



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, May 30, 2021

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVESTREAM - 10AM

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A MESSAGE FROM REV. DIANNE CARDIN



Dear friends at KUC,

As Asian Heritage month comes to a close, I find myself reflecting back on a BC Conference meeting in the 1990's. Those were the days when we could meet face to face for four or five days. The meetings were a wonderful mix of worship, music, education, fellowship, meals and business. This particular year, I don't remember the exact year, we met in the Kootneys. Such spectacular country!

Mid-week, on the Wednesday, we had a choice of five "field trips". I chose the bus trip to visit the New Denver Internment Camp, the *Nikkei Internment Memorial Centre*. I vaguely knew about the treatment of the Japanese, but really I had no idea! The internment camp, contains the original buildings, period artifacts and interpretive displays. I remember the tar-paper shacks where the residents lived. I remember thinking of cold winter days and nights with only paper separating one from the wind and snow or the rain and heat. As I recall the shacks had one room. It was unimaginable how families endured there. I also remember the *Heiwa Teien Peace Garden*, designed by the renowned Japanese Canadian gardener, Tamamichi (Roy) Sumi. The beauty and serenity of the Peace Garden was such a contrast to the horror and deprivation of the shacks. I am still moved by the grace and tranquility of the Garden emerging from such a dark place and time. It is a testimony to the human spirit and the ability to move on from the harsh treatment they endured. Surely God was in that place!

Six camps in B.C. are now designated National Historic Sites. Close to 10,000 of the over 22,000 Japanese Canadians who were forcibly relocated during World War II were interned in New Denver. It is another dark chapter in our Canadian history.

The question I find myself asking is how well do we know our history? What do our school curriculums teach about our own history? It could include Indigenous, Asian, Black, Jewish or Muslim experience. If we do not learn from our history, we will surely repeat it. Black History month and Asian Heritage month are a beginning. The Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg is another positive step. The United Church becoming an anti-racist denomination is another layer of change. These are beginnings in a long journey. This week the Broadview reading group, began a writing campaign to raise concerns about the Uyghurs. Concerns are not limited to Canadian distresses. We are finding our voice!

God's love is poured out on all peoples. We may call God differently, worship differently, eat, sing and dance differently but we are all created in God's image, loved and grieved in our life's journey

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"May we see the face of God in everyone we meet and everyone we meet see the face of God in us."
An Old Celtic Blessing (I believe)

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(New) Virtual Summer Film Festival in Worship!



During the months of July and August, Revs' Elizabeth, Steve and Dianne will offer Theological Reflection on Movies. You get to choose the movies! They can be from any era but need to be accessible for family viewing.

Please send your suggestions for movie reviews to dianne.cardin@sympatico.ca or kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com during the month of May. Let us know where you viewed them, Netflix, On Demand or wherever. We will organize the schedule in June. So think of what popcorn you would like to munch on as we will not have to clean up the mess in the sanctuary - sadly!

FAITH FORMATION - SUNDAY SCHOOL

ON GOING EVERY SUNDAY!

Join us this Sunday, May 30th from 1:00-1:45 pm for our next mini zoom gathering!

The theme for this week is pollinators! We'll chat about the different ways flowers attract pollinators and which species help flowers. How do very different things work together so well? And how can we "pollinate" by helping to spread the good news and sharing God's love through kind words and meaningful actions?



Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84591625652?pwd=NGxRM01VS1pyTWtLbzVoYohrc3ZtQT09>

Meeting ID: 845 9162 5652

Passcode: 786020 --

YOUTH Job Opportunities

EOORC's Camp Awesome, Greening Sacred Spaces, and Country Fun at Tucker House are teaming up to offer a virtual nature camp this summer with Bible stories, nature themes, and at-home kits. We are currently hiring for a few more positions to help with this new collaboration, called "Wild Wonder Camp".

If you know youth, students, or young adults interested in meaningful work this summer, please encourage them to be in touch. The Camp Coordinator position is linked below. We also have a part-time helper position for a younger student. Kitchissippi United Church will also have two job openings shortly, one for summer communications help, and one for faith-based and nature programs assistance this fall.

<https://www.goodwork.ca/jobs/summer-camp-jobs-environmental-education-and-outdoor-jobs-60023>

Diana Brushey (she/her) Faith Formation Leader

CONGRATULATIONS LAURIE JOE

Congratulations, Laurie! Laurie Joe has been awarded the J. Shirley Denison Award by the Law Society of Upper Canada (Ontario), in recognition of her significant contributions to access to justice and poverty issues. Laurie gives particular credit to her large family, especially her grandmother, for encouraging and supporting her career in law.

Laurie was called to the Bar in 1987. Currently a bilingual lawyer with Community Legal Services of Ottawa and a part-time judge, Laurie works mainly in the areas of immigration, refugee and disability law. She has been involved with the Women and War program (Sexual Assault Support Centre of Ottawa) for more than 25 years, providing legal support to survivors of violence and trauma. She is a founding member of the governing circle of Justice for Indigenous Women (J4IW), an educational and social justice organization. Laurie is a longstanding member of the Association of French Speaking Jurists of Ontario, and has taught law students for many years.

As her citation for the Denison award says:

“Ms. Joe has made tangible and impressive contributions to justice issues in Ontario both through her volunteer and community engagement and her commitment to the legal profession. Every day, Ms. Joe has a positive impact on the lives of many people.”

That’s the Laurie we know. Well done and thanks for your efforts on so many fronts, Laurie.



ON GOING ACTIVITIES AT KUC

BROADVIEW (ON-LINE) BOOK CLUB – Every Tuesday at 1 pm via ZOOM

Next Tuesday, June 2nd Broadview - We will be reading page 30 and page 32 in the June edition.

Host Mary Laidlaw ZOOM LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

(NEW) BIBLE STUDY - Every Wednesday morning in June at 10 am via ZOOM. Wednesdays, June 2 to 30, at 10:00 am – **Imposter Epistles**, a 5 part Zoom bible study, led by Rev Steve, Rev. Elizabeth and Sharon, in which we study some of the epistles attributed to Paul but probably not written by the apostle.

Contact sclifton@rideaupark.ca or ebryce@rideaupark.ca for the ZOOM coordinates.

VIRTUAL (ON-LINE) COFFEE TIME – Every Thursday at 2:15 pm via ZOOM

Host - Norah Patriquin- ZOOM LINK <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8925057455>

VIRTUAL (ON-LINE) MEN’S BOOK CLUB – Every 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm via ZOOM

For Zoom link Contact Doug Patriquin at patriquinfam@sympatico.ca

VIRTUAL (ON-LINE) NVESTMENT CLUB – Every 3rd Friday of each month at noon via ZOOM.

For Zoom link Contact Ian MacGregor at ian.macgregoroo@gmail.com

OUTREACH



Multifaith Housing Initiative (MFHI) annual Tulipathon fundraising campaign

Check it out! <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRc-MolqZal>

SAVE THE DATE FOR A SPRING FLING

June 19, 2021. Hopefully we will be able to safely gather on June 19 for an outdoors Covid safe protocol event at the church. We will be celebrating everything we missed and everything to come - Mother's Day, Christian Family Sunday, Father's day, Aboriginal day, summer solstice, Pride Sunday, graduations, strawberries, --being community. More details to follow.

A MESSAGE FROM MARION REID

Recipes STILL NEEDED!

Marion Reid has been trying to contact everyone in our church family for her campaign to create a cook book of recipes from KUC families. This is a personal project – not a KUC fundraiser. She intends to work on it while isolated at the cottage for the summer. If you have already submitted a recipe, thank you. Marion can still receive them by email mkreid35@gmail.com or in writing and dropped or mailed to 9 Gould St. K1Y 2P1. Or you can contact call Jenifer Reid at 613-627-9310 or Helen Witowski 613-761-9638.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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