

OCTOBER 23, 2020



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday October 25, 2020
Peace Sunday

Message from Rev. Jenni



Hello everyone and happy Friday!

I hope you have a little something special planned for yourself this weekend - even if it might be considered "a small thing"! I have some tulip bulbs to be planted, a bunch of green tomatoes to be taken off the vines and tomato and patty pan squash vines to be pulled up. I have garlic to be planted, but I think I will leave that as another special thing for another weekend. I have a few small things that are special for me this weekend: leftovers in the fridge that mean I don't have to think about what's for lunch, a couple of books I've been looking forward to reading (*Resilience: the life and death and life of Julie S. Lalonde* and *Red, White and Royal Blue.*) and a farmer's market to go to on Sunday very close to my house.

It really is the small things that can keep us going, I find, if we are able to focus on them as special. For example, I was planting tulips last week (*Rembrandt Tulips*, see picture attached). I dug the hole, about 6 inches deep in my front garden; I sprinkled some bone meal in the hole and mixed it around. I put 3 or 5 bulbs, probably too close together at first, and then sprinkled the loose soil back over top. As I did this I paid close attention to not toppling the bulb over, sprinkling the soil in a kind of baptism of protection for the long months ahead of darkness. I sprinkled the soil in awe of the tulip bulbs: hardy, not afraid of the dark, not afraid to be buried, not afraid to be left to themselves for a long period of time. I sprinkled the soil in awe of their trajectory: from bulb without roots, to roots shooting down, small sprout shooting up (eventually) towards the springtime light. I sprinkled them with the soil which would be their home: comfortable, soft and warm. I sprinkled some more protective bone meal overtop: silent blessing of nurture, growth, hope.

God's loving care is like this. God tends God's garden: both us and all of creation. God blesses us with the loving kindness of soil and bone meal, blesses us continuously in circumstances/situations of darkness and isolation, KNOWING we are going to put down roots, reach our sprouts to the light and blossom into beauty.

When we tend God's Creation, we are doing the work of God: the work of loving, tending, blessing. To be clear: I am not God. None of us are God when we plant tulip bulbs. We are agents of God, disciples, if you will, called to promote and love life, kindness, beauty. These actions give us hope; teach us grace, patience and wisdom.

Together with God, we foster a world where there is planting, blessing, waiting, blooming. Sometimes we are being planted with love by others, sometimes we are doing the planting and blessing. At all times, God is with us. At all times, God surrounds us with love. At all times, God believes in our growth. At all times, we are surrounded by possibilities.

Blessings,

Jenni

BROADVIEW



**BROADVIEW (ON-LINE) BOOK CLUB
MEETNG DATES**

OCTOBER: Tuesday the 27 th NOVEMBER: Monday the 2nd Monday the 9th Monday the 16th Tuesday the 24th Monday the 30 th	DECEMBER: Monday the 7th Monday the 14th Monday the 21st
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FAITH FORMATION

FAMILIAR VOICES- A cozy reading from KUC's youth Mason for the YAYA (Youth and Young Adults Worship) https://youtu.be/s_vPcJ2omho

OUTREACH UPDATE

A quick note on plans and an event coming in November FYI and involvement!!

CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY- No annual fundraising dinner next month. Donations suggested instead and regular ticket purchasers are being contacted accordingly. Also planned is an online SILENT AUCTION which will run for two weeks in mid-November. The website is being finalized - details will follow next week to offer items and bid!

KUC is one of 6 Central Ottawa United Churches involved in a "CLUSTER" looking at common areas of interest to partner in over the coming year. Three areas were identified: isolated seniors, food security and Stone Soup Network. This latter matches community needs with donations and skills, is in operation in Toronto and may become a project with the Chaplaincy. There's a zoom meeting next week re Stone Soup Network. Please contact Norah Patriquin if you're interested. (cell:613-601-4456)

FUNRAISERS HAPPENING NOW

(New) Fundraiser with Rideau Park United Church!
FROZEN BERRIES FOR SALE – All Proceeds from the sale of berries through Kitchissippi will go to Kitchissippi United Church.

- Wild blueberries (1kg) \$12
- Raspberries (1kg) \$12
- Wild strawberries (1kg) \$12



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Please contact Sheila Faure at RPUCberries@gmail.com to place your order and payable BEFORE TUESDAY, 4 NOVEMBER. Payment can be made by e-transfer to RPUCberries@gmail.com or by cheque mailed/dropped off PAYABLE to Rideau Park United Church. Pick-up at RPUC (2203 Alta Vista Drive) will be on Saturday, 28 November in the afternoon. Important - When you email Sheila to place your order please ensure that you tell her that you are from Kitchissippi United Church. (All berries are from Ontario).

Camp Kallala Honey - Kitchissippi Community – Please consider supporting CGIT’S Camp Kalalla



Fundraiser this year. Completed order forms and exact payment can be dropped off at the church office (put them in an envelope and through the outside mailbox). Please make cheque out to Mary Laidlaw. I will pay for all orders via e-transfer to the treasurer of Ottawa CGIT. Completed order forms due by **October 24, 2020**. Mary will arrange for delivery and/or pick up at the church when the honey arrives. If you have any questions please contact (Mary Laidlaw) at 613-829-0274 or at laidlawb@rogers.com. More information and Order Form was attached in Wednesday’s email Message. <http://kalalla.com/>

Kitchissippi Grannies Beet Pickles are sold out! Thank you to Jennifer Reid, Jackie Clifford and Hugh Hodgins for doing a great job again this year!

We are here for you! Please reach out!

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TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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