

JUNE 11, 2021



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, June 13, 2021
3rd after Pentecost

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVESTREAM - 10AM
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A MESSAGE FROM REV. DIANNE CARDIN



Dear friends

This week I find myself reflecting on Jim Cotter's paraphrase of The Lord's Prayer found in Voices United on page 916. The words "*For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen*", are haunting, at least they are to me.

The power that is love! Was there ever a time when we needed the power of love more? We could not integrate the truth of the remains of the children found in an unmarked mass grave at the residential school in Kamloops, B.C. into our thinking when we were confronted with the deliberate killing of the three generation family of Muslims in London, Ontario; a grandmother, a daughter and her husband, and their daughter as well as a surviving 9 year old son who remains in hospital – without immediate family. The horror and the hate are incomprehensible! But they are a reality.

Where do we as individuals, as church, community and country go from here? I do not want to hear another time, "ENOUGH!" That is tired, old and empty! We are way past enough! At least we have had more than enough of hate. What we do not have enough of is love, compassion, kindness, justice, and solidarity. Some of our actions will be symbolic such as the heart garden that is being created. Some will be compassion and kindness such as the school supplies and shoes being given to Minwaashin Lodge. Some will be seeking justice with letters to our MPs, MLAs or City Counsellors. Some will be attending vigils or visiting mosques or neighbours who are hurting. All things when done from the heart, when offered with sincerity are done with love. In all faith traditions, particularly Jewish, Christian and Islamic, we believe that love is stronger than hate. Praise God! I have heard many Muslim people say this week, they will not let hate control them. They believe love is stronger than hate and they will live it. Those are powerful words and actions, given the week!

One of the perpetrators of hate and indoctrination is social media. Young men and women are inspired, groomed and recruited on the internet to commit acts of violence. Now is the time for us to make a difference for good. It is a complicated issue and I do not begin to understand all the implications and ramifications. But I do think challenging our elected politicians to take a decision before the parliament shuts down for the summer and likely fall election could go a long way to save lives. *Let us be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. James 1:22*, an old Explorer motto.

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REOPENING KITCHISSIPPI UC – JUNE 2021

The Reopening Circle is feeling optimistic that Kitchissippi's people will soon be able to gather in person this summer.

Having moved into Step One of the Province's reopening plan we can meet outside, in groups up to ten. We will still require that congregants wear masks and socially distance. Our first get together will be on **June 19**.

Small group gatherings, no larger than 10, can meet outside the church. Masking and social distancing measures will still be required.

One outdoor Sunday Worship service will be offered in July and another in August. More details to follow from the Worship circle. People who are unable to attend can still tune into our joint live streamed services with Rideau Park United.

We plan to open the sanctuary for our first Sunday service on September 12. In order to attend, one needs to have had both vaccinations with dose two having been given prior to August 29. Through an abundance of caution, we will still ask people to wear a mask and seating will be distanced.

Discussions are ongoing about allowing A.A to resume meetings in the September. As always, these are plans, and may be subject to change if the COVID variants catches on and case counts move up again.

Let us continue to pray for those who grieve the loss of loved ones, giving thanks that the Kitchissippi congregation has been left pretty much unscathed. Hallelujah!

Denise Bonomo (Chair KUC Reopening committee)



KUC GARDEN – We have a few free Hosta and Iris's

There are plants potted up, in the KUC Alcove until Monday, if anyone wants to pick them up before Monday. Please do not take the plants that are in the garden 😊



VIDEO OF HOPE - Below is a link to a short (2 min) musical photo montage of photos taken by Sian Griffith at the ROH in May and some recent photos from the KUC gardens - thank you to Sian for the pics and to Denise and Mary for looking after the gardens. More pictures to come when the gardens are in full bloom. Music by David Eman & Trevor DeMaere - *A Hero Within Us*.

<http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/jennis-blog/familiar-voices/>

UPCOMING EVENT AT KITCHISSIPPI UC – JUNE 2021

JUNE 19 “ALL OUR RELATIONS” OUTDOOR EVENT AT KITCHISSIPPI CHURCH FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. (Rain or Shine)

What is happening?

Drive thru/walk thru – You are invited to come to the church with their donations for Minwaashin Lodge and/or hearts for our heart garden in memory of the 215 children (see below for more information). You can either remain in your car and volunteers will take donations and/or plant your hearts. You will also have the option of leaving your car and planting your own hearts in the garden. You will be invited to walk around the church and look at all the changes to the Alcove Garden as well as just enjoy the grounds. If you are walking, you will be asked to wear a mask and keep a safe distance from others. Given the limited re-opening protocols a 10 people max per group will be respected.

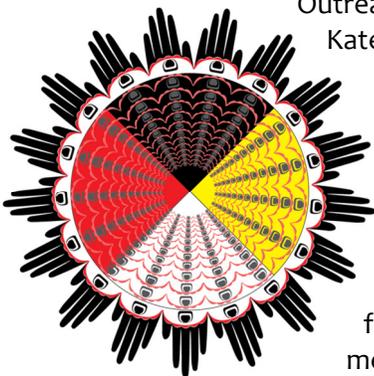


Minwaashin Lodge – KUC is collecting backpacks and school supplies for indigenous children and youth supported by Minwaashin Lodge. See more details below.

Garden of Hearts – In support of our aboriginal communities, we will be creating hearts. Hearts to go in the back packs for the Minwaashin lodge, hearts for our church garden and hearts for our own gardens. We will be creating our own garden of hearts. For more information on your heart creation see below.

Volunteers - *If you would like to help on June 19, please contact Mary Laidlaw at 613-829-0274 or at laidlawb@rogers.com*

Minwaashin Lodge: For the past few years, KUC has provided backpacks, school supplies and other materials to the children who are supported by Minwaashin Lodge in Ottawa. Minwaashin is an organization working with Indigenous women and their families. Minwaashin provides educational, social and cultural and other supports. Since March 2020 when the COVID restrictions first began, it has helped hundreds of families by providing virtual contact to maintain cultural, community and social supports.



Outreach recently learned more about how we might help Minwaashin families from Kate Holden. You may remember her from her work with our church's Worship services as well as the Faith Formation and the Affirmative Ministry sub-circles. Kate is a member of the financial team at Minwaashin but recounts how her daily work demands and those of her colleagues has had to change to keep up with the new and increased needs of their client families since March 2020 when the global pandemic started. The staff have provided virtual supports (cultural, community and social) and also have helped with food, groceries and basic necessities by porch deliveries. Regular contact with families isolated at home during the Stay-at-home regulations has helped as the mental and physical health of families, including children has been

impacted. Volunteers are not able to safely come in person to the site (similar to the situation at our church as well) so that has been a huge loss of 'in-kind' help from volunteers (many of whom are former recipients of help from Minwaashin). Social contact has dropped dramatically, face to face visits cannot occur for the time being.

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On June 19, 2021, we will be collecting back packs and school supplies for primary and high school age students filled with school supplies for the Minwaashin families. You've seen the list (see below) but if it's hard to shop in person or online, we can do it for you!

Donations to KUC can be made by cheque ("Outreach School Supplies" on memo line) OR e-transfer to Kitchissippi UC as payee using this email address: donations@kitchissippiuc.com. Financial donations will be accepted throughout June and July 2021.

Please help make a difference in the lives of many children and their families.

Meegwetch. Thank you.

From Kate and the Outreach Circle at KUC.

SEE LIST OF NEEDED SUPPLIES BELOW

Minwaashin Lodge School Supplies Needed

Kindergarten to Grade 3	Grade 4 to Grade 8	Grades 9+
pencils erasers (preferably white) crayons coloured pencils coloured markers metric rulers blunt scissors (safety scissors) glue sticks pencil cases	Pencils and pencil cases erasers (preferably white) metric rulers blunt scissors (safety scissors) glue sticks ballpoint pens and highlighters coloured pencils and markers 3-hole lined refill paper duotangs calculators lined notebooks geometry sets binders and binder dividers	Binders 3 holed refill paper Pens Pencils/Mechanical pencils High lighters pencil cases Calculators USB Storage keys lined notebooks Larger backpacks

A Call to Action- Inviting you to help with the Heart Gardens projects

We are being asked to contribute to Heart Garden memorials to remember the 215 children found at the site of the Kamloops residential School, and all Residential School victims, known and unknown. There is information this week about how you can participate.

Please visit the KUC Website for full details: <http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/rights-relations>



FAITH FORMATION - SUNDAY SCHOOL

Topic: Country Fun and Kitchissippi Zoom Gathering

Time: May 2, 2021 01:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84591625652?pwd=NGxRM01VS1pyTWtLbzVoYohrc3ZtQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 9162 5652

Passcode: 786020



The theme for this week is pollination! We'll chat about the different ways flowers attract pollinators and which species help flowers. How do very different things work together so well? And how can we "pollinate" by helping to spread the good news and sharing God's love through kind words and meaningful actions?

YOUTH Job Opportunities

EOORC's Camp Awesome, Greening Sacred Spaces, and Country Fun at Tucker House are teaming up to offer a virtual nature camp this summer with Bible stories, nature themes, and at-home kits. We are currently hiring for a few more positions to help with this new collaboration, called "Wild Wonder Camp".

If you know youth, students, or young adults interested in meaningful work this summer, please encourage them to be in touch. The Camp Coordinator position is linked below. We also have a part-time helper position for a younger student. Kitchissippi United Church will also have two job openings shortly, one for summer communications help, and one for faith-based and nature programs assistance this fall.

<https://www.goodwork.ca/jobs/summer-camp-jobs-environmental-education-and-outdoor-jobs-60023>
Diana Brushey (she/her) Faith Formation Leader

ON GOING ACTIVITIES AT KUC

BROADVIEW (ON-LINE) BOOK CLUB – Every Tuesday at 1 pm via ZOOM

Next Tuesday, June 15th Broadview - Jane Craig will be leading our discussion of articles found on page 26 and 54 of the June edition. Host Mary Laidlaw ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

(NEXT) TRIVIA NIGHT! Friday, June 18 at 7 pm. 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! Hosted by Nancy Brodie Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82250633588>

BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday morning in June at 10 am via ZOOM. Wednesdays, June 2 to 30, at 10:00 am – **Imposter Epistles**, Contact sclifton@rideaupark.ca or ebryce@rideaupark.ca for the ZOOM coordinates.

VIRTUAL (ON-LINE) COFFEE TIME – Every Thursday at 2:00 pm via ZOOM
Host - Norah Patriquin- ZOOM LINK <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8925057455>

VIRTUAL (ON-LINE) MEN'S BOOK CLUB – Every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm via ZOOM
For Zoom link Contact Doug Patriquin at patriquinfam@sympatico.ca

VIRTUAL (ON-LINE) INVESTMENT CLUB – Every 3rd Friday of each month at noon via ZOOM.
For Zoom link Contact Ian MacGregor at ian.macgregoroo@gmail.com

MUSIC FROM GAVAN AND THE KUC CHOIR

NEW MUSIC FROM GAVAN QUINN AND THE KUC CHOIR - Come, Gracious Spirit by Beryl Vick
<http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/music-at-kuc/musical-reflections-2>

CHAPLAINCY SUMMER YARD SALE



Chaplaincy virtual Summer Yard Sale 2021

Support the work of the Carlington Community Chaplaincy and projects of the Ottawa Y Service club.

Check it out here: <https://www.carlingtonchaplaincy.com/yardsale.html>

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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