



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

1st in LENT- Sunday, March

Calendar of Events – Church Life

MARCH

Sun 10	10:00am	1st in Lent / Scott MacCrimmon will present their slide show from their Ireland trip in the Chapel after the service. PIE DAY!
Mon 11	1:15pm	Book Study in the Boardroom
Wed 13	6:30pm	Investment Club in the Boardroom
Sun 17	10:00am	2nd in Lent/ Guest Rev. Stephane Vermette
Mon 18	1:15pm	Book Study in the Boardroom
Tues 19	8:30am	Men's Breakfast in the Hall
Sun 24	10:00am	3rd in Lent/ Communion
Mon 25	11:00am	Pastoral Care Circle in the Boardroom – volunteers are needed! Speak to Jenni if you are interesting in helping with KUC Pastoral Care
	1:15pm	Book Study in the Boardroom
Tues 26	7:00pm	Eco Christianity Gathering
Sun 31	10:00am	4th in Lent

APRIL

Mon 1	1:15pm	Book Study in the Boardroom
Tues 2	7:00pm	UCW meeting the Parlour
Thurs 4	9:30 am	Worship Circle meeting the Boardroom
Sun 7	10:00am	5th in Lent
Sun 14	10:00am	Palm/Passion Sunday
Thurs 18	5:30pm	Maundy Thursday Dinner in the Hall
Fri 19	10:00am	Good Friday Service
Sun 21	10:00am	Easter Sunday

Music Program

March 10th: Organ & Piano Offertory with Julia Gordon

March 24th: Adult & Children's Choir combined anthem

PIE DAY!

Following worship on **Sunday March 10**, the Affirm circle invites you to eat PIE and learn about LGBTQ+ vocabulary. Everyone, regardless of previous knowledge, is welcome to learn and eat in this open, non-judgmental space.



Why pie? **P.I.E. stands for Public, Intentional, & Explicit** — the United Church's standards for becoming affirming. Churches across Canada will be eating PIE and celebrating inclusiveness this week, in honour of PI day (the number 3.14159), which the mathematicians among us celebrate on March 14 (3/14 — get it?) **Learn More:** <http://affirmunited.ause.ca/affirming-pie-day-hold-march-14-2019/>

AFFIRM - Reflecting on the hard, hard decision taken by our global Methodist kin this past week, and on the first ever Affirming PIE Day coming up next week, March 14:

30 or so years ago, when the United Church of Canada decided that sexual orientation was not a barrier to membership and thus ministry, some courageous people put their names to this statement in the United Church Observer magazine. I'm grateful to them all. Some I knew even at the time, as an 18 year old. Many others I was privileged to come to know as friends or teachers or both. And many have left us in body and are now part of the great cloud of witnesses. Slowly reading these names was a blessing.

Thank you to Iridesce, the Living Apology Project, for bringing this moment back to light. And to these kin for their public, intentional, explicit (PIE) and Spirit-ed witness. *Julie Graham (Affim United Facebook post)*

LENT

Our Lenten Theme for 2019: Baptism in Action!

Baptism celebrates God's initiative and our response. It is God's "Yes" to us, and our "Yes" to God. It is a sign of the Divine-human covenant. Baptism flows from God's unmerited grace and pours out in lives of gratitude and commitment. As initiation into the Church, the Body of Christ, it is an act of welcoming, blessing, and belonging.

The covenant of baptism celebrates the fullness of God's grace throughout the story of salvation: in creation and in exodus, in wilderness and in exile, in birth and in death. In his baptism, Jesus received the Holy Spirit and was declared God's beloved, he opened himself to repentance and forgiveness, and marked a new beginning in his ministry. In our baptism we are similarly claimed, called, and commissioned.

Our baptismal identity is both individual and communal. Baptism honours the diversity of individuals and challenges us to be a community of equals.

This Lent, you are invited to remember the promises made for you at Baptism. These promises are about belief in God. They asked about your commitment to seek justice and resist evil, your commitment to follow the way of Jesus, your commitment to the mission and ministry of the church. These promises included a commitment from sponsors/mentors and from the congregation where you were baptized. If you have been here for a baptism, you have made promise to the baby/child/family as members of this congregation. And so this Lent, we will go deeper into these promises, to learn more about how we live them out, how we practice our faith, how we strengthen our connection with God and with this community. Baptism is multifaceted. It isn't about only one thing, but many.

This Lent, I hope you will join me in this deepening exercise: to get closer to God, to foster better relationships in this community and to practice your faith in the world. This is a holy time. This is holy work. Let us embrace it together. Please think about a special commitment you can make or something you can do to remember your baptism, share your faith or strengthen your connection with God during Lent. Here are some ideas: help an elderly neighbor, bring a friend to church, study or read more, set up a prayer schedule for yourself, volunteer with your family to help others, pick up your toys, or help a younger brother or sister. There are paper crosses available at the entrances to the church so that you might write what you will do this Lent. Please find a spot on the cross at the front and pin your intention there.

Listen for a Minute for Mission-esque personal story around the time of the offering called 'Baptism in Action'.

Here are the questions we will be looking at this Lent:

Profession of Faith in the Triune God: March 10

Do you believe in God, who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
and who works in us and others by the Spirit?

Commitment to Seek Justice and Resist Evil: March 17

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice,
and witnessing to God's love for all creation?

Commitment to Follow the Way of Jesus: March 24

Will you follow the way of Jesus Christ?

Commitment to the Mission and Ministry of the Church: March 31

Will you join with your brothers and sisters in this congregation
to share in the life, work, and ministry of Jesus Christ?

Congregational Commitment: April 7

Let us pledge to this/these person(s) our continued support and care.

We will continue to support you, walk with you, and grow with you.

With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

Faith Formation

This Lent, join us in reading and discussing spiritual poems by Canadian authors. In every Friday File from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday, you will find a link to a different poem that discusses faith. During Coffee Hour each Sunday, we will read the poem and Charlie will lead a short, casual discussion — all are welcome for this "mini poetry club."

While there is no discussion this week due to PIE Day celebrations, I invite you to read our first poem, "Living Water" by Toronto poet Margo Swiss." Following this, I'd like to link to the poem, which is at <http://kingdompoets.blogspot.com/2015/02/margo-swiss.html>.

Living Water (John 4:10)

Light rain—
soft, light rain rains.
Living water reigns.

MARCH 8, 2019

Water
whether wanted
in storm

or warmed
still we are
watered

drenched
sometimes drowse
as roots

earthbound
feed, so we
night-long long

to rise,
to rain
to fall as

light rain—
soft, light rain rains.
Living water reigns.

Posted with permission of the poet.

Margo Swiss also contributed a poem to my blog [The 55 Project](#), which consists of poems inspired by the 55th chapter of Isaiah.

Eco Christianity

On **Saturday, March 30 at 7pm**, join the Eco Christianity Circle for dinner and a reflective celebration of Earth Hour. From 8:30pm to 9:30pm, we will turn off the lights to raise awareness for and meditate on the role of nature in our lives. All are welcome.

The Eco Christianity Circle is hosting Greening Sacred Spaces Ottawa's first gathering for their new Energy Benchmarking Program. Ottawa faith communities will discuss their past and present energy projects so that we can share and learn from each other. Please join us at 7pm on Monday, April 29. Light refreshments will be served.

Rummage Sale

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KUC Spring Rummage Sale 2019

Friday, April 12 from 7 pm – 9 pm

Saturday, April 13 from 9 am – noon

Small appliances and electronics must be in good working order. There will be a boutique area for the best items. Please, no magazines or textbooks. Volunteers are still needed for set-up on Thursday 11th and clean up on Saturday, April 13th. Contact the church if you can help. Donations can be dropped off at the church. **Please call or email the office ahead of time** before dropping off your donations 613-722-7254.

Carlington Chaplaincy

In a few weeks Spring will be here. You can start planning for your garden now by ordering bulbs and plants from Vesey's with proceeds going to the Carlington Chaplaincy. For the next month order forms will be available after service in the main hall. There are some interesting new products such as seed mats that produce flowers designed to attract hummingbirds, bees and butterflies. These mats can be cut into smaller sections so that you have patches of colour in different parts of the garden. Contact Dave Hall after church or email him at Dave Hall davidfhall@magma.ca for details.



KUC congregation members are invited to participate in a Chaplaincy Fundraising workshop on Saturday, March 16 in the Bellevue Community Centre. Refreshments at 8:45am. (Workshop at 9 am-noon)

The workshop will provide an update on Chaplaincy but more importantly focus on fundraising. Rev. Trisha Elliott will discuss ways of fundraising in general while Dave Hall will discuss how the churches and the Chaplaincy can work together on fundraising projects. Congregation members are needed to assist as liaisons for some of the fundraising activities. If you need more information, please feel free to contact me or Dave Hall davidfhall@magma.ca

Easter Sunday



EASTER SERVICES 2019

Palm Sunday – April 14 at 10am
Flowers for Pastoral Care

Maundy Thursday – April 18 at 5:30pm
Soup Supper at Kitchissippi starting at 5:30pm followed by the Service at 6 pm

Good Friday – April 19at 10am
Followed by lunch at Kristy's Restaurant

Easter Sunday - April 21 at 10am
Communion Service – All Welcome

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| Team 1 | Jane Christie, Richard Christie, Marilyn Sierolaski, Helen Witkowski | March 24 |
| Team 2 | Nancy Brodie, Janet Balcome, Norah Patriquin, Doug Brooks | March 31 |
| Team 3 | Mike Jones, Marion Reid, Frank Chapman, Gweneth Gowanlock | April 7 |
| Team 4 | Jane Craig, Scott MacCrimmon, Alayne Current, Barbara Nunn | March 10 |
| Team 5 | Nancy LeBlanc, Bruce Chapman, Mary Laidlaw, Anne Fraser | March 17 |

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10:00 am

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