



Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 16th 2022
Live Stream Service at 10 am

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM GO TO
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MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



I hope this finds you well and warm. This covid wave is throwing us all for a loop and I wonder how you are coping? Please know that I am just a phone call or email away - happy to listen. Know that you are not alone, that your faith community supports and encourages you, despite being apart right now.

On the coffee time zoom call yesterday, we talked about puzzles and books we had acquired during the March/April of the pandemic and think it would be a good idea to do a swap of these at some point. Do you have a lot of puzzles or books that kept you occupied? Would you like to trade them for others? Please let me know if this interests you?

I will leave this prayer with you, written by the Rev. Laurie Brock, and hope you have a terrific weekend!

Epiphany blessings,
Jenni

A PRAYER FOR: THE OVERWHELMED

O God who holds all things and makes all things new,
We come to you tired — bodies weary, minds flooded, hearts overwhelmed.
We wonder where you are in these turbulent times that overload
Our bodies, minds, and souls.

O God who illuminates the darkness, help us smash the heavy idols we hold,
So that we may live freely and lightly in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Help us be gentle with ourselves and with others as we walk through the day,
And as we go, help us discern what to enter into
And what we need to step away from.

O God, whose largeness cares for every sparrow and
Every single hair on our heads,
Help us cling to You in the unknowing and lead us to rest in You
When our inner and outer lives are overwhelmed.
And when we have rested, may we enter into the work
Of creating a more just, more peaceful, more equitable world.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

UPCOMING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021/2022
ON LINE LIVESTREAM SUNDAYS (NO IN PERSON WORSHIP AT THIS TIME)

HERE IS THE LINK TO VIEW THE KUC YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON SUNDAYS
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PIIaRmr2teVA>

Sunday January 9th - Epiphany! Back to the Spiritual Literacy words: Enthusiasm! Energy! (Live Streamed)

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Tuesdays from 1 - 3pm Broadview Reading Club - we are reading page 54 in both the December and the January/February issue, as we didn't discuss any of the articles in the December issue (due to the Advent resource we read instead).

<https://broadview.org/united-church-minister-stress/>

<https://broadview.org/moderator-christmas-message/>

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

Coffee Time Zoom - Thursdays from 1:30 - 3pm Bring your own beverage and join for conversation and inspiration. Bring a poem to share if you'd like! Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8925057455>

Mens Group (on-line) - Gentlemen of KUC and the wider community meet from 9:30am to 11:00 am on **Thursday mornings**. Discussions are wide ranging, as we attempt to solve all the world's problems, every week. If you want to join the Men's Group discussion please contact Doug Patriquin patriquinfam@sympatico.ca or Clayton Porteous at porteousclayton@outlook.com for the Zoom link.

KUC Council – meeting Wed, January 19th at 7pm via Zoom

Creative Worship Working Group - meeting on Tuesday January 25th at 10am to look at the rest of Epiphany but mainly Lent and Easter. We will explore themes and the liturgical season. Please join us if you're curious! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81526059129>

The Reopening and Worship Circles will meet again on Feb 1 to review the situation.

MEN'S GROUP DISCUSSION

This virtual book club is unusual, in that each participant reviews a book or other media of his choice; all participate in the discussion, for 2 hours each month.

We started off with an update on the progress of the James Webb telescope, which is now situated over a million kilometers from Earth, and in less than a month will be in position to capture images of the most distant galaxies in the universe. Stay tuned.

A fascinating biography of Winston Churchill followed, contrasting his many dubious qualities with his signal greatness in World War II: how should one see and evaluate historical figures? A review of one of Kingsley Amis's books, situated in Britain during and after that war, and Gwynne Dyer's book on the Boer War, continued this theme.

We were treated to an evocative description of the exploits of the Northwest Trading Company in Canada, moving their cargoes in 12-metre canoes from Lake Superior to Montreal, and Alexander MacKenzie's pathfinding explorations stretching from the Arctic Ocean to British Columbia.

Another book, *Sapiens: a brief history of humankind*, traces the rise of homo sapiens over previous forms of humans, based on his ability to imagine new realities, and as we play with new technological innovations, raises the question: are we going in the right direction or the wrong one?

A vigorous debate on the virtues of contemporary novels took place, with a book by Peter Robinson cited as a good example, against many other "dreck" books that seem to be written only to make them into screenplays. It was noted, however, that we are now in the age of the first billionaire writer, JK Rowling, who kept the rights from all of the commercial aspects of her Harry Potter books: so who can blame the average author? There was a rather surprising positive vote for the TV series *Vikings*, based on its historical merits, particularly its realistic use of blood and guts. Some discussion of recent topics in the news: the transplant of a pig heart, and Prince Andrew's medical defense against assertions of sexual harassment, which share certain characteristics with Novak Djokovic's grounds for entry into the Australian Open tennis tournament.

The final discussion returned to a topic from the previous month: the extreme environmental peril the world finds itself in, according to David Attenborough. This time we focused on a book on the pervasive ageing of the world's population, which will see it level out and decline within the century, with some 20 countries (including China) likely to lose up to half of their population. This will slow consumption, reduce carbon dioxide emissions, and may lead to a more peaceful era, the authors assert. Against this optimistic scenario is the view that world population and carbon emissions are already too high for us to survive; and the continuing drive in the developing world to imitate the consumption patterns of richer nations will negate the environmental benefits of population decline.

As usual, the group attempted to solve all or many of the world's problems, in several dimensions: scientific, philosophical, literary and economic. "We failed again," said one participant, with a rueful grin.

We will try again next month.

--Doug Patriquin

HELP NEEDED – We are hoping to create a technology savvy learning time for February. By savvy I hope to incorporate GIF, Emoji's, Youtube, animation, music, etc. However we do not know where to start so are looking for some creative youth who have ideas about how we can use our technology as well as technology youth experts who can help put it together. If you are interested let me know either text me at 613-292-1481 or e-mail me, Mary Laidlaw, at laidlawb@rogers.com.

WIDER CHURCH

Dear friends, family, and colleagues,
[Justice for Indigenous Women \(J4IW\)](#) is honoured to announce that a limited number of tickets are now available for our fundraiser, to be held on zoom on **January 18, 2022 from 7-9 pm EST**. Please see below for details.



Once you have registered, you will receive a zoom link to the event.

Photo of Lynda Panipak and her daughter Tira Panipak.

Photo Credit: Jamie Griffiths (Chickweed Arts)

"We, as Inuit, have a way of birthing and pregnancy. We know we have our way." -
Regilee Ootoova

JANUARY 7, 2022

We have our way: The movement to reclaim pregnancy, birthing, and childcare in Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet, Nunavut)

100% of ticket sales will go directly to the Inuit midwives of Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet), Nunavut to support their efforts to reclaim midwifery which was all but removed from the community through settler colonialism. We also encourage you to buy tickets as holiday gifts for others.

Your ticket will include the music by multidisciplinary Métis artist Moe Clark, the film screening, as well as a question and answer conversation with women leading this project in Mittimatalik (names to be announced by the community closer to the date). This event will be in English and Inuktitut (with English subtitles/translation).

Please click on this link to purchase your tickets and register for this important event.

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/we-have-our-way-reclaiming-pregnancy-birthing-and-childcare-in-mittimat-tickets-224048353657?keep_tld=1

Please feel free to share this with your contacts and networks.

We thank you for your commitment towards honouring and supporting Inuit women and taking action towards justice and equity.

*Sincerely,
Sylvia Smith*

Tickets to the event - You can purchase a ticket for yourself, and also to give as gifts.

Suggestion minimum donation is \$50.00. This will be based on your ability to financially support the midwifery project. If you cannot afford the \$50.00, please pay what you can afford, and if you cannot afford to make a donation, you are most welcome to participate. If you can afford more, please know 100% of every dollar you share goes to the midwives of Mittimatalik to make a direct difference where it matters most. **Tickets to the January 18 event from 7:00 – 9:00 pm EST:**

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The difference this event will make

An extraordinary project is underway near the Northern tip of Baffin Island in Mittimatalik (Pond Inlet), Nunavut. This new initiative, led by Inuit women, will have a huge impact on Inuit women and their families and communities. We invite you to help make it happen!

Traditional Inuit Midwifery has been all but wiped out by Settler Colonialism. Inuit women in Mittimatalik are working to reclaim their traditional ways of pregnancy, birthing, and childcare through community midwifery. They know that restoring their traditional knowledges and ways of birthing will result in healthier babies, mothers, families, and communities.

This virtual fundraiser will include documentary footage made in Mittimatalik, raising awareness about Inuit-led efforts to restore their labouring, birthing, and childrearing practices. Participants will learn about [Pirurvik](#), an innovative Inuktitut Preschool Program that blends Montessori methods with Inuit Qaujimagatuqangit (Inuit ways) and Inungnuinniq (traditional Inuit child-rearing). Never seen-before documentary footage of Elder, Teacher, and community midwife Regilee Ootoova will provide participants with a rich opportunity to learn about Inungnuinniq and birthing, and how these ways have been devastated by Canadian settler-colonialism.

JANUARY 7, 2022

[Justice for Indigenous Women \(J4IW\)](#) is deeply honoured to play a role in providing financial support by hosting this event. We invite you to contribute to this community-driven effort in Mittimatalik to help midwives teach community members about midwifery, support Inuit women in pregnancy and birth, and honour Inuit child rearing practices. 100% of ticket sales will go directly to the midwives in Mittimatalik.

WIDER CHURCH – RIGHT RELATIONS EVENT

In the community: Temple Israel Task Force on Truth and Reconciliation Events (Winter 2022)
Sunday, January 23, 2022 10 a.m. By Zoom. Discussion by Simon Brascoupe and Michael Parkin on their collaboration to co-create an artistic expression of Temple Israel's Land Acknowledgement. The focus will be on the process of their collaborative efforts so far.

March 6, 2022 10 a.m. -Dr. David Koffman (J. Richard Shiff Chair for the Study of Canadian Jewry in the Department of History at York University and the editor-in-chief of the journal *Canadian Jewish Studies / Études juives canadiennes*) will present a wide-angle introduction to the history of encounters between Canadian Jews and Indigenous peoples, from the settlers and fur traders of the 18th century up to our present moment of national reconciliation debates. Touching down on several emblematic moments from coast to coast to coast, the talk argues for the intellectual and moral value of reframing Canadian Jewish history as not just a history of immigration, but as one of both migration and colonialism. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

March 13, 2022 Presentation by Temple Israel congregants Charlie Khazzam and Marie-Carmen Berlie, medical doctors who have lived and worked half-time in a Northern Indigenous community and half in Ottawa, about their experiences and their insights. Please check Temple's weekly e-bulletin for further information on these events as well as other educational opportunities relevant to

To register and obtain the zoom link please contact Cathy Loves cathy@templeisraelottawa.com

We still have a few 2022 United Church Calendars still for sale. If you want one (\$6.00) please email Kirsten Gracequist at kgracequiost@kitchissippiuc.com in the office to make arrangements to pick one up!

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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