



*Kitchissippi*  
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday December 13, 2020  
Third Sunday in ADVENT

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVESTREAM - 10AM  
CHRISTMAS EVE LIVESTREAM SERVICE – THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

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### MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good Friday to you!

With the news this week of a covid vaccine, I don't know about you, but I'm feeling a little more hopeful that this period of quarantine will not last for another year. Ottawa Public Health is urging us to 'keep on keeping on' with our masking, distancing and hand washing, but as someone said recently 'the light at the end of the tunnel is becoming brighter'.

What perfect timing for such news - Advent: the time of hopeful waiting and decreasing light, moving into Christmas, increasing light and the celebration of the Messiah's coming to earth, and the Messiah's future coming. Don't get me wrong, the vaccine is not a messiah, but it will help humanity live into the future with renewed hope.

Living into the future is what we are looking at this Advent. Threshold waiting is about standing in the present and looking to the future. Our choices to cross those thresholds are our own: do we leave \_\_\_ in the past and move confidently into \_\_\_ future? You all/we all have these choices to make on the threshold, deliberately healing/moving through/leaving behind on one side of the threshold and moving into/living into the reality on the other side. It's exciting and scary work, it's renewing and hopeful work too. May you find many blessings as you do this important thinking/imagining/feeling on your own thresholds!

#### Future reading

I don't know about you, but I love when an article challenges me to not only think about my faith, but think about the world in a new way. I also love reading an article and thinking 'what on earth was that? what did that mean? I haven't a clue what that was all about!'. From the article I wonder, therefore I am:

"No wonder that Whitehead in his magnum opus, *Process and Reality*, claims that the ultimate ground of everything—that beyond which one cannot think and search for truth—is itself not anything we can arrest: neither Being or God, nor matter or mind, but the creative process itself, graciously groundless. Whitehead might well have been one of the first thinkers to reference “creativity” in such ultimate, metaphysical terms.

This indicates a mystery in Whitehead's thought: If you have ever tried to read Whitehead for the first time, and even if you have become an expert, it is almost unimaginable to understand how a philosopher with such an inclination toward “creativity” could develop the most complex system around it. One can only grasp this

paradox, laid out in a whole series of books in the 1920s and 30s, if one recognizes that his very aim is to help us avoid getting caught up in our tendency to stabilize fluency again. Instead of making us kings of reality and gods of the mystery of existence in mastering fixed conceptual abstractions, the complex apparatus of Whitehead's conceptual language presents itself as a gift—a method of unknowing, if you will—forcing us always to reenter the process of thinking again. Whitehead wants us, always anew, to become creative seekers and creators of new realities and ideas in the pursuit of the art of life." (emphasis mine)

Here is the full article: <https://www.openhorizons.org/keep-seeking-and-creating-what-whitehead-wants.html?fbclid=IwAR31Z9V3xrksX98WlPdISodopFEIos4A3GdoorSoVtCsjMLh3VsCEcAzDI>

In case you missed our Contemplative service (which was going to be an outdoor service), I offer the Moderator's service, which is a Blue Christmas service:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaPHaPbxjJ4&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3insZSCVrgyTroESty2yeL3PxZJxzcj8yPWfoU36yM\\_Tl9R7TOtgWWalw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DaPHaPbxjJ4&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3insZSCVrgyTroESty2yeL3PxZJxzcj8yPWfoU36yM_Tl9R7TOtgWWalw)

I did record the Contemplative service, but need to work on both permission from those who were there and a little bit of editing. Hopefully, we'll be able to share that next week.

Advent Blessings on your weekend!

Jenni

## ADVENT AT KUC

### ADVENT 2 – DECEMBER 6, 2020 – READING AND CANDLELIGHTING



Just in case you missed last Sunday's worship- here is a short video of the second Sunday in Advent reading and candle lighting with the Erica, Shania and Ashena Braunovan.

**CANDLELIGHTING VIDEO LINK HERE:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GNNxA3tuFPo>

**WORSHIP SERVICE FROM– December 6<sup>th</sup> 2020**

<http://collaboratevideo.net/MaxPlayer98/default.aspx?cid=rpuhost&pid=480p&vid=20201206>

### ADVENT 1 - NOVEMBER 29, 2020 – READING AND CANDLELIGHTING



Here is a short video of the first Sunday in Advent reading and candle lighting with the Miya and Nisha Nagaraj.

**CANDLELIGHTING VIDEO LINK HERE:**

<https://youtu.be/1uaDqJniEFw>

**WORSHIP SERVICE ROM –November 29, 2020**

<http://collaboratevideo.net/MaxPlayer98/default.aspx?cid=rpuhost&pid=480p&vid=20201129BC>

## ADVENT RETREATS VIA ZOOM

PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR ADVENT RETREATS EACH WEDNESDAY UNTIL CHRISTMAS

The Zoom links will be sent out the day of the Retreat- stay tuned!



**Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm** – Blue Christmas service - led by Rev. Georgina Fitzgerald.

**Wednesday, December 23 at 7:00 pm** – Advent in lessons and carols - led by Rev. Jenni Leslie.

## KITCHISSIPPI ADVENT OUTREACH

### ADVENT OUTREACH UPDATE and THANK YOU TO ALL!

Everyone is busy these days so I hope this will give you all an overview of what's happening, with KUC Outreach 2020

**RESIDENTIAL CARE HOMES** Thanks again to Janet Milne who shopped and will deliver 'white gifts' to the 2 residences.

**MITTEN TREE** Very generous! Some hats, mitts, socks will accompany Metro/Food Basics grocery cards and gift cards for "non-hampers". The remainder will go to the Carlington Chaplaincy.

**PARKDALE FOOD CENTRE** Generous donations of cash (\$85), grocery cards (\$250) and several cheques + food.

**"NON-HAMPERS"** - The Caldwell Family Centre is emailing me names/coordinates of 10 families by Friday latest. Sylvia Smith has provided indigenous family details (3 families) and 2 came to KUC's attention, plus our regular 2 KUC families.,

**INDIGENOUS PROJECT** - Thanks to your feedback, cheques approved for \$250 each to Assembly of Seven Generations and Minwaashin Lodge, both very appreciative of our support.

**CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY** - The Silent Auction is over, I know the Halls and Ottawa Y Service Club have been very busy with Christmas Plants and Christmas Tree sales. Thanks to Dave, Marg Hall and all who offered and bought items and donated.

**We need a few volunteers** to deliver an envelope + gift bag or 2, Please contact Norah Patriquin if you can help, ([patriquinfam@sympatico.ca](mailto:patriquinfam@sympatico.ca) or 613-601-4456). Thank you!

### OUTREACH CLUSTER GROUP UPDATE

This year Kitchissippi joined with five other United churches in Ottawa (the "Cluster" group) to sponsor a joint project to see what Outreach activities we could usefully do together (this is the Cluster project). Claire Savage, a very bright ministry intern (being supervised by Rev. Jenni, with oversight by the Cluster group) is animating and facilitating the project; the Cluster group is chaired by Peter Fisher of Dominion-Chalmers.



Here is a brief summary of the Cluster's activities.

Our activities are focused in four areas, working in separate small groups:

**Stone Soup Network**, an initiative out of Toronto that finds community resources - (e.g., hairdressing, tire changes) to address needs of vulnerable individuals.

The Carlington Community Chaplaincy is very interested in this project. Dave Hall has attended some zoom meetings re Stone Soup and expressed interest on behalf of the Ottawa Y Service Club.

Commitment from KUC would not be \$, rather volunteers who would seek a few service donations, "pledges" that would be matched to recipients by the Chaplaincy as the "Social Connector".

**Food security, working with the Westboro Food Bank**, an initiative to cook meals for family shelters at Richmond Plaza and the Carling Travelodge. A few volunteers from Glebe St James were also get involved.

**Isolated Seniors, developing a virtual, Online program**, an initiative in collaboration with Sandy Hill Seniors Network.

**Support for Frontline workers**, a partnership between First United, Ottawa Inner City Health, and University of Ottawa.

If you're interested in getting involved in any of these activities, please get in touch with Norah Patriquin ([patriquinfam@sympatico.ca](mailto:patriquinfam@sympatico.ca)) or Claire Savage ([savagemcmenemy@gmail.com](mailto:savagemcmenemy@gmail.com)).

## OTHER FUNRAISERS STILL HAPPENING NOW



Until December 24<sup>nd</sup> 2020

**Christmas Tree Sale from the Ottawa Y Service Club** – Support the Carlington Community Chaplaincy by getting your Nova Scotia Balsam Firs from the Ottawa Y Service Club

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND ORDER FORMS GO TO:**

<http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/y-service-club-christmas-tree-sale/>

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