



Kitchissippi  
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 3, 2022  
LENT 5 - Forgiveness

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM GO TO  
[WWW.KITCHISSIPPIUC.COM](http://WWW.KITCHISSIPPIUC.COM)**

HERE IS THE LINK TO VIEW THE KUC YOUTUBE CHANNEL ON SUNDAYS

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1P1laRmr2teVA>

## MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good Friday afternoon!

Every once in a while, I am reminded what a treasure we have in the National Film Board. (Why do I forget in between? I don't know.)

Recently, I became aware of this short film, called The Storm by Monica Kidd. Kidd is a family physician in Alberta and has been observing the pandemic with a keen eye and compassionate heart. <https://www.nfb.ca/film/storm/>

This film, in 4 minutes, captures so much of how I've been feeling: the strange suspicions, anxiety, the hope that we will come back together, that community will resume and loneliness and isolation will ease for all people.

Kidd writes: "There will always be storms: new viruses, hatred, wars, pandemics, a changing climate. All of it so deeply terrifying. But alongside it, there will be new life. Second chances. All of it mixed up together. Sometimes the work is just to find a quiet place and bear witness. And to hang on for dear life."

Our scriptures this Sunday speak deeply to this sense of what might be - new storms, but also, always of God's steadfast presence, at all times and in all places. God is renewing the earth, continues to create in each one of us and promises to make all things new, continuously, at each moment.

May we remember, even in our deepest sadness, that the promises of God are new every morning, every moment. As people of God - indeed all people regardless of creed, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation - we all are blessed with this promise each and every day.

Today, may you know the comfort of God, may the teachings of Jesus guide your words and thoughts and may the Holy Spirit enliven your spirit with renewed hope and peace.

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

Blessings,  
Jenni

## OUTREACH

### REFUGEE/OUTREACH CIRCLE

**DONATIONS NEEDED** - A reminder that first Sunday of the month is Food Bank Sunday. The Parkdale Food Centre needs and welcomes toiletries and non-perishable food items. There are boxes in the narthex and donations will be delivered early next week. Thank you for sharing!

**REFUGEES** - No news yet regarding the travel of our Burundian refugee family. We'll notify everyone as soon as we hear. We are still looking for possible "soft landing" accommodation for a week or 2 after the arrival of the family. Please notify Norah Patriquin if you have possible space or suggestions.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** - **Partage Share PS Ottawa**, launched over the past few months in affiliation with Stone Soup Network/SSN in Toronto, is up and running now, matching contributions of goods and services with our needy neighbours in Carlington. It came from the Central Ottawa Cluster of United Churches and is a great way to support those in need and build a healthy community. Please it out at <https://www.partageshare.org/>.

The Chaplaincy is the Social Connector. We need volunteers to find contributions from places you shop, local businesses, etc. A short, very practical online session with SSN Founder Alexa Gilmour is being planned. It will give folks interested in the project and perhaps volunteering a chance to hear the "positive pitch" that has worked so well with SSN. Please contact Norah Patriquin at [patriquinfam@sympatico.ca](mailto:patriquinfam@sympatico.ca) or 613-601-4456 if you can join us for this short online session. This invitation is for all churches supporting the Carlington Community Chaplaincy. Date and time to be determined ASAP; Alexa is generally available and is wonderfully inspiring!

The Chaplaincy is also encouraging individuals to volunteer and donate time/talents to Carlington folks in a personalized approach, Neighbour2Neighbour; individual donors may use the Partage Share link: <https://www.partageshare.org/donate>

These 2 initiatives Partage Share and Neighbour to Neighbour should both help the Chaplaincy better support Carlington residents, one through businesses and the other through individuals.

## ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2022

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Kitchissippi United Church will be holding its Annual General/ Congregation meeting on **Sunday, April 24, 2022** after worship (11:30am) in the church sanctuary and by Zoom. More information will come soon.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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**Lenten Reflection series at RPUC:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm, join us on Zoom for a time of reflection and prayer on themes from the Lord's Prayer:

Rideau Park United Church is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Lenten Reflections Join Zoom Meeting <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/5583434610>

## ONGOING

**Broadview Reading Club - Tuesdays from 1 - 3pm.** The readings for next Tuesday, April 5, are the letters on p5&6, and p12-18. Zoom: <https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

**UCW Fellowship and spring cleaning of the kitchen!** Wednesday, April 6 at 1:00 pm.

**Mens Group (online)** - 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](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)

## WIDER CHURCH

... Is back for in-person Day Camp starting Summer 2022!

We will be offered for 5 weeks between July 11<sup>th</sup> to Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>

To learn more please contact Kristy Drost, Camp Awesome Director at [campawesomeottawa@gmail.com](mailto:campawesomeottawa@gmail.com).

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## Easter Plant Sale 2022 Update from the Ottawa Y Service Club

Easter Plant Sale update from the Ottawa Y Service club. There are only 12 more days to get your order in. After April 3rd we may not be able to provide what you want. The current order form and list of plants available is attached to the KFF email. Unfortunately we cannot get any Primula or Calla Lilies. There are still shortages due to COVID. These and other plants may be available for our Mother's Day sale. Send your order to [yserve@primus.ca](mailto:yserve@primus.ca) and pay by Interac e transfer or by cheque to:  
5 Hillhurst Place, Ottawa. K2E 5R5.

Thanks for your support

Dave Hall

## SUPPORTING UKRIANE

Dear EOORC Friends,

The past few weeks we have found ourselves reeling from the news of what is occurring in Ukraine. For many of us the question has been, "How can we help?"



Without doubt the response to such a question will evolve over the next several months. In the meantime, we want to assure you that your Eastern Ontario-Outaouais Regional Executive and Communities of Faith from a variety of geographic points are seeking ways to answer that very important question, “**How can we help?**”

We want to ensure that the EOORC can respond from Addison to Arnprior; Chelsea to Chesterville; Denbigh to Deep River; Mallorytown to Merrickville; Rideau Ferry to Roebuck as well as from downtown Ottawa or its many suburbs!

To facilitate our response--including partnering with sister churches beyond our own United Church--and to create opportunities for everyone to participate in their unique way, we are creating a space on our EOORC website [HERE](#).

You will find links to various resources and organizations to find out:

- How to join in advocating for Ukraine, offering support for those seeking refuge, or for the ongoing support and care of all refugees-- not only from Ukraine, but the many other places in the world where the reaching hand of love, care, peace, justice, and hope is so desperately needed.
- Where Communities of Faith are holding fundraising events or financial campaign to help support humanitarian efforts through established networks. This site will provide a space for Communities of Faith to share their event information and be a way for other Communities of Faith, whose volunteer, leadership, or facility resources may be limited, to participate.
- What is needed to lend support.
- Ways to support Ukrainian Churches in with the Region as they lead the efforts for the Ukrainian people.

This is an opportunity to seek new partnerships within the EOORC to identify ways in which we can provide support for the people of Ukraine, whether at home, in neighbouring countries, or here in our Region. **If you would like to contribute information to the site, please email us at: [eoorcukraineresponse@gmail.com](mailto:eoorcukraineresponse@gmail.com)**

In addition to the creative, unique, and responsive ways that unfolding across the region, there are a number of Canadian organizations available to receive financial donations for humanitarian efforts. These include The United Church of Canada, which is in working in partnership with ACT Alliance and the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. UCC has joined the Humanitarian Coalition to call on Canadians to show tangible support for the people of Ukraine by providing people with urgently needed shelter, clean water, food, and medical attention. Contributions may be made [HERE](#)

My friends, I know for many of you, this has been particularly challenging, and often the helplessness that occurs can be quite destabilizing. Please know we will continue to walk together, work together, and pray together as a Church and Communities of Faith that are committed to respond to the world, seeking a deepening understanding of how our faith speaks to us in this time and place.

**And in doing so, let us remember,** Peace is harder to achieve than war; Grace is harder to extend than anger; Justice is harder to live than imagine; Love is harder to nurture than hate; and Hope is harder to keep alive than despair.

In Faith & Friendship,  
Rev Cindy M. Casey, Ukraine Initiative Lead  
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## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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