



SEASON OF CREATION

Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, September 11, 2022
Creation Time Begins

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PIIaRmr2teVA>

A MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good Friday to you!

It's the season of many things: garden abundance (does anyone want some tomatoes?), Creation time and the season of coming back to church!

We will have our Welcome back Sunday next Sunday, the 18th, as this Sunday we celebrate the life of Coby Fuykschot after the service at 11:30am. Stay tuned for next Sunday: we have some fun activities planned for after the service!

Council meets this week by Zoom, and they will make some decisions about reopening. If you have any input you'd like to share, please be in touch with Ian MacGregor, Chair, or Denise Bonomo, Vice Chair. Alternatively, you are welcome to join the meeting at 7pm on September 13th.

The Book Reading Group that I lead will start up in two weeks time: likely by zoom, but possibly in person at the church. I'm waiting a bit so that the start up of the church year doesn't engulf me - but we will be back soon!

Did you know there is a Walk-a-thon for Ottawa West Community Support next Saturday, September 17th? I will be walking in it for Marion Reid, and you can join in too! It is called The Grand Parade and you can find more information here: <https://thegrandparade.org/location/ottawawellingtonwest>

As the world responds to the death of Queen Elizabeth II, in closing I wanted to share with you the words of our Moderator, Carmen Landsdowne, who has been in Karlsruhe, Germany for the World Council of Churches General Assembly:

Life throws at us the unexpected. This week as there are mixed and complex feelings about the death of Queen Elizabeth II, we marked the passing of elder Bernice Saulteaux. Bernice had a profound impact on my journey and also became a source of affirmation and strength over the years.

However one might feel about colonialism and the fact that Canada is a constitutional monarchy, the woman of leadership and service that the Queen was during her 70 yr reign has become a source of inspiration to me. A nonpartisan head of state, she was not able to be political or make policy. Whatever role

kings and queens have played in colonization she was not at liberty to make reparation without the British state.

This morning I'm pleased to be en route to Regina, then on to Carry the Kettle reserve to celebrate Bernice's life, mourn her death, and to remember our faith that death is not the end. Bernice always celebrated my ministry, encouraged me, prayed for me, and taught me some valuable lessons about what's important along the way. I couldn't be happier I made it home in time to be present on behalf of the church to mark this crossing over. Sunrise reflections on lives well lived.

And this prayer offered by the United Church of Canada:

Holy God,

We give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses:

people whose lives we honour and cherish,

people who have taught us how to live as best we can;

We give thanks for the life of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II,

who is now gathered among the faithful who go before us.

May you bless and keep all who love and who will miss Queen Elizabeth.

We pray especially for the Royal Family,

all who held her closely in their hearts,

and all who will shepherd nations of people in the grieving process.

May you bless and keep the common wealth,

and all who wrestle with the complexities of the monarchy and what Queen Elizabeth represents.

We pray especially for those who continue to unpack the legacies of colonialism as we work towards right relations and reconciliation.

We bring all this to you,

while giving thanks for the life of Queen Elizabeth,

and while celebrating your sovereignty over our hearts.

Amen

Have a wonderful weekend, folks,

Jenni



Please join us on **Sunday, September 18th** - Welcome back and Covenanting Sunday Children's programming will start then. More information to come.

OUTREACH

Carlington Community Chaplaincy Workshop – Sat. Sept. 10 (9am to Noon)

Bellevue Community Centre. 1475 Caldwell Avenue

Theme: *The Chaplaincy after Covid – THE WAY FORWARD*

This is your invitation to learn more about the Chaplaincy, an important community organization we've supported for many years. The workshop will include the following in presentations and open discussions: an overview of the Chaplaincy's current program; plans for new initiatives; what we learned from Covid-19; the drop-in centre and food program; engaging our churches & supporters;

recruiting volunteers; the current financial situation; immediate and longer term challenges and suggestions for reaching financial stability. Please join us - we really need participation and ideas from our church members!

REFUGEE SUPPORT

We may hear very soon that our Burundian family has approval to travel to Ottawa! They have been living in Rwanda as refugees and we need to be ready to greet and settle this family: Illuminee (the mother) and her children Key Kenta (F -19), Yan Owen (M- 13) and Chekna Charlie (F - almost 12). We are looking at longer term accommodation in Ottawa but with short notice being very likely, does anyone have or know of a temporary furnished space for perhaps a couple of weeks or so when they arrive?

Our Syrian family several years ago was very fortunate to have a "soft landing space" for a short time till they moved into an apartment. Please ask family and friends if they know of available short term space and notify the church at 613-722-7254 if you have suggestions. Once the family is here we will collect needed items but not until then.

Thanks to KUC and friends for your ongoing support!

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

KUC Council meeting- Tuesday September 13th at 7pm Via zoom

Men's Coffee Group - 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. In good weather we meet at Remic Rapids by the Ottawa River, and when rainy, at Local Heroes on Clyde. If you want to join the Men's Group discussion please contact Doug Patriquin patriquinfam@sympatico.ca or Clayton Porteous at porteousclayton@outlook.com.

FALL 2022- COVID PROTOCOL UPDATE

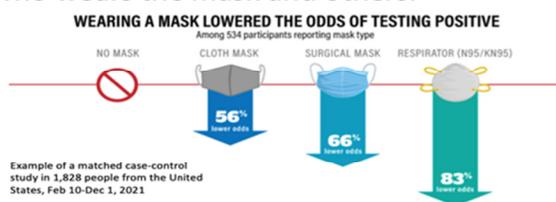
We will not be checking vaccine status. We know that two doses of the original vaccine provide minimal protection against the current Omicron strains. Boosters do help. There is a new bivalent vaccine providing better protection against the Omicron variant and we encourage all members of the congregation to get this booster dose when they are eligible.

1. The sanctuary and hall will return to full capacity use. If eating or drinking in the Hall, people must be seated with 6 foot spacing, and masks should be replaced as soon as the snack has been eaten.
2. We will continue to require masks, preferably KN95s and will allow congregational singing with masks on. Masks are available at all entrances. All choir members are welcome to return to practices and Sunday worship wearing masks if they are comfortable with the distancing limitations in the choir loft.
3. Children's programming will resume September 11, including the nursery. For the Fall, many of the preschool, elementary school and young adults' activities will take place outdoors. As with the adults in the congregation, we ask that children over the age of two wear a face mask and be vaccinated as they are eligible. Proof will not be required.

- We will continue to open windows and use the hall ventilation system. People are asked to dress warmly as the outdoor temperatures fall. We are purchasing three Hepa Filters to be used in the board room, chapel and parlour for children’s programming and small group meetings. We encourage Circles to meet by Zoom as winter sets in.
- We ask people not to crowd too closely together while inside the church. We will continue to plan for safe spacing at worship and social events.
- We will continue to supply and request that people use hand sanitizer and minimize sharing of communal objects.

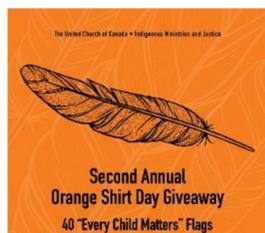
Masks are still an effective public health measure to reduce COVID-19 transmission

- Public health measures, including increased ventilation and filtration, physical distancing and wearing a well-fitted, high quality mask can help reduce SARS-CoV-2 transmission in places where people gather indoors.
- Recent studies from the United States analysed the impact of mask wearing on SARS-CoV-2 community transmission: mandatory masking reduced the incidence of SARS-CoV-2 infection consistently.
- Masking protects both the person who wears the mask and others.
- Community benefits from masking are most pronounced when adopted widely.



Donovan et al. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2022; Brooks et al. JAMA. 2021; Figure adapted from Andrejko et al. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2022.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA ESSENTIALS



September 30, 2022 is Orange Shirt Day and the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Last year, Indigenous Ministries and Justice held an Orange Shirt Giveaway. This year’s Giveaway will take place on August 30. Enter for a chance to win one of forty “Every Child Matters” flags, sized 36” by 60” and with metal grommets. Flags have been purchased from the Whetung Cultural Centre in Curve Lake, Ontario. Proceeds will go to the Save the Evidence campaign to preserve the Mohawk Institute in Brantford. [Enter for your chance to win a flag.](#)

WIDER CHURCH

The Grand Parade 2022- Saturday, September 17, 2022

The Ottawa West Community Support (OWCS) is a non-profit gem of an organization that provides many innovative and practical services to allow older persons to age in place for as long as possible while respecting their dignity and worth. This organization was developed 45 years ago by several community churches, including the amalgamating churches of Kitchissippi United Church. In honour of this anniversary of this vital service, the OWCS is participating in the Grand Parade – a fundraising walk – on September 17th. The walk will take place between the OWCS building in Wellington West and Tunney’s Pasture. <https://theGrandParade.org/location/ottawawellingtonwest>

Kitchissippi United Church members remain active in this organization. Marion Reid has been associated with this organization for the full 45 years of its existence, Barth Curley is its current President, Nancy Garrard is a Board member and Gweneth Gowanlock has recently left the Board after many years of service. We have set up a KUC Walkers Team and invite you to join us on September 17th. If you want to join the team or would like to financially support our efforts, please click the link below. Thanking you in advance!

The KUC Walkers Donation link:

<https://secure.e2rm.com/registant/TeamFundraisingPage.aspx?teamID=983300&langP%20ref=en-CA>

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