



**Kitchissippi**  
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, January 8th at 10am  
1st 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



Happy Epiphany! Do you hear that often? Today is the day of Epiphany: the day that the Magi made it to Jesus' side, the day we remember both the light returning and the light that guided. Today starts a season of Epiphany where we turn our minds to light, stars, guidance, gifts and our Spiritual Alphabet word is JOY.

Quite a while ago, Brene Brown wrote that she put twinkly fairy lights on her mantle because it made her happy and I've been reflecting on that: does light make me happy? Do little fairy lights/Christmas tree lights make me happy? If you've been on a zoom call with me during Epiphany you will know that I like to keep my Christmas tree up far longer than most. In fact, this year I bought a couple more strings of lights for my tree (there just wasn't enough). Maybe sensing my love of the lights on the Christmas tree, my teenagers didn't put many ornaments on the tree this year.

As we enter this season of light/stars/new revelations, I hope that you make time for thinking, feeling, pondering, dreaming and joy. At church on Sunday, you will receive a star word to help you with this and more information.

#### **This week:**

Your Kitchissippi Council meets this week on Tuesday at 7pm.

Your Affirm Circle meets on Wednesday at 7pm.

Study group will start up again on Tuesday January 17th from 1-3pm. We decided to switch it up and watch a Rob Bell video and discuss. There's been some 'hubub' around Rob Bell in (U.S.) evangelical circles because of his rejection of the devil, so if you want to see what he's all about, take a google. More information to come, but here is a taste of Rob Bell: [https://youtu.be/dF-V\\_t\\_NSHw](https://youtu.be/dF-V_t_NSHw)

There will be a Congregational meeting on January 22nd, so please plan to stay after church for that. Our agenda item will be learning more about Affirm and the process we have taken and we will also have a vote that Sunday on becoming Affirming.

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and had some time to be with loved ones!

Blessings,  
Jenni

Jan Richardson has shared this poem and art that she has created:

THOSE STARS THAT TURN IN US  
A Blessing  
I do not know  
how to keep it all together  
or by what patterns  
this world might  
finally hold.  
What I know is that  
our hearts are bigger  
than this sky  
that wheels above us  
and what shines  
through all this darkness  
shines through us,  
setting every shattered thing  
into a new constellation  
and we can turn  
our faces  
to that light,  
to the grace of  
those stars  
that turn in us.

—Jan Richardson

Image: “Wise Women Also Came”



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