

JUNE 19 “ALL OUR RELATIONS” OUTDOOR EVENT AT KITCHISSIPPI CHURCH FROM 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. (Rain or Shine)

What is happening?

Drive thru/walk thru – You are invited to come to the church with their donations for Minwaashin Lodge and/or hearts for our heart garden in memory of the 215 children (see below for more information). You can either remain in your car and volunteers will take donations and/or plant your hearts. You will also have the option of leaving your car and planting your own hearts in the garden. You will be invited to walk around the church and look at all the changes to the Alcove Garden as well as just enjoy the grounds. If you are walking, you will be asked to wear a mask and keep a safe distance from others. Given the limited re-opening protocols a 10 people max per group will be respected.

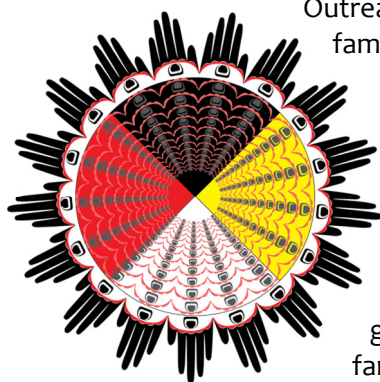
Minwaashin Lodge – KUC is collecting backpacks and school supplies for indigenous children and youth supported by Minwaashin Lodge. See more details below.



Garden of Hearts – In support of our aboriginal communities, we will be creating hearts. Hearts to go in the back packs for the Minwaashin lodge, hearts for our church garden and hearts for our own gardens. We will be creating our own garden of hearts. For more information on your heart creation see below.

Volunteers - *If you would like to help on June 19, please contact Mary Laidlaw at 613-829-0274 or at laidlawb@rogers.com*

Minwaashin Lodge: For the past few years, KUC has provided backpacks, school supplies and other materials to the children who are supported by Minwaashin Lodge in Ottawa. Minwaashin is an organization working with Indigenous women and their families. Minwaashin provides educational, social and cultural and other supports. Since March 2020 when the COVID restrictions first began, it has helped hundreds of families by providing virtual contact to maintain cultural, community and social supports.



Outreach recently learned more about how we might help Minwaashin families from Kate Holden. You may remember her from her work with our church's Worship services as well as the Faith Formation and the Affirmative Ministry sub-circles. Kate is a member of the financial team at Minwaashin but recounts how her daily work demands and those of her colleagues has had to change to keep up with the new and increased needs of their client families since March 2020 when the global pandemic started. The staff have provided virtual supports (cultural, community and social) and also have helped with food, groceries and basic necessities by porch deliveries. Regular contact with families isolated at home during the Stay-at-home regulations has helped as the mental and physical health of families, including children has been impacted. Volunteers are not able to safely come in person to the site (similar to the situation at our church as well) so that has been a huge loss of 'in-kind' help from volunteers (many of whom are former recipients of help from

Minwaashin). Social contact has dropped dramatically, face to face visits cannot occur for the time being.

On June 19, 2021, we will be collecting back packs and school supplies for primary and high school age students filled with school supplies for the Minwaashin families. You've seen the list (see below) but if it's hard to shop in person or online, we can do it for you!

Donations to KUC can be made by cheque ("Outreach School Supplies" on memo line) OR e-transfer to Kitchissippi UC as payee using this email address: donations@kitchissippiuc.com. Financial donations will be accepted throughout June and July 2021.

Please help make a difference in the lives of many children and their families.

Meegwetch. Thank you.

From Kate and the Outreach Circle at KUC.

SEE LIST OF NEEDED SUPPLIES BELOW

Minwaashin Lodge School Supplies Needed

| Kindergarten to Grade 3 | Grade 4 to Grade 8 | Grades 9+ |
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| pencils erasers (preferably white) crayons coloured pencils coloured markers metric rulers blunt scissors (safety scissors) glue sticks pencil cases | Pencils and pencil cases erasers (preferably white) metric rulers blunt scissors (safety scissors) glue sticks ballpoint pens and highlighters coloured pencils and markers 3-hole lined refill paper duotangs calculators lined notebooks geometry sets binders and binder dividers | Binders 3 holed refill paper Pens Pencils/Mechanical pencils High lighters pencil cases Calculators USB Storage keys lined notebooks Larger backpacks |