



Kitchissippi

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 24, 2020

A note from Ian MacGregor (Council Chair)

A thought or two!

To all of us, Covid-19 has resulted in a real sense of loss. We miss the sense of community in worshipping together; the raising of our collective voices in music; the conversations at coffee time; and the sharing of experiences and ideas. But while our in-person interaction is missing, we have learned a great deal through making a concerted effort to achieve connection.

As often said, the church is not a building, and that truth has been illustrated recently in numerous ways. Through Jenni's leadership, KUC has undertaken many of its former in-person activities by alternate means, with the assistance of technology. These include live stream Sunday worship with Rideau Park, Pastoral Care to every member through phone calls from an expanded list of volunteers, Tuesday Book Discussion via Zoom, and other Zoom gatherings including the Finance Committee, the Men's Book Club, the Investment Club, the ad hoc Communications Group, the Worship Circle and this month, Council.

Indeed, connections have gone beyond what previously existed - such as Jenni's daily messages on the website, Gavan's accompanying musical contributions, the Thursday morning Zoom coffee meetings, and the meaningful daily messages from members this week.

We all strongly hope for a return to normalcy soon. However, given our success at maintaining connection through other means, the question becomes how can we take what we have learned and apply it to reach those in need of finding a place of their own in God's house? The house is not the building, but rather, the community of believers. As is said in Romans 12: 4-5: "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

We are so interrelated: what, then, are some of the ideas that we can consider, to reflect that each member of our house belongs to all the others? Building on what we have accomplished through alternative means, how best can we further reach out? Challenging times call for challenging ideas.
Ian

Ottawa Childrens' Choir – Special On-line Spring Concert

May 31st at 3pm, www.ottawachildrenschoir.ca online

Kitchissippi has enjoyed a Spring visit by the Ottawa Childrens Choir annually for many years, thanks to the generosity of the Ramsay family. Last year they could not come because the conductor, Allison Prowse, was injured, and this year...it's Covid.

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However, the combined choirs have put together an extraordinary full concert online, as described below. It premieres on May 31st at 3pm, at www.ottawachildrenschoir.ca.

Do watch and enjoy this choral singing on your computer or other device, and support a great Ottawa institution in these strange days!

Welcome to one of the only full choral concerts of Covid times. The Ottawa Children's Choir has curated a special Spring Concert for choir fans across the country to enjoy. Each chorister recorded their own part and over the month of May. Our tech guys, Orange Crow, have spliced all the voices together. The concert is full with 12 choral selections, guest speakers, conductor cameos, bloopers, an O Canada sing-a-long and a special surprise at the end. We are keeping our spirits up during these challenging times and hope we can help spread some joy to you with our singing.

--Make sure to check in at 3pm on May 31st to our website www.ottawachildrenschoir.ca where we will be streaming the free concert and accepting donations to help support continued choir operations. SEE POSTER ATTACHED!

From Arnold Current: Here is a little limerick style poem for you. Our Barbershop chorus with average age of 80 has been challenged to write Limericks to keep our aging minds active. So here is one for you, our choir and congregation!

*As the days of isolation stretch on and on
And our hair grows more shaggy and long.
Still we know there'll come that day
When friends come together, we pray
That all will remain healthy and strong.
So they may congregate in joyful song.*

We are here for you! Please reach out!

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