

DECEMBER 24, 2021

Merry Christmas

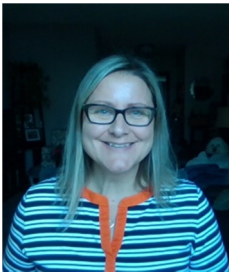


Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Christmas Eve!
Friday, December 24th, 2021

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



Good Christmas Eve to you!

I hope this finds you well and looking forward to this holy night. The Christmas Eve worship service is lovely, thanks to our wonderful choir and readers! It is available after 3pm today. (I have to share this exciting news: I got my booster yesterday! I'm really happy about this! I hope you've found yours as well!)

My calendar for this month reminds me that giving is important in life: Winston Churchill: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." I didn't realize that the quote continues and is way more than I want to unpack today: "The inherent vice of capitalism is the unequal sharing of blessings; the inherent virtue of socialism is the equal sharing of miseries. We contend that for a nation to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. The whole history of the world is summed up in the fact that, when nations are strong, they are not always just, and when they wish to be just, they are no longer strong."

This might be something to hold against the Christmas and more specifically Jesus' message of justice by overthrowing the tables in the temples and calling out the powerful elite who hoard money. Jesus identified the powers and principalities that were corrupt as they were working against God's way: love for all, clothing, food, shelter for all. We are called to live in this way all year long. The generosity we have at Christmas is the generosity we are called to all year long. May these words and the words of the gospel ruminate in your heart and mind this Christmas. Allow them to help you imagine a better way for the world we live in.

This is not the message I had set out to write today, but that is what the Spirit has led me to. May the Spirit of the baby Jesus be born anew in your hearts. May you hear the angel song calling you to renewed faith, the faith of Mary. May God's blessings be shown and known by you and yours this Christmas.

Don't forget the Fireside Christmas Eve meet up on Zoom at 6:30pm - a time to hear the Christmas story and a time to wish one another a Merry Christmas! See you then! Stay safe so that when Omicron is finished and the dangers of Covid subside, we can return to the sanctuary again!

With love and blessings,
Jenni

p.s. Look for a return to the Coffee Time on Thursdays starting on the afternoon of January 6th, Epiphany. Bring your beverage of choice and share a story of an epiphany you've had!

MESSAGE FROM DIANA BRUSHEY



Wishing you all a safe, (small?), meaningful Christmas.

Tonight at 6:30 we have a short Zoom service using the liturgy and wooden figures we traditionally have on Christmas Eve. It's also a chance to wish each other Merry Christmas.

A small set of kits were made for our youngest families, with colouring sheets of the Christmas story and a little Bethlehem boardgame made by a UCC youth minister.

We also have prepared a set of little Christmas caring thoughts bags available for anyone who might be feeling down or alone this season. If you or some you know might appreciate this please reach out.

We will give info regarding the Twelfth Night Wassail (if going forward, cancelled, adapted, or online) early in the new year.

Diana

We have a few 2022 United Church Calendars still for sale. If you want one (\$6.00) please email Kirsten Gracequist at kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com in the office to make arrangements to pick one up!

UPCOMING SERVICES

UPCOMING ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021/2022
ON LINE LIVESTREAM SUNDAYS (NO IN PERSON WORSHIP AT THIS TIME)

HERE IS THE LINK TO VIEW THE KUC YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON SUNDAYS
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PllaRmr2teVA>

Friday December 24th - Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols Service will be pre-recorded and available after 3PM on Friday

Sunday December 26th - Christmas I: NO SERVICE

Sunday January 2nd - Christmas II: Lay led. (Live Streamed)

Sunday January 9th - Epiphany! Back to the Spiritual Literacy words: Enthusiasm! Energy! (Live Streamed)

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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