

NOVEMBER 26, 2021

ADVENT  
HOPE

Kitchissippi  
UNITED CHURCH

Advent 1 HOPE - Sunday, November 28, 2021

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVESTREAM GO TO**  
**WWW.KITCHISSIPPIUC.COM**

### MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Hello all, Good (snowy, rainy, grey) day to you,

I hope that the gloom isn't getting you down and that you are finding pockets of joy in your day today.

There are a lot of things happening in Advent and I want you to be aware of all the ways that you can connect to God, to the church, to your faith, to one another and to the larger community.

**Sunday the 28th - Advent I HOPE** After church - **Welcome Advent** outdoor event. Arrive around 11 if you aren't attending worship in person and join in the festivities! All ages welcome! The Faith Formation team will have **Advent Kits** for children and youth available after the service, so hopefully our families will be able to attend the Welcome Advent event. If not, we will be asking if folks would be able to deliver Advent Kits after the service. Want a little more Advent? Join the FF folks for a **Fireside Chat** - an all ages event every Sunday evening through Advent starting at 6:30. First portion is for little ones, with Godly Play imagery and a story read-aloud; then we switch focus to eco-Advent devotional, some poetry, and shared stories for older teens, etc. Intergenerational, but with a focus on children and youth; all welcome. (Have grandchildren that live far away? Ask them to join you on this zoom call!)

**Tuesday November 30th** - Advent Study from 1 - 3pm. (And every Tuesday in Advent - Dec 7, 14 and 21 as well.) We are reading Kate Bowler's Advent Study called The Season of Almost. <http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ADVENT-RESOURCES-2021.pdf>  
Or you can email Kirsten in the office if you would like a paper copy.  
Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

**Wednesday December 1st** - All women of the congregation are welcome to come to the UCW Christmas luncheon at 1pm at The Mill St. Restaurant. Contact Jackie to rsvp by November 28th - [cliffoj456@hotmail.com](mailto:cliffoj456@hotmail.com). **Contemplative Advent Retreats begin - 7pm**. By zoom, each Wednesday - with Rideau Park. Zoom link available - contact me.

**Sunday December 5th - Advent II PEACE Communion** during the worship service. Also **Healing Pathway** will be offered as well. The **Pastoral Care** Team is asking for your help to deliver flowers to folks on our list. If you can deliver a plant to someone who can't get out/is sick at home please do!

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**Tuesday December 7th** - Advent Study from 1 - 3pm. We are reading Kate Bowler's Advent Study called The Season of Almost. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

**Wednesday December 8th - Advent Contemplative Service** 7pm by Zoom - led by me. (Please see the poster for the other Wednesdays in Advent, led by our friends at Rideau Park, who graciously invited us to join them again this year.)

**Sunday December 12th - ADVENT III PAGEANT SUNDAY** We will be watching this together from the Sanctuary. It has been recorded by families of Rideau Park and Kitchissippi (like last year) and will be shown during the service. We will also have hot apple cider available for sipping in the pews and maybe a cookie or two. I'm affectionately calling it a 'watch party'.

**Tuesday December 14th** - Advent Study from 1 - 3pm. We are reading Kate Bowler's Advent Study called The Season of Almost. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

**Wednesday December 15th - Advent Contemplative Service** 7pm by Zoom

**Friday December 17th - Trivia Night! 7pm** This will be the last one of 2021. All welcome to attend, answer Canadian trivia questions and share stories. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82250633588>

**Sunday December 19th - Advent IV LOVE**

**Tuesday December 21st** - Advent Study from 1 - 3pm. We are reading Kate Bowler's Advent Study called The Season of Almost. Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

**Wednesday December 22nd - Advent Contemplative Service** 7pm by Zoom - This one is a 'Blue Christmas' service.

**Friday December 24th - Christmas Eve Services: 6:30 pm** - Folks who are fully vaccinated are encouraged to attend. **7:30 pm** - Family Service: the fully vaccinated and children (who are not vaccinated) are encouraged to attend.

**Sunday December 26th - Christmas I:** Lay led.

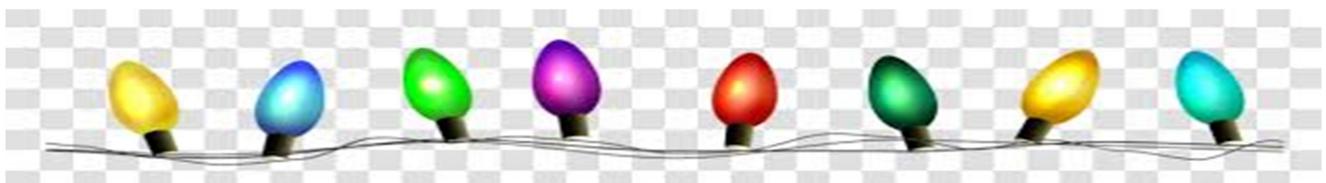
**Sunday January 2nd - Christmas II:** Lay led.

**Sunday January 9th - Epiphany!** Back to the Spiritual Literacy words: Enthusiasm! Energy!

Throughout Advent we will be recording greetings to share with our church community on Christmas Eve. You may record them yourself and send them to Kirsten or you can ask me to record you. Please be in touch!

I hope you have a great weekend and see you Sunday!

Blessings,  
Jenni



MESSAGE FROM FAITH FORMATION (DIANA BRUSHEY)



**Happy Advent!**

We have several activities planned and gifts for families, too.

On Sunday, November 28th we hope young families will come to the Outreach Circle's Mitten Toss, and stop by our Faith Formation

table to pick up an **Advent kit!**

This year's Advent kits have different materials than last year's and without spoiling the surprise, these beautiful little parcels have things to ponder this Advent season, materials to follow along with some of our worship themes, a family craft, and some treats and goodies, too! They also have simple Advent devotionals selected based on ages in your family.

They also have some invitations to the next items...

**Advent Fireside Storytimes**

We invite families to join us at 6:30 on Sunday evenings via Zoom for the four weeks of Advent. The first part will be for younger children, with Godly Play imagery, a read-aloud, and chance to share what is new about the season. The second part will be for older kids, teens, and adults, with readings from an eco-Advent resource, ideas from other Advent devotionals, and a time to share stories of Advent from our own lives. Zoom link: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/81415762412?pwd=NFhZVXB0aFFUUFpUVWo5dUtXc1dydzog>

Meeting ID: 814 1576 2412

Passcode: Adventure

If you would like to help read one of the devotionals or share a story, please let Diana know.



**Games and/or Movies, Anyone?**

We're looking into a youth games night online, and/or a watch party (you may need a Netflix account to participate) sometime this season. If you have suggestions, send them our way!

**Christmas Eve Services (yes, there are two!)**

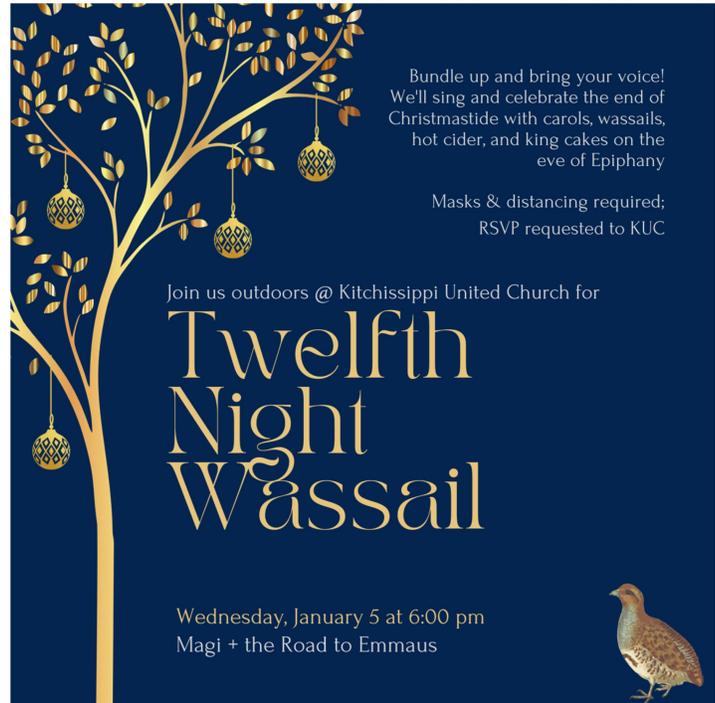
We have three ways to join this year; the first service will be for double-vaccinated folks only, with a second service for young families or intergenerational groups who wish to sit in the pews together. This means that the second service will likely have children who are not yet eligible for vaccination or fully vaccinated. We will still have some limitations (no singing in pews -yet!) but we'll have other ways for kids to participate! We will also be livestreaming for those traveling or who prefer to watch from online. We hope you'll join us in the way that feels most comfortable to your family.

**But wait, there's more!** Like the song says, celebrate twelve days of Christmas and join us for a **Twelfth Night Wassail on the eve of Epiphany (that's Wednesday, January 5th)**. It will be an outdoor event of good cheer and wrapping up the caroling season with (masked, distanced) singing, musing about Magi, and some traditional treats.\* (\* I'll bring the singing; bakers welcome to make some king cakes! )

We look forward to sharing this Advent season and Christmastide with you!

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*Diana Brushey (she/her)*  
Faith Formation Leader  
Kitchissippi United Church



## 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.



## 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 10<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks in advance for your generosity!"

**Hot chocolate and cookies will be served outside after the service when you toss your warm wollies through the Christmas tree!**

## **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 Gracequist 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 all. 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"

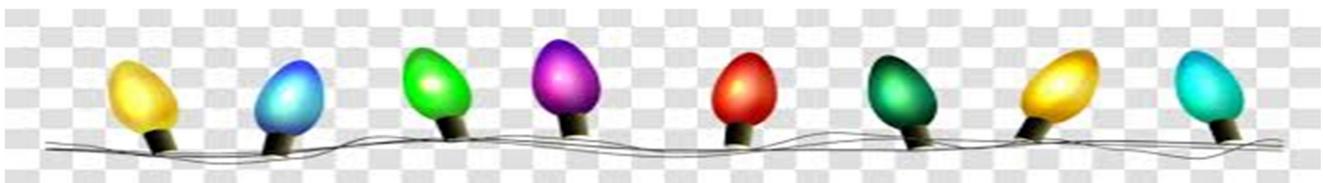
\*For options 1 and 2, your donation will be included in your annual charitable receipt from Kitchissippi United Church. For option 3 you will receive an immediate charitable receipt from Canada Helps.

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

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**AN OTHER OUTREACH REQUEST-** KUC is looking for the donation of a wheelchair for a senior in need. If you know of someone who has one please have them contact the church office at 613-722-7254.

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**CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY – FUNDRAISER UPDATE**



**A reminder about the Chaplaincy's Virtual Fundraising Auction and Gift Table. The annual auction is now open for bids, until November 30th.**

Check out the list of items and latest bids at <https://www.carlingtonchaplaincy.com/2021-silent-auction-fundraiser.html>

Send your bid(s) in to Shemi at [programcoordinator@carlingtonchaplaincy.com](mailto:programcoordinator@carlingtonchaplaincy.com) with the item #s.

Check regularly to make sure you have the best bid at the end.

**The Gift Table will open December 1st.**

The Chaplaincy and the Y Service club have received many donated items to sell, with a value of up to \$29. These are new or gently used, for a Christmas gift or for your own use.

You will receive several pages with photos and prices and it is "first come first served" in the order that offers are received.

Send your order in to [ysevice@primus.ca](mailto:ysevice@primus.ca) and pay for all items by Interac e transfer if possible.

Alternatively, send a cheque made out to the Ottawa Y Service club, mailed to 5 Hillhurst Pl., Ottawa, K2E 5R5.

Items will be available for pick up at the Chaplaincy, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. starting December 6th.

Thank you for your ongoing support,  
 Dave Hall  
 Resource Development Chair for the Chaplaincy.  
 Fundraising Chair for the Y Service club.



**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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