



Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 15th at 10am
2nd after Epiphany

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM

WWW.KITCHISSIPPIUC.COM

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

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

A MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Hello all,

I hope you are safe and doing well! It's winter and will be out there! My colleague in Calgary wrote this newspaper article, and I meant to share it with you last week. He asked some very good questions for personal, family, and community reflection. The Reverend John Pentland: Annual New Year's quiz encourages reflection and sharing

<https://calgaryherald.com/opinion/columnists/pentland-annual-new-years-quiz-encourages-reflection-and-sharing>

Last Sunday we handed out Star words and I wanted to reassure you that if you would like one, you will just need to be in contact with me or Kirsten in the office. I know there are folks to exclusively watch the live stream, and we'd be more than willing to mail you a star word or two, depending on how many are in your family. I have been asking folks since last Sunday what words they've gotten, and I'm so pleased that the Spirit is working in such wonderful ways that two financial/economic type people got the star word 'the mystery'. Just a reminder that all the star words are available on spiritualityandpractice.com. If you were in church, this Sunday, please know that you can pick a star word then.

I hope you have a wonderful and safe weekend!

Take good care,
Jenni



FAITH FORMATION

We have two, no, three invitations for you to join us in creativity!

Later this month we will be continuing in our theme of Joy and want to know: What brings you joy?

We invite you to **share your thoughts on Joy** after worship this Sunday or next - we can make quick video clips of you letting us know, or you can write it on a message board and we'll take a picture! If you would like to send your own (very brief!!) video clip of you telling or showing what brings you Joy, you can email me - Diana.brushey@kitchissippiuc.com or Kirsten.

We also invite any children/youth who would like to join the **Kitchissippi children's choir** to learn the song "Jump for Joy" this Sunday and next, and we'll sing it on January 29th.

Finally -- Holy Humour Sunday is coming! It will be in February, and we would like to try our hand at making a **fun music video of sorts** with many people (separately or together) playing along to a song, using children's classroom instruments. Think xylophone, rhythm sticks, bells, hand drums, triangle, etc (and real instruments welcome, too!) We need lots of lead time if we're going to make it work so if you are interested - please tell Diana soon! Helpers appreciated.

Diana Brushey

LEARNING TIME LEADERS NEEDED



Learning Together time in Sunday worship historically has been a time of learning, geared toward children but also informative for the adults in the congregation.

We are aware that "public speaking" is a dreaded task for many adults, but we need a larger roster of congregants to call upon for this part of the service. At our Worship Circle this week we did some brainstorming about how we might change our approach to widen the circle of people who would participate.

One idea is to offer quarterly meetings of learning time leaders to brainstorm ideas and various presentation models, other than the single presenter format that we have been routinely using.

Dialogue presentations between an experienced and novice LT leader, interviews with congregation members, storytelling either personal or by book sharing were a few suggestions. People could talk about a passion they have such as gardening, trips they have taken, or a volunteer role that they fulfill or a mission or charity they support. Support is available to tie these topics into the theme of a service. People don't need to make a long-term commitment, even once or twice a year would be helpful. Learning time can be done in person or recorded for those who can't get to church, or prefer not to face a live audience. Please speak to, or e-mail Denise at denbono55@gmail.com if you are willing to consider this call.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – VOTING ON AFFIRM

KUC MEETING (Sunday January 22, 2023) right after Worship service. Everyone is warmly welcome.

Sunday, January 22, 2023, we will discuss and consider the following:

MOTION: Does KUC want to become an Affirming Ministry?

Those in person will vote by ballot and those on zoom will be invited to vote using the Poll feature (user friendly and anonymous)

Since 2018, our community has prayed, discussed and learned much together about ourselves and how to become an Affirming Ministry. We have been led by our church council, the Affirm Ministries circle as well as helpful and wise guests, including Charlie Scromeda, Rev. Ruth and Mrs. Anne Woods, Rev. Cindy Bourgeois and many more.

After discussion and a time for questions, you will be asked to answer two questions:

ONE) Do you agree with the proposed changes to the KUC Vision Statement ?

KUC VISION STATEMENT (See below)

TWO) Are you in favour of KUC becoming an Affirming Ministry?

Thank you to everyone for your participation and help over the years. If you have any questions or comments before January 22, please contact any member of the church council, the Affirm Ministry circle or our Ministry team (including Rev. Jenni and Diana B).

The KUC Affirm ministry circle
(January 2023)

KUC proposed VISION STATEMENT (January 2023)

COME MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Rooted in Faith and Growing in God's Love, KUC is called to:

- Welcome and affirm people of a diversity of age, race, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical and mental ability, and economic status;
- Create community, where all may participate fully in the leadership, life and work of the ministry of our church;
- Care for each other and all Creation, and
- Make a difference in the world.

(Revised and proposed by the Affirming Ministry circle on January 11th , 2023)

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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