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	<p><i>Kitchissippi</i> UNITED CHURCH</p> <p>Sunday, July 25, 2021 9th after Pentecost</p>
<p>SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVESTREAM - 10AM www.rideaupark.ca</p>	

A MESSAGE FROM REV. DIANNE CARDIN



Dear friends,

During these warm days of summer, the work of the church continues. Thank you to all who have planned the first outdoor service for 2021! It is going to be a pleasure to be together! I know preparations are going on for returning to in-house worship in September too. Various ministries still continue and I am grateful for your outreach to shut-ins and those with health concerns. With all of this going on, I do hope you are able to get away for some change of scenery and gain a feeling of relaxation and

rejuvenation.

I am providing some more information on the United Church's work with Indigenous Peoples and hope this is not too repetitive for you. The following principles were identified by the United Church's Steering Committee on Residential Schools in its report to General Council 38 (Wolfville, NS) in 2003. They were adopted by the General Council Executive in October 2003

Principles in the Search for Right Relationships

1. Anti-racism and Decolonization: The church's response to the legacy of residential schools must be framed by a commitment to challenge the ideology of racism and an acknowledgement of our role in the colonization of aboriginal peoples that manifested this racism.



**Living into
Right Relations**

2. Holistic Approach: The church's response to the legacy of residential schools must be comprehensive and must address the loss of language, culture and spirituality as well as sexual and physical abuse within the system.

3. Full Participation of Aboriginal People: Any agreement between church and government that affects the rights of survivors of residential schools or of aboriginal peoples in general needs to include the participation of aboriginal peoples in the process leading to an agreement.

4. Whole Community Involvement: With regard to the impacts of residential schools there must be an acknowledgement that these are communal as well as individual, and that they are intergenerational.

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5. Healing and Education: Addressing the legacy of residential schools must always include elements of support for healing initiatives within aboriginal communities and a recognition of the need for healing and education within the non-aboriginal community.

6. Building Right Relations: In all that we do in relation to our responsibility for the residential schools system the goal of working toward right relations between aboriginal and non-aboriginal peoples should be upper most in our thoughts, words and actions.

In responding to the TRC Calls to Action, #74,75 and 76, this is the Church's action. We are living into our Apology in specific ways.

74. We call upon the federal government to work with the churches and Aboriginal community leaders to inform the families of children who died at residential schools of the child's burial location, and to respond to families' wishes for appropriate commemoration ceremonies and markers, and reburial in home communities where requested.

75. We call upon the federal government to work with provincial, territorial, and municipal governments, churches, Aboriginal communities, former residential school students, and current landowners to develop and implement strategies and procedures for the ongoing identification, documentation, maintenance, commemoration, and protection of residential school cemeteries or other sites at which residential school children were buried. This is to include the provision of appropriate memorial ceremonies and commemorative markers to honour the deceased children.

76. We call upon the parties engaged in the work of documenting, maintaining, commemorating, and protecting residential school cemeteries to adopt strategies in accordance with the following principles: i. The Aboriginal community most affected shall lead the development of such strategies. ii. Information shall be sought from residential school Survivors and other Knowledge Keepers in the development of such strategies.

iii. Aboriginal protocols shall be respected before any potentially invasive technical inspection and investigation of a cemetery site.

Comments: The United Church supports these principles. In particular, our experience at the site of the Red Deer school reflected these principles and resulted in the establishment of the Remembering the Children Society, with membership from several First Nations, the Metis Nation of Alberta, and congregations in Treaty 6 and 7 regions. The Society published a handbook, Guidelines for Initiating Projects involving Indian Residential School Cemeteries and Unmarked Burials. One thousand copies have been distributed. The Regina Indian Industrial School Commemorative Association has followed a similar path. Regarding File Hills IRS unmarked burials on Okanese First Nation, Okanese has led all the efforts in respect of recovering, commemorating, and protecting the graveyard with support from the United Church in Saskatchewan. The United Church has begun this work with respect to four of the residential schools for which it takes responsibility: Red Deer, File Hills, Regina, and Brandon. The church has also responded to inquiries about burials of patients from the Charles Camsell Hospital at a cemetery on the property of the Edmonton IRS—where the students dug the graves.

With Respect and Blessing,

Dianne

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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.

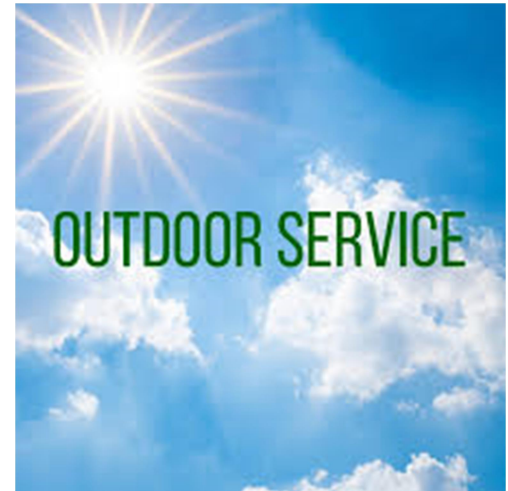
SUMMER WORSHIP

This Sunday July 25th at 10:00 am Kitchissippi United Church will have its first outdoor, in-person worship service of 2021 at our building – 630 Island Park Drive

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.
Lemonade will be server- please bring a drinking cup or mug!

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 **TONIGHT 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:
Next meeting is August 17.

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.



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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