



# Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Live Stream Service at 10 am

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



Good Friday to you!

As we wrap up January this weekend, we also bring our month of looking at the word Enthusiasm ("Celebrate life with this intoxicating passion. It adds zest to everything and helps build community. Hold nothing back." Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat) And, wow, I am very excited about what has happened this month through enthusiasm (and the Holy Spirit)!

First, check out the Outreach announcement! Very good news for Ancille's sister, Illumine and her family!

Second, check out the announcement with the beautiful Valentine's day hearts from Soul Space. The Ottawa Outreach Cluster, of which we are a part, with the help of the ministry student, Claire Savage and First United, started Soul Space, which is a healing space for frontline health care workers who work with the unhoused of Ottawa. They are asking for donations of goodies and gift cards, masks and a few other things. There will be 2 drop off times for Kitchissippi folks - please see the announcement to donate!



As we move into February, our word of the month changes (FAITH!) and while Epiphany remains, we add Black History and Futures Month. The Creative Worship Working group met this week and discussed themes and ideas for the month. First, the word FAITH. The Brussat's define faith this way: "Recognize and accept that there is another dimension to life than what is obvious to us. Live with obstacles, doubt, and paradox, knowing that God is always present in the world." This definition, I believe, directly relates to February's theme of Black history and futures month and to anti-racism work, and specifically the anti-racism work that I've seen. I have discovered, first hand, that there is another dimension to life that has escaped me for a long time. The experiences of black, indigenous and folks of colour have been both systemically and tacitly oppressed and also I/we have looked the other way. There is another dimension to life that white people have been suppressing/avoiding and that dimension is the many ways in which other peoples' experiences are difficult, painful and in need of bringing to the forefront. The Creative Worship Working Group decided that highlighting experiences of racialized folks\*, especially in terms of contributions of time and talent would be a focus. We will, throughout the month, feature articles, movies, tv series, prayers, sermons, musical pieces, anti-racism concepts and events that will happen or have happened and will provide reflections and reviews by the group. (So that you are not just getting a link to an article, you are also getting a member of Kitchissippi's feedback on it. This is open to all - please forward links and your review to me and I will include them in the FF and sermons as appropriate.) Watch for this throughout the month of February!

Finally, it was a delight to meet Jessica Baird in person last evening in the sanctuary. You will hear more from her (and Denise) about the Sock Project in the worship service this Sunday. Here are a couple of great articles about Jessica from Broadview Magazine: <https://broadview.org/the-sock-project-jessica-baird/> and here: <https://broadview.org/acts-of-kindness/>

**Chinese, Vietnamese, and Korean New Year** celebrations begin on February 1st! Happy New Year to all who celebrate! Everyone, I hope you have a wonderful weekend - whether you are happy or sad to see January see it's way out!

*Epiphany blessings,  
Jenni*

**\*From the United In Learning Racial Justice Training Facilitator's script: A Word on Language:**

- As we begin, we want to note that language is ever-changing and evolving, and language is always imperfect.
- Previously, this workshop had used the term "racialized" to denote a reference to all peoples of colour.
- At the moment, some are using the acronym BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and Peoples of Colour), not as a synonym for racialized peoples, but rather to name three particular groups of people in our society who have been oppressed based on the colour of their skin (i.e., systemic racism).
- These include the Indigenous peoples of Turtle Island, the Black people groups and all other Peoples of Colour who have migrated under the banner of Canadian Confederacy.
- At the same time, there are some whose preference is to continue to use the term racialized.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

**Drop off Valentine's donations** at the church Saturday February 5th - 11:30 - 1pm -

**Kitchissippi's Reopening Circle** - Tuesday February 1st at 10am - will take a look at what the Provincial government has opened and plan accordingly. Watch for updates in next week's Friday File.

**Broadview Reading Club - Tuesdays from 1 - 3pm** For Jan. 31 we will be page 59 of the December issue, and pages 43 and 52 of the Jan/Feb issue.

**UCW Meeting (online) – Wednesday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1PM** Zoom link  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89427038237>

**Coffee Time Zoom - Thursdays from 1:30 - 3pm** Bring your own beverage and join for conversation and inspiration. Bring a poem to share if you'd like! Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8925057455>

**Mens Group (on-line)** - Gentlemen of KUC and the wider community meet from 9:30am to 11:00 am on **Thursday mornings**. Discussions are wide ranging, as we attempt to solve all the world's problems, every week. If you want to join the Men's Group discussion please contact Doug Patriquin [patriquinfam@sympatico.ca](mailto:patriquinfam@sympatico.ca) or Clayton Porteous at [porteousclayton@outlook.com](mailto:porteousclayton@outlook.com) for the Zoom link.

**Rideau Park United Church Meditation Group Online: Thursdays at 10am**

Twenty minutes of quiet, peace, and mindfulness, shared Meditation is not difficult. And group meditation is a deepening experience. To join in the live group, please email Rev. Steve Clifton for the Zoom link [sclifton@rideaupark.ca](mailto:sclifton@rideaupark.ca)

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

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/UCwATU1rozB1PIlaRmr2teVA>

## OUTREACH

**Refugee/Outreach Circle news** - We're excited to announce the long-awaited approval by Canadian visa officers of Illuminee NKENGURUTSE and her 3 children! They are Burundian refugees in Rwanda, they've been waiting for over 3 years and their interview with Canadian Visa office on January 26th went very well. They will be getting medical exams and travel advice over the coming weeks... and we will keep you posted. Her sister Ancille Muhimpundu and her family are thrilled to know that their cousins will be coming to Ottawa. As we know more we will update you but help will be needed to welcome this family to Canada. The Refugee Support Team will restart and we are looking for volunteers.

## WIDER CHURCH

**Show some love this Valentine's Day - Spread the love!**

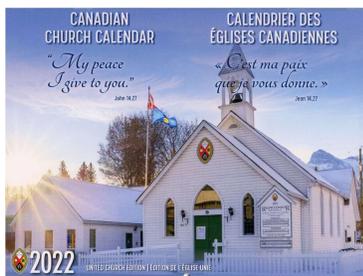
The following items are needed!

- Valentine's Day cards (with a personal, written message)
- Small boxes of chocolates, baked goods
- Coffee shop/grocery store/take-out food gift cards
- New wool socks, lighters, hand/foot warmers, N95 masks'

For more information and to make a donation by Friday, February 11, 2022, contact: [info@soulpaceottawa.ca](mailto:info@soulpaceottawa.ca) OR [soulpaceottawa.ca](http://soulpaceottawa.ca)



**Donations from Kitchissippi folks** - we will be collecting donations of gifts in support of the initiative "Spread the love", gifts for Frontline street health care workers and their clients. **Donations can be dropped off at the church on Saturday February 5 between 11:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and on Monday February 7 between 11:00 a.m. and noon.** Please note that donations of bake goods should be wrapped in individual quantities of 2-3 (no more than 6) and should include a list of ingredients.



We still have a few 2022 United Church Calendars still for sale.

If you want one please email Kirsten Gracequist at [kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com](mailto:kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com) in the office to make arrangements to pick one up!

## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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