



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

*Season's Greetings and Merry Christmas!
from Kitchissippi United Church*

Kitchissippi United Church

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Sunday Worship

10:00 am

LIVE STREAM AT

www.kitchissippiuc.com

LINK HERE:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PllaRmr2teVA>

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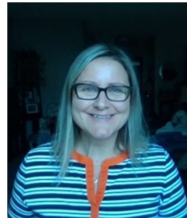
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Minister's Message from Rev. Jenni



"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." (Hamilton Wright Mabie) This year, the first Sunday in Advent coincided with the first day of Hanukkah. Both observances involve lighting a candle. One person observed that with both faiths lighting candles that day (Sunday November 28th), a whole lot more light came into the world. Candlelight is beautiful, elegant and it only takes a very small candle to bring light into any space. With these two traditions happening together, I hope and pray that the candles lit and the faces reflected in their light bring a renewed sense of commitment to the realm of God. I hope and pray that there is a renewal of love and not hate, where there is renewed hope and not despair, where there is a renewed commitment to peace worldwide. A renewed commitment to caring for one another and an end to the pandemic.

Can you imagine a world where the whole world engages in a conspiracy of love? Can you imagine a love that brings about an end to violence and war? A love that causes people to apologize for wrongdoing? A love that leads to healing and wholeness? A love that causes humans to cease their polluting and industries do the same? A love that ensures vaccines are available to all people across the globe? A love that mends fences, builds bridges and favours justice over equity? A love that connects all of creation to one another: human, creature, inanimate and animate alike, including the waters, atmosphere and forests - all connected through God who loves it all?

The meaning of the season is the above. Light. Love. Renewed hope. Healing. Justice. Connections. Jesus comes, a Middle Eastern Jew, to teach this new way of being, this new way of loving, healing, connecting: a path that leads to the fullness of God's kingdom.

May you be blessed this season with all of these and more. And may we all live our lives for this purpose: to love.

Blessed Advent and Christmas to you all,
Rev. Jenni

Faith Formation



Happy Advent!

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

On Sunday, November 28th we held our second annual Outreach Circle's Mitten Toss, and

distributed our Faith Formation table to pick up an **Advent kits!**

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81415762412?pwd=NFhZVXB0aFFUUFpUVW05dUtXc1dydz09>

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.

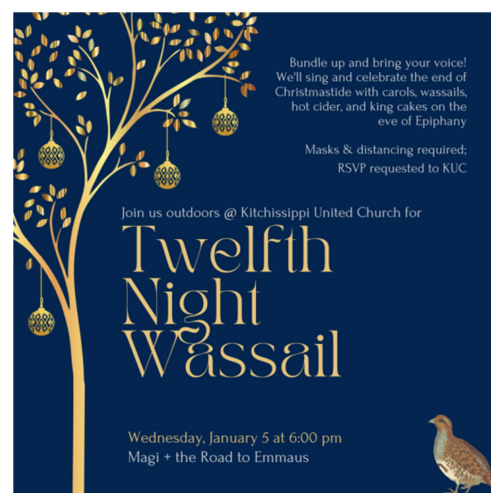


Games and/or Movies, Anyone?

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!

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

Kitchissippi United Church – CHRISTMAS HIGHLIGHTS

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2021

Sunday, November 28 – Advent 1 – HOPE at 10am

Sunday, December 5 – Advent 2 PEACE – Communion at 10am

Wednesday, December 8 – Advent Contemplative Service 7pm by Zoom – with Rev. Jenni

Sunday, December 12 – Advent 3 – Pageant Sunday at 10am

Sunday, December 19 – Advent 4 – LOVE at 10am

Friday, December 24 – Christmas Eve 6:30 pm and 7:30 pm

Sunday, December 26 – First after Christmas at 10am

Sunday January 3, 2022 – Second After Christmas at 10am



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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!

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>
<http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ADVENT-RESOURCES-2021.pdf>

Wednesday December 8th - Advent Contemplative Service 7pm by Zoom - led by Rev. Jenni. Our friends at Rideau Park, who graciously invited us to join them again this year. Rideau Park United Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5583434610>

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>
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Wednesday December 15th - Advent Contemplative Service 7pm by Zoom
Zoom meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5583434610>

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>
<http://www.kitchissippiuc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/ADVENT-RESOURCES-2021.pdf>

Wednesday December 22nd - Advent Contemplative Service 7pm by Zoom - This one is a 'Blue Christmas' service. Rideau Park United Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5583434610>

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!

Kitchissippi's Christmas Outreach

ADVENT OUTREACH 2021

Greetings from the KUC Refugee/Outreach Circle

Here's a snapshot of Advent Outreach plans, more info soon! We would very much like to receive Donations by **Friday, December 11th**. **Many thanks in advance for your generosity!**

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 (being confirmed with their management); AND



2) Our purchase of gift cards. Given Covid-19, we have to replace our traditional wrapped gifts for needy hamper recipients.

HAMPERS

Also given Covid-19, we and many other churches are giving grocery cards instead of food this year. Metro/Food Basics grocery cards have been ordered to replace hampers for needy families having an especially difficult time.

DONATION info shown below:

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 mail box. Feel free to use your offering envelopes. Indicate on the envelope or cheque: White Gift. Please **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 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.*

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING AT KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH

WE ARE NOW LIVE STREAMING EVERY SUNDAY

Please go to the YouTube channel on Sunday morning at 10 am to watch live. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PllaRmr2teVA>

SHARING SOME PICTURES FROM THE OUTREACH MITTEN TREE LAST SUNDAY

