



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 1st at 10am

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM

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

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCwATU1rozB1PIlaRmr2teVA>

FAITH FORMATION AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Have you heard of the Christmas Bird Count?

No, it's not singing "The Twelve Days of Christmas", although my kiddo has been singing that a LOT, sometimes using the bird toys you saw in the pageant. The Christmas Bird Count is an annual citizen science project that encourages families to get outside and take notice of nature!

It's been happening since 1900 and growing every year. Having many people participate in simple counts of bird activity and submitting it for recording helps conservation biologists assess bird populations and track patterns and declines. There are organized ones by region but there are also amateur ones to just go out and see if you can spot some birds (or other wildlife) and ID them if you can. Perhaps your family has already made this an annual tradition? As it turns out, the Ottawa Day was the day of the Pageant... but you could still do this for fun!

[Christmas Bird Count | Birds Canada | Oiseaux Canada](#)

Christmas Book Reviews (and other ideas) for Little Ones

We have several young families attending and I wanted to link back to some book reviews of lovely stories you might like. They are in a past Faith Formation for Families newsletter:

<https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=c5239d4f84ee7bc4ac5198c61&id=53257468e6>

Twelfth Night/Epiphany Eve Wassail is canceled

Unfortunately, the Twelfth Night/Epiphany Eve Wassail is canceled (voice rest!).

And yet shall we be merry! Carols are still in play throughout the twelve days of Christmas, and there are fun ways to mark this season:

- Literally mark your entrance by chalking your door. I first learned of this tradition in Germany, when I was curious about the faded letters I saw on many homes. There's a little formula to do it, starting with the first 2 digits of the year, plus C plus M plus B, plus the last 2 digits of the year. C M B stands for Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar, the traditional names of the Magi. CMB also means Christus Mansionem Benedicat, or "May Christ bless this home." This year we would write

20+C+M+B+23 above our doors as a way to welcome blessings, give witness to our faith, and remind ourselves on our going out and our coming in.

- You can find other ideas for families to use at Epiphany on the wonderful blog [Jesus, Glue and Glitter](#).

For those wishing to hear a few hearty wassails and other songs for this part of Christmastide, Diana recommends these links (maybe you'll spot her in a couple).

- !2 Days of Christmas (choral): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xac1w1OdELI>
- Gloucester Wassail: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LhbNRRuvRCg>
- Wassail Song: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jz27VR2DDNo>
- Somerset Wassail: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fBvKv3aRDdY>
- Gower Wassail: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=or2q_JM91oI
- Wexford Carol: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxDZjg_Igoc
- Rideau Carol: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv8V26G7kNo>
- What Child is This: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6tADmz5MvQo>
- I Saw A Maiden: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cWiGYIxYD1c>
- Good King Wenceslas: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YtZRTSiyCZk>
- Coventry Carol: <https://kithandkintrio.bandcamp.com/track/coventry-carol>

We Wish You A Merry Christmas/Moosemas

A little mooselet here wanted to share a Christmas song with you:

<https://youtu.be/p7JEXUdAeBI>

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Kitchissippi's Outreach message

OUTREACH - Huge thanks to Nancy Brodie for taking on the leadership of our White Gifts project. Gifts were delivered by Nancy, Janet and David Balcome for the 128 residents of 3 homes: Kimberlane Residence and Alexander House (managed together) and Hampton Lodge. A lovely way to brighten the Christmas of these folks!



And repeated thanks to all who supported our overall Christmas Outreach.

REFUGEE SUPPORT- Illuminee, Kenta, Yan Owen and Chekna are settling in well. Documentation, banking, shopping, learning bus routes and becoming accustomed to Ottawa winter is all new and they approach these new experiences with a really positive approach. Thank you to everyone who has supported and continues to do so - our new family really appreciates this! We also thank you for other outreach initiatives throughout the year, and especially in Advent.

Merry Christmas and a healthy 2023,

Norah and the Refugee/Outreach team, open to more folks in 2023!!

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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