

JULY 16, 2021

	<p><i>Kitchissippi</i> UNITED CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday, July 18, 2021 8th after Pentecost</p>
<p>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVESTREAM - 10AM www.rideaupark.ca</p>	

A MESSAGE FROM REV. DIANNE CARDIN



Dear friends,

I will provide some information regarding the United Church's involvement in Residential Schools over the next couple of Friday Files. You may well be aware of these facts. If you are or are not, I hope this will be food for thought.

The United Church of Canada operated 15 residential schools between 1849 and 1969, accounting for 10 percent of students, all of whom suffered cultural loss and many of whom were subject to physical, sexual, and other forms of abuse in the schools. About 6.7% of 80,000 students (536,000) who attended United Church Residential Schools are alive today. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples is a global affirmation of Indigenous peoples' existing rights. This has just been adopted by the Canadian Government. The Declaration identifies six key principles:

- the right to self-determination
- the right to participate in decision-making
- the right to cultural and spiritual identity
- the right to lands and resources
- the right to free, prior, and informed consent
- the right to be free from discrimination

I will review some of the actions of the United Church as it works towards reconciliation.

Following The Apology of 1986, in 1994, the United Church created The Healing Fund. I thought the initial goal for the Fund was \$5 M which was met. This Fund provides \$300,000 in annual funding support to Aboriginal community-based healing projects. In 1998 another Apology was made for the specific role of the United Church in Residential Schools. The Justice and Reconciliation Fund, established in 1998, provides support of \$100,000 each year to community projects that foster awareness, dialogue, and relationship-building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. The Gifts with Vision giving catalogue offers several gift opportunities that support community-led language and cultural revitalization, and reconciliation programs. Mission & Service supports many aspects of Indigenous ministries and justice. Programs like Wampum and Neechi have brought together Indigenous and nonIndigenous youth to sow seeds of friendship and right relations.

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The TRC has 94 Calls to Action. # 73-76 deal with burial sites and missing children.

#73. States: We call upon the federal government to work with churches, Aboriginal communities, and former residential school students to establish and maintain an online registry of residential school cemeteries, including where possible, plot maps showing the location of deceased residential school children.

During the TRC the UCC General Council and Conference Archives staff went through all records that were related to residential schools and created a substantial Guide to Holdings Related to Residential Schools. Their materials are available to researchers. They were also turned over to the TRC for its research. They have since been transferred to the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation where they contribute to the National Residential Schools Memorial Register. The UCC has already worked with communities in commemorating known gravesites in Brandon, Edmonton, File Hills, Red Deer and Regina.

There are going to be painful days ahead as more gravesites and bodies are uncovered. May we hold Indigenous families in our prayers as we give time and space for them to grieve. May our outreach continue in its many forms. May justice and peace prevail.

As we enjoy our summer months, let us be mindful of our neighbours near and far who are not in a place of peace.

Blessings,
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REV. JENNI IS ON SABBATICAL Reminder that Rev. Jenni will be enjoying a Sabbatical and therefore Sabbath from all email from May 3rd until September 7th, 2021. Should you need to contact Rev. Dianne Cardin, dianne.cardin@sympatico.ca or call Dianne at 613-327-7275.

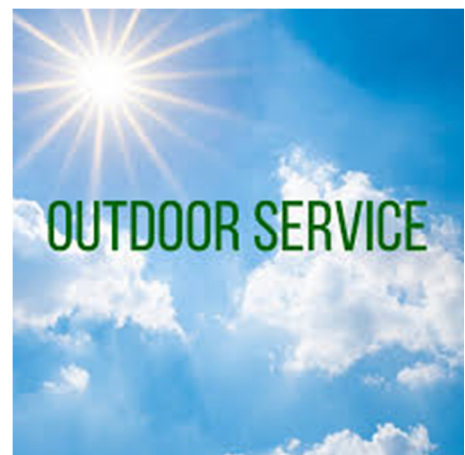
SUMMER WORSHIP

On Sunday July 25th at 10:00 am Kitchissippi United Church will have its first outdoor, in-person worship service of 2021 at our building!

We will be moving around the church building reflecting on all that has been lost and gained during the pandemic. We will begin at the Heart Garden and finish with a seated reflection in the Alcove Garden. Since by that date regulations will allow for groups of 100 to get together outdoors we will not have to preregister. We will have distanced seating and request that people wear masks if they can't socially distance from others while they move around.

In case of rain bring your poncho, umbrella and Wellies.

Rev. Dianne Cardin and The Worship Circle look forward to seeing you there!



SUMMER FAITH FORMATION - YOUTH PROGRAMS

REGISTRATION for Wild Wonder Camp, NOW OPEN!

Are your kids bored in the house? Wild Wonder Camp is an eco-faith based camp for children ages 5-12 year old. WWC is a collaboration between Camp Awesome (United Church of Canada), Greening Sacred Spaces, CanaDiana UnlimiTed, and Country Fun Nature Camp (Tucker House).



Camp includes earth science experiments, stories, art, and lessons from the Bible on respecting all people and the planet.

Short, interactive Zoom sessions led by trained camp counselors focus on nature, faith and science, with the goal of providing a fun, equitable and safe learning environment. Participants will receive hands-on activity kits to support outdoor challenges and experiments.

Wild Wonder Camp offers a 75 minute Junior Camper morning program for ages 5-8, and a 90 minute Senior Camper afternoon program for ages 9-12, with a mind/body/challenge break. The cost of the program is \$25/week per camper or pay-what-you-can.

Register today at: <http://bit.ly/wildwonder-register2021>
More information available at wildwondercamp.ca

ON GOING ACTIVITIES AT KUC

TRIVIA NIGHT - Next Trivia Night is Friday July 23 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>

BROADVIEW (ON-LINE) BOOK CLUB – is taking summer break!

Broadview reading group is taking a summer break and will meet once / month over the summer: July 20 and August 17. The articles for July 20 are on pages 26 and 43 of the July/August issue of Broadview.

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

SUMMER OFFERINGS

Kitchissippi United Church continues to make a difference through the summer by responding to needs in the community, offering pastoral care, accompanying people on their grief journey, providing spiritual education opportunities, and extending vital nursing support. We depend on the generosity of our members and adherents to meet expenses. Thank you everyone for your continued support.



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Here are some ways that you can give: <http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/contact-us/donate/>

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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