



Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, February 13th, 2022
Live Stream Service at 10 am

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MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Hello all,
Just a quick hello and several resources for your weekend! I'm writing from the airport, flying soon to Toronto for the weekend. I'm participating in General Council.

Join the General Council 44 Worship on Sunday February 13th, beginning at noon. You can register as a guest or visitor. I will be there as a member of the Equity Support Team. <https://generalcouncil44.ca/about/connect-gc44>

I hope you have a great weekend!
Continued Epiphany blessings,
Jenni

Podcast: with Kate Bowler: Okay fellow Canadians, this one's for you. This week, I spoke to our most beloved comedian and political satirist, Rick Mercer.

Rick didn't exactly know he was allowed to be proud. As a teenager, he was barely making it through high school and traveling the island province of Newfoundland, Canada, as the sidekick to a kindly clown (no really, the story is hilarious). But being an outsider gave him a unique perspective. His razor wit, biting political commentary, and celebration of small town dreams would make him one of Canada's most beloved voices.

[In this conversation](#), we talked about our shared love of being Canadian (and why the Meech Lake Accord was so funny), why it feels so good to be proud of people doing what they love, and the rather unhelpful suggestions people offer one another (such as trying Oregano, have YOU tried it?).

[This episode](#) is sure to make you laugh (even if the Canadian references go over your head) and feel proud to be where you're from—no matter how obscure.



Snow-Job: Why is Black Slavery “Whited Out” in Canadian History? An Incorrect Sestina

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/ideas/canada-s-slavery-secret-the-whitewashing-of-200-years-of-enslavement-1.4726313>

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Why is it common knowledge that Canada was the terminal stop on the Underground Railroad for runaway slaves from the U.S., but few know that Blacks and Indigenous peoples were bought, sold and exploited right here? Contributor Kyle G. Brown asks how slavery went on for 200 years, and yet is one of the least talked about aspects of our history?

www.cbc.ca



While I was conscious of slavery in Britain, I had begun to ask questions about: What about here in Canada? If Canada was part of the British Empire, weren't there slaves here too? But I hadn't really pursued it. Like most people I just got caught up with life - and I learned about slavery in school, right? Oh, yes. Canada emerges quite heroic. We rolled out the welcome mat for Harriet Tubman and other unfortunate slaves who struggled exhausted over the border. We could feel quite proud about being the good guys. Slavery was something that was imposed by some bad people on unfortunate people elsewhere. Then I heard this documentary and I had to pay attention.

I learned there were over 4000 slaves in New France alone. But the number was believed to be far, far higher.

“From families separated and sold at auction blocks in Halifax harbour, to enslaved women raped in Ontario, their children born into bondage. It’s a long and brutal story and yet history textbooks have all but ignored it. How is it that over 2 centuries so many people could be enslaved but leave so little trace - their very existence, buried?”

I learned that Windsor, Ontario was built on slaves - that people built wealth on the back of slaves, who weren't seen as human, not even given names, just chattel. Not people with dreams, hopes, hurt, rights, needs, wants, etc... My mother was born in Windsor so I thought I owed it to all of these nameless people to start looking into it. For now, I have had to set this project aside. But I can't now unknow what I know. It's important that we know what happened, acknowledge it and be better do better. To be honest, I am not sure what all that looks like. First steps are hard but it's the right direction. I would like to know why I never learned THIS history in school. Who made that decision and when? This is us. We can't help what happened in the past - but we can use our past to shape the future. A better, more just future. We need to acknowledge it, not just to ourselves, but validate that it did happen, there were impacts, negative impacts, inequities which still exist today - for the children of those who carried(y) that intergenerational trauma down through the generations.

Black Cemeteries Force Us to Re-examine Our History with Slavery – The Walrus

<https://thewalrus.ca/black-cemeteries-force-us-to-re-examine-our-history-with-slavery/?fbclid=IwAR2SYjWVClwhak6ux598ivTvVgssmWory1V7aut35G-AM3d7CBdPzfE28xs>

Mante's Black Literature Library by Sabrin Saraj

<https://www.mantemolepo.com/black-history-month-library?fbclid=IwARoT-yTEMRAcWKLmIwFoIEKx10pnou7INFSXb9gybp6q7eleIZrUfSDoJFQ>

FAITH FORMATION

The Candlemas edition of Faith Formation newsletter: from Diana Brushey

<https://mailchi.mp/e2b1c3d4d4eb/candlemas2022-kuc-11399729>

Sunday, February 27th, 2 pm: "Mardi Gras" and winter festival on the lawn.

Join us just before Lent for pancakes, snow games, snowy story walk, and music!

Sunday, March 13th, 2 pm: PIE Sunday

Join us to celebrate PIE day with rainbow art, quizzes from the Affirm Circle, and of course, pie!

OUTREACH NEWS!

Kitchissippi United Church is excited to announce Refugee sponsorship news!

After several years of waiting, we have a Burundian family for 4 arriving in Ottawa in the coming weeks.

Please contact Norah Patriquin at patriquinfam@sympatico.ca or the church office at 613-722-7254 if you want to help. More new to come!

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2022

Kitchissippi United Church will be holding its Annual Congregation meeting on **Sunday, March 27, 2022** at Zoom. The time and a Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

In preparation for our Annual meeting on March 27th – we will be putting together the Annual Report together to be Circle and Committee Chairs, please submit your contributions **BEFORE February 24, 2022**. You can email your submission to Kirsten Gracequist at kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com.

NEWS FROM THE KUC REOPENING CIRCLE (FROM LAST WEEK)

The Re-opening Circle and the Worship Circle met together on February 1. **After considerable discussion it was decided that we will not resume in-sanctuary Worship at this time.** Hospitalizations and deaths from Covid, although coming down, are still significantly higher than they were when we reopened last Fall. Added to that, ventilation in the Sanctuary is problematic at the moment because windows can't be comfortably opened due to frigid temperatures. We feel that recorded, streamed worship services continue to provide KUC folks with a good alternative.

We know that the fellowship aspect church membership is something which many of us are craving. To address this need we have decided that we can safely allow small groups (under 25) to convene in-person meetings in the Hall. We have good ventilation in there and people will still have to be double (preferably triple) vaccinated, distance, mask, complete a screening and sign in. We will not be having refreshments at this time. Meeting conveners are to book times for using the Hall with Kirsten Gracequist in the office.

We will be planning an outdoor Mardi Gras event to start off the Lenten Season. More info to follow.

The Reopening Circle will meet again on March 21 to re-evaluate the Covid situation. It is our sincere prayer that we will be able to worship together in the Sanctuary before Palm Sunday.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

WE CONTINUE 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/UCwATU1rozB1PIIaRmr2teVA>

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Broadview Reading Club - Tuesdays from 1 - 3pm the articles for February 15 are on p 7-11, p44 and p45.
Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

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 **Thursday mornings from 9:30am to 11:00**. 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 or Clayton Porteous at 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

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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