



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, July 26, 2020
Season of Pentecost

Hello folks,

I've had a bit of an emergent issue come up that means I can't write a proper Friday file message today (not COVID or sickness!). **I will be preaching on Sunday** at Rideau Park and you will also hear Gavan at the piano and organ! I will write to you again on Monday. I will leave you with a poem that is inspiring me this week.

I hope you are all well and have a lovely weekend.

Blessings,
Jenni

Destiny

All things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
For those whom God foreknew
God also predestined to be conformed
to the image of God's Beloved.
—Romans 8.28-29

This is who we are: particles of the light that is God.
This is our purpose, our destiny.
God intends this for everyone before we are created
(God foreknew us), and so all of us—
everyone, not just some special class,
is predestined to be an image of God's love:
called, justified and glorified.

This doesn't mean everything works out OK
for God's favorite people.
It means when we align ourselves with God's love
we are in harmony with the infinite force for good
that is in all things.
The universe is for us, not against us.
Even in our failure or suffering

God's purpose advances through us.

**The world and its rewards and punishments
knows nothing of this.
Your calling is to give them a hint.
The infinite delight of God works in all things
to help you do this.
Even if you fail,
glory is your destiny.**

Faith Formation

From Diana! The second edition of the Families and Faith Formation mini-newsletter talked about big plans and adjusting expectations, and sharing. Sometimes having a big plan can inspire and energize us to do something exciting and new. Sometimes it's healthy to change big plans if we realize we need to use our energy in a different way. What big plans have you had lately? What plans are giving you energy? Are there any big plans that are taking more energy than you are ready to give today?

The newsletter also has Diana's "bloopers" from the song and video about I Want the World to Stay Around (with a toddler who didn't want to stay around).

If you would like to see it, the newsletter is here: <https://mailchi.mp/aede874ddcef/l2xxgr7fbi>

You can sign up for it at this link. <https://kitchissippiuc.us10.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=c5239d4f84ee7bc4ac5198c61&id=38f4dfb637>

Here is a Dandelion Prayer for your family to send your prayers up, up and away – good on a breezy day! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-5phMck-JM>

Dandelion photo by Nita at Pexels

Message from Council Chair - Ian McGregor

Greetings everyone,

We do hope you are continuing to fare well during this trying time of physical distancing. We are moving forward, but the church building will remain closed at least for the immediate future. Rev. Jenni, just back from a well-deserved vacation, will continue to participate in Sunday morning worship at Rideau Park UC (via their website) and to reach out through Zoom to continue a number of activities such as the Book Discussion Group, and Thursday morning 10 am coffee.

Having said this, Denise and a number of members are examining when and how to open the church for services – with safety being their prime concern. The Montessori school will open in August, and Doug Brooks has done an admirable job in ensuring that we qualify for the government wage subsidies available at the moment.

Thus, financially, our situation is looking more positive. Notwithstanding, our revenues are down, largely the result of reduced plate offerings given the absence of regular services.

In this regard, please take a moment to review what would otherwise be your “on-plate” offerings. If overlooked, we would very much appreciate an update by way of cheque to the church office: 630 Island Park Drive, Ottawa, K1Y 0B7, or on-line under the ‘Donate Now’ button on our website: www.kitchissippiuc.com.

Another thought, to apply to all of us, is to contribute the recent \$300 federal seniors’ payment to the Church; this suggestion, we emphasize, should only be considered if the funds are not otherwise required.

Thank you for your consideration. Do stay well, and connected to one another during this difficult time.

Ian MacGregor,
KUC Council Chair

Links from this week - Familiar Voices

REFLECTIVE MUSIC with Gavan Quinn and the KUC choir - Enjoy Angel Voices - <http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/music-at-kuc/musical-reflections-2/>

FAMILIAR PLACES - Thank you to KUCs volunteer garden keepers (Denise B, Scott and Suzanne M, Peggy C and Janis A)

KUC Alcove Garden – July 2020



WIDER CHURCH

The Kitchissippi Times News is Back!

(taken from Kitchissippi Times News)

In April, like many local businesses and organizations, the Kitchissippi Times team had to make some tough decisions during the COVID-19 pandemic. This included suspending our printed monthly publication.

But that didn’t stop us from producing local news. These last months, we were busy keeping up with the community and publishing stories digitally. The Kitchissippi Times website was also redesigned! Check it out at www.kitchissippi.com.

We are here for you! Please reach out!

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