, but please, do not hold your breath!



If any come up, I'll be sure to take

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May you have a good weekend - do what makes your spirit light, reach out to friends, cook healthy meals (or order healthy take out), read a good book in the sunshine, breath the fresh air - I thank God for each and every one of you: you are God's beloved and a valuable member of this Community of Faith!

If you like meditation, Ivan shared this one as part of this week's practicum - I love the mantra "I chose to let go": <https://youtu.be/d4S4twjeWTs> What do you need to let go of?

I've signed up to learn through this series of webinars and it is open to everyone: <https://www.interculturalleadership.ca/programs/conversation-circles> Join me!

Blessings, one and all,
Jenni

Next week:

Tuesday - Broadview Reading club at 1 pm. April edition, reading pages 34 and 64. All welcome! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

3 - 3:30 pm - Join for a time with Ivan. Part of Ivan's practicum is a hands-on experience, made possible through Zoom!

Wednesday - KUC Trustees meet at 7pm

Thursday - Coffee Time at 2:15 pm. Bring your own beverage and visit with folks who show up! Time with Ivan at 345pm. Zoom link here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8925057455>

Friday evening - there is a Dementia talk, but I don't have the information yet - will send along when I have it!

MESSAGE FROM M&P

Rev Jenni will be on sabbatical for the months of May – August 2021. We are very fortunate that Rev. Dianne Cardin has agreed to cover the sabbatical period for us. We plan to continue our relationship with Rideau Park UC including the live-streaming of Sunday morning worship services.

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

Here is the most recent newsletter for Kitchissippi UC Families:

<https://mailchi.mp/7411ea3ec62b/easter-updates-kuc>

We recently sent out mindfulness kits for families with kids & teens. Many of the online links and resources are also useful for adults!

If you would like to see the printed resources, you can view a copy here: <http://bit.ly/KUC-Mindful-Breathing-Package>

And this is a set of online links and resources we recommend:

<https://linktr.ee/KUCJustBreathe>



THIS SUNDAY

Here is the link for this week's Sunday school zoom:

Topic: Holy Humour Sunday Zoom

Time: Apr 11, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87512307217?pwd=VFdvcmVpaml3cXBKVlB1YkhyUVhaZz09>

We'll be learning about some silly facts about creation and about the silly things different animals do. These gatherings are in partnership with Country Fun Nature Camp so send an email to countryfunnaturecamp@gmail.com to register and then you will be provided with the zoom details.

Meeting ID: 875 1230 7217

Passcode: Laugh

Thank you to Jennifer Reid for leading two baking sessions.

We loved our hot cross buns! We will hold another baking session this week during Spring Break to make beavertails.



It's planned for Wednesday morning but we would like to know if this time works for families or if afternoon or evening are preferred. Please email Diana at diana.brushey@kitchissippiuc.com.

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!

HAPPENING NEXT WEEK

BROADVIEW (ON-LINE) BOOK CLUB

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>



DATES: **Monday April 12th, Tuesday April 20th, Tuesday April 8th

COFFEE TIME at 2:15 pm. Thursdays - Bring your own beverage and visit with folks who show up!
Zoom link here: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8925057455>

ZOOM with Ivan Thursdays at 3:45 pm til 4:15 pm - After coffee Time- please join Ivan for some gentle exercise on Zoom - please use the same link as the Coffee Time link above to participate.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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