

NOVEMBER 19, 2021



**Kitchissippi**  
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, November 21st, 2021  
Affirm: Transgender Learning Sunday

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVESTREAM GO TO**  
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### MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Hello all,

I hope this finds you well and enjoying the sunshine!

I can hardly believe that Advent starts next Sunday! Wasn't it just September and the start of school? We have a bunch of fun events planned in Advent, so please stay tuned! (Take particular note that November 28th, Advent 1, there will be a fun outdoor event after worship! The trunk or treat at Halloween and the Welcome Advent event last year were both very popular so we decided to plan another outdoor event! Hopefully the weather will hold for us - hope to see you there!)

But first, this Sunday, the Affirm Circle has planned the service to be an educational service about trans folks. (Reach way back in your memory to November 2019 when we welcomed the Rev. Ruth Wood and her wife, Anne who told us their story. We also had a trans 101 lunch and learn afterwards, in which Charlie and Ashley led us through terms, pronouns etc.) This year, we are welcoming the Rev. Cindy Bourgeois from Toronto who will be our guest preacher. Cindy and I met and volunteered together on Affirm Council for many years, and I'm thankful that she has made herself available for this Sunday! She will be preaching live and in person, so let's give her a warm Kitchissippi welcome!

There will be a couple of hard copies of this United Church resource available for you to borrow on Sunday, or you could take a look at it here: [https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/trans-kit\\_2019.pdf](https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/trans-kit_2019.pdf) (Remember Jordan Sullivan? He preached for KUC/RPUC last November. He was one of the main writers of this resource!)

Folks, I hope you have a great weekend and please be in touch if you'd like a visit (virtual or otherwise) or a chat on the phone? I'd love to hear from you!

Blessings,  
Jenni

p.s. Broadview is reading pages 12 and 16 in the December issue. We will be switching over to our Advent resource on the 30th. It is an online resource, so you can find it here: <https://katebowler.com/advent/> (You will need to give her your email address and download the resource, but she is trustworthy - do not fear!) Please feel free to download and read through Advent, even if you don't plan on joining us!

MESSAGE FROM FAITH FORMATION (DIANA BRUSHEY)



Following Children's Sunday and leading up to Advent and beyond, I invite you to consider what role **you** might play in supporting child and youth faith formation?

Currently we are offering at-home kits and deliveries, video messages and newsletters, and outdoor events for families and everyone. Thank you to everyone who has helped with delivering kits, setting up events, and participating! In trying to keep faith formation accessible and flexible, we know we are reaching many yet there are more

needs to consider.

We would like to do more and to plan well for the near future. Knowing that families will have different comfort levels and also that people's time and energies may have shifted, the Faith Formation Circle is looking to build up support and widen the circle, both in the sense of helpers but also in the type of ideas and programming we might offer. **I would ask you each to pray on what you feel you could offer, now or in the coming year.** While we meet remotely, continue kits, and have special events, would you consider:

- sitting in on or co-hosting an intergenerational winter fireside Zoom, chatting about life, a current event, or reading a story?
- helping package and deliver kits for families, or even Christmas "we care" packages for our kids and teens?
- learning how to host Godly Play stories (by Zoom, and/or do some training to offer this for our youngest ones when we are ready to return?)
- co-organizing mini excursions or family-friendly events in Hampton Park, and neighbourhood celebrations?
- pre-recording Learning Times or offering them in the service?
- being part of a family communications team to catch up and stay in touch with young families?
- recommending fantastic family films for virtual movie nights (and eventual in-person ones)?
- coordinating volunteers, or just helping to connect the dots between ideas and action?

As you can see, there are ideas a-plenty -- and yours are welcome, too -- but we need people power if we are to add any of the above to our current offerings. What kind of involvement speaks to you?

As we look towards an eventual full return, we will again seek people to lead in-person programs for children and youth, and possibly continue some of our new initiatives. Pre-pandemic we had core teams and rotations of helpers and were already hoping to expand these. The need will be just as great! Would you consider leading a program, in rotation or regularly? Are you someone who likes to share new ideas, or perhaps someone more comfortable assisting if you have a template?

This past year+, the Ministry team and Council have learned more about the idea that "the church has left the building", that is to say, we are called to new integrated, intergenerational ways to express and share our faith. This isn't really new; to me it hearkens back to hearing my grandparents' stories of how church-sponsored social activities and mentorship meant so much to them growing up, and played a huge role in building their sense of church as a community and life-long connection. Christians have always been out and about, creating and re-creating community.

Our programs need not be especially formal nor formulaic; they just need responsible, respectful people with faith (and with doubts, too!), open hearts, a good sense of humour, and a willingness to try. Right now is the perfect time for dreaming and planning, trying and sharing.

We miss the children. They miss us. Let's plan together for meaningful, well-supported offerings of fun and faith so that when our protocols are ready, our programs will be, too.

I'd love to hear from you! **Diana & the Faith Formation Circle**

## MESSAGE FROM SCOTT AND SUZANNE MACCRIMMON

### A THANK YOU MESSAGE TO ALL OUR CHURCH FRIENDS

15/11/21

Suzanne and I have received many messages of concern and offers to help from our church friends over the past months. It has been heart-warming for us and we want to express a message of profound “thanks” to all those who have offered thoughtful encouragement or assistance. Since last winter we have received many sympathy cards, email messages, phone calls and voice messages. It has been wonderful for us to know we have many supportive friends at KUC. I regret that I have not taken the time to acknowledge all the kindness others have offered—hence this open letter.

The past year certainly presented its challenges. Considering what we have had to deal with in 2021 (writing it out is somewhat therapeutic for me) here are some of the main calamities: our credit card and bank accounts were separately hacked last winter; Suzanne’s progressive battle with Alzheimer’s and my need to be her Caregiver; her July tumble down the stairs in the middle of the night and ensuing 6 day stay in the hospital; my father’s funeral in September; on the same day a close friend I have known since grade 9 died (of Alzheimer’s) here in Ottawa. Dealing with these events was substantially more time consuming and difficult for me in the midst of the Covid19 pandemic.

However, in spite of all this negative stuff we want to assure folks that we are coping well, we remain happily married, and look forward to a brighter post-pandemic future. We look forward to a return to many of the activities that we enjoyed before—much of it with you folks. This is a message of joy and hope.

So, once again, *thank you* to all those who offered help, sent us thoughtful cards, spent time visiting with Suzanne or taking covid19 walks one or both of us in the neighborhood or in parks. It has been great to know we have many concerned friends in the congregation.

*Scott and Suzanne MacCrimmon*

## UCW



**UCW Christmas Lunch** - Wednesday, December 1 at 1:00 pm - Mill Street Brew Pub (formerly the Mill) - 555 Wellington Street off Western Parkway.

**All Women of the Congregation are welcome.** We hope to see you there.  
*Please respond by November 28 to Jackie Clifford - [cliffoj456@hotmail.com](mailto:cliffoj456@hotmail.com).*

## PASTORAL CARE

### Sunday, December 5 (after worship)

#### Flowers for Pastoral Care Circle

The Pastoral Care Circle continues to visit with friends and members in need of support and fellowship. On Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> we will be bringing Christmas plants to our members who cannot get out to church and we need your help in delivering these plants. At coffee hour, you can find the names of the intended recipients attached to the plants.



If you could deliver one or two plants to someone you know or someone who lives near you, that would be appreciated. With your help we will bring joy to the hearts of our church family members.

*Pastoral Care Circle*

## OUTREACH

### ADVENT OUTREACH 2021

Greetings from the KUC Refugee/Outreach Circle. We miss you and hope you are well. Here's a snapshot of Advent Outreach plans, more info soon! "We would very much like to receive Donations by Friday, December 10th.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity!

### WELCOME KUC ADVENT CHRISTMAS TREE TOSS

Sunday, November 28 (right after church).

Please bring warm mitts, hats, socks and scarves for children and/or adults and we' will have bins behind the toss holes to receive your donations. Many of these will go to Minwaashin Lodge, some will be popped in with the few hampers we are doing this year. (Treats will be offered outside!)

For warm winter donations before or after our outdoor toss, please arrange with Kirsten in the office by email at [kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com](mailto:kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com) or Call at 613-722-7254.



### WHITE GIFTS

We're opening this category for \$\$ donations to include:

- 1) Our purchase of small gifts for the 2 residential care homes we've supported in past years; AND
- 2) Our purchase of gift cards. Given Covid-19, we have to replace our traditional wrapped gifts for needy hamper recipients.

### HAMPERS

We are doing a few Christmas Hampers this year, likely 3 large families and 2 smaller families. We plan to assist both the Caldwell Family House and the Minwaashin Lodge with financial donations through Outreach to they can help needy families in their respective communities. The hampers will be packed on Tuesday, December 21 in the church hall. Volunteers are needed!

### DONATION information:

Donations for White Gifts and any other donations to the church can be made three ways:

1) By cheque mailed to or dropped off at the church mailbox. Feel free to use your offering envelopes. Indicate on the envelope or cheque: White Gift. No Cash, please!

2) By Interac E-Transfer from your bank account (see more details below on how to do this). Transfer amount to [donations@kitchissippiuc.com](mailto:donations@kitchissippiuc.com) and include a note indicating donation to White Gift.

3) Via Canada Helps. <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/Kitchissippi-United-Church/> Donation to Kitchissippi United Church and specify "Christmas Outreach"

\*For options 1 and 2, your donation will be included in your annual charitable receipt from Kitchissippi United Church. For option 3 you will receive an immediate charitable receipt from Canada Helps.

<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/Kitchissippi-United-Church/>

**WIDER CHURCH**

Dear EOORC friends and supporters,

Multifaith Housing Initiative (MHI) is reaching out to you regarding two exciting updates – **United We Stand: the EOORC Campaign for Veterans’ House** and **National Housing Day** (Monday November 22, 2021)!

**United We Stand: the EOORC Campaign for Veterans’ House**

United We Stand was a campaign that ran from September 2020 to August 2021, and aimed to raise funds for the construction of MHI’s most recently constructed community, Veterans’ House: the Andy Carswell Building. (Veterans’ House is a 40-unit home with on-location social supports for veterans who were formerly homeless/at risk of homelessness. Veterans started moving in early in 2021, and the house is now nearing capacity.)

MHI is pleased to report that **EOORC congregations raised more than \$115,000 for United We Stand**. This was doubled by United We Stand campaign sponsors Commissionaires Ottawa, who **provided a matching additional \$115,000!** Well done, everyone! Many congregations have already downloaded our three wrap-up videos posted at <http://www.multifaithhousing.ca/united-we-stand> for use in a Sunday service:

- The [United We Stand wrap-up video](#), which highlights the success of United We Stand (plus additional gifts provided for Veterans’ House through the United Church community)
- The [tour of Veterans’ House](#)
- A [video testimony from Bill Beaton, a resident at Veterans’ House](#)

These videos will be available at [multifaithhousing.ca/united-we-stand](http://multifaithhousing.ca/united-we-stand) until December 31, 2021.

We are encouraging congregations that supported United We Stand to participate in a **Socially Distanced Virtual Cheque Presentation** photo and email it to [communications@multifaithhousing.ca](mailto:communications@multifaithhousing.ca) by the end of the 2021 year. Thanks to congregations who already emailed in their photos! If your church/pastoral charge would like to participate, please email [communications@multifaithhousing.ca](mailto:communications@multifaithhousing.ca) and we’ll mail you an oversized cheque.



**National Housing Day**

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, MHI will be celebrating National Housing Day virtually on **Monday, November 22, 2021**. Please join us on YouTube as we honour the lifeblood of MHI: our volunteers!

- This year's NHD theme is "volunteerism," in honour of the **20th Anniversary of the United Nations General Assembly's International Year of Volunteers**.
- The video will be about **10-20 minutes long** and **hosted on YouTube**. The video goes live at [multifaithhousing.ca/national-housing-day](http://multifaithhousing.ca/national-housing-day) on **November 22 at noon!**

Thanks to EOOR for your tremendous support of MHI and the fight against homelessness!  
MHI staff

**CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY – FUNDRAISER UPDATE**

**REMINDER - CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY FUNDRAISER**

The online auction will open for bidding **November 21st, running until November 30th**

Visit [www.carlingtonchaplaincy.com](http://www.carlingtonchaplaincy.com) to place your bid. Send any questions Shemi at [programcoordinator@carlingtonchaplaincy.com](mailto:programcoordinator@carlingtonchaplaincy.com)



The Christmas Gift Table will be open November 28th to sell new and gently used items, under \$30, that have been donated to the Chaplaincy and the Ottawa Y Service club.

If you are not on the Y Service contact list, register at [ysevice@primus.ca](mailto:ysevice@primus.ca) to receive the information and photos of the items available.

As happened last year, the Chaplaincy is happy to receive a donation of \$50 per person in lieu of purchasing a ticket for our annual dinner.

Donations by cheque to 102-1465 Caldwell Ave. Ottawa K1Z 8L9 or by e transfer to [treasurer@carlingtonchaplaincy.com](mailto:treasurer@carlingtonchaplaincy.com)



**HERE IS THE LINK TO VIEW THE KUC YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON SUNDAYS**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PIIaRmr2teVA>

**KUC SUNDAY USHER SCHEDULE**

| TEAM 1             | TEAM 2             | TEAM 3             | TEAM 4             |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Marilyn Sierolaski | Marilyn Sierolaski | Marilyn Sierolaski | Marilyn Sierolaski |
| Richard Christie   | Nancy Brodie       | Jane Craig         | Lary Laidlaw       |
| Jane Christie      | Narah Patriquin    | Bruce Chapman      | Anne Fraser        |
| Helen Witkowski    |                    |                    | Bruce Fraser       |

- TEAM 1** DEC 5
- TEAM 2** DEC 12
- TEAM 3** NOV 21, DEC 19
- TEAM 4** NOV 28, DEC 26

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT**

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