

# THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Kitchissippi  
UNITED CHURCH



April 2024  
THIRD AFTER EASTER

**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>



Hello folks,

I hope you've had a good week and were able to enjoy the beautiful weather we've had! Sending much thanks and gratitude to all the folks who said 'yes' to acting out the skits on Sunday! You helped the service immensely as we laughed at your antics!

I wanted to provide an update on a few important church matters. The first is that **Remit 1 has passed**. All 16 regional councils, the National Indigenous Council, and 80% of pastoral charges in The United Church of Canada participated in the vote on Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization. And so, an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization has been created! Here is their beautiful, grateful response:

### **Statement from the National Indigenous Council on the Results of Remit 1: Establishing an Autonomous National Indigenous Organization**

We, the National Indigenous Council, are a diverse group of Indigenous Peoples, rooted in distinct innate values and wisdom.

We:

Carry a common vision and dream

Respect everyone's story

Care for one another

Uphold community

Build positive relationships.

We thank our Ancestors and All Our Relations who have brought us to this moment.

We are all spirit first.

The work of Right Relations continues.

We commit to moving forward together in a good way. (You can read more here: <https://generalcouncil44.ca/news/results-vote-remit-1> )

The second update is that your KUC Council has been working on receiving audited statements, writing Annual Reports and setting a date for our **AGM**. You will receive the full Annual Report next week and the

date set for the meeting is **April 28th**. Please mark your calendars and we hope you can stay after church for this Congregational meeting.

Third, don't forget to clean out your house this weekend of household items, jewelry, books you aren't going to read again (or ever), LINENS, purses and fine china and crystal. Bring these items to church on Sunday and place them on the stage. (Alternatively, you can bring them in next week.) The **Rummage Sale** set up is Wednesday night, sorting and pricing happens Thursday and Friday. The sale opens on Friday night and Saturday morning. Please let Jane Christie or Donna Kricorissian know if you are able to volunteer for this fun event!

Fourth, as with other years on a 5 year cycle, a group of youth and their leaders are coming next Saturday from Concord, NH. They come and do 'mission work' here in Ottawa, and in past years have painted at the Mission, cleaned up our gardens and other helpful activities. They will be joining us on Sunday morning for worship on the 21st.

Finally, Rideau Hill camp is a camp my kids and I have been going to for 12 years. I've been a chaplain each year and it is a lovely, peaceful (when the campers aren't screaming a song) and enriching place. Last year, Illuminee's Yan Owen and Chekna Charlie went as campers and had fun. This year, Yan Owen plans to return with his cousin, Lael (Ancille's son). Rideau Hill camp does a spring clean up every year and this year it is Saturday April 27th. If you have some time (or your teen needs some volunteer hours), come on out for **Camp Clean up** day! (From RHC: Starting at 9am. Bring your rakes, gloves, pails, rags, and most of all your enthusiasm! There will be lots to do both inside cabins/buildings and outside in the field and bush.)

I'm hoping you are giving some thought, imagination and consideration to our theme for the season of Easter: **PLAY: Be playful**. Express your creative spirit in spontaneity. Hurrah the pleasures of being, and let loose your laughter.

Blessings on your weekend!  
Jenni

p.s. Please plan to stay for cake after church on Sunday to help my twins, Mason and Delaney, celebrate their 18th birthday!

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday, April 14– 3rd of Easter – Play

Sunday, April 21 – 4th of Easter – Earth Sunday – Muffin Sunday – Guest from New Hampshire

Sunday, April 28– 5th of Easter – **KUC Annual Congregational Meeting after the service in the Sanctuary**



The **Kitchissippi United Church Annual Congregational/General meeting will be held on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. Please plan on staying after the service at 11:15AM. The 2023 Annual Report will be available soon.

## GUESTS FROM SOUTH CONGRGATIONAL CHURCH

Kitchissippi UC will be hosting a group of young people from South Congregational Church, UCC New Hampshire USA. **From April 20 until April 27, 2024. They will stay at the church for the duration of the week.**

As part of their mission trip, they are going to do some work around the church. There are several gardening activities which can be undertaken but we are short on gardening tools. We would like to borrow 3 or 4 shovels, garden rakes, edgers and pruning shears. Also needed are small paint brushes for acrylic paint.

Gardening gloves would also be useful. Please put your name on your items. If you can donate some tool temporarily, please speak to Denise Bonomo 613-728-6164 (she can also arrange to have them picked up). Tools can be dropped off at the church April 21 and picked up again April 28.

## BROADVIEW MAGAZINE

“Canada’s Cold Reality; Climate refugees are seeking shelter in a land that is unprepared for their arrival” or “Facing Reality Before the Money Dries Up”. Have you read either of these articles? They are in the latest issue of

Broadview Magazine, a special issue focused on climate and edited by respected environmental reporter, Alanna Mitchell. If you receive issues of Broadview, it is probably through the group subscription of KUC. This subscription is paid by the church’s operating budget.

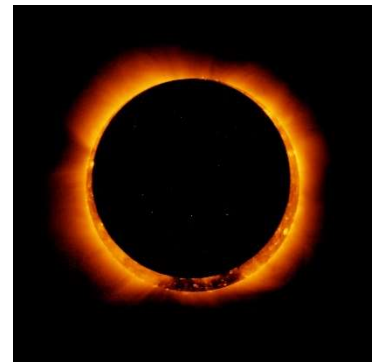


If you enjoy Broadview magazine or if you have issues that you mean to get around to reading or if you share it with a neighbour, consider **making a donation of \$30 (group rate) payable ‘to Kitchissippi United Church’ to cover the cost of your subscription.** If you never read Broadview and it goes straight into your black box, let Kirsten know and she will remove you from the group subscription. But be aware. Issues will continue to arrive for a few months and if you have a look, you may find an enticing article or two.

## ECLIPSE GLASSES

Did you watch the Eclipse on April 8th? If you kept your ISO special viewing glasses – please consider donating them!

**Please bring your used Eclipse Glasses to Church by May 1.** There is an organization collecting glasses to send to Latin American churches to distribute so that children there can safely view the October 24 eclipse in the southern hemisphere. If you want to share the address with others it is:  
Eclipse Glasses USA  
PO Box 50571  
Provo, UT. 84605



## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE WITH BAKED GOODS

Friday April 19 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday April 20 from 9a.m. to noon.

Start gathering up your donations but PLEASE no clothes, shoes or magazines. Volunteer are needed – the Sign-up sheets will be posted in the Main Hall..

If you are planning on dropping off Rummage – PLEASE call the church 613-722-7254 or email Kirsten in the office [kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com](mailto:kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com) beforehand to set up a time. **Please drop off all pre-packaged baked donations on Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> (in the morning or early afternoon).**



## NEWS FROM THE CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CHAPLAINCY

Dear Friends of the Chaplaincy,

May you have a joyful Easter celebrating our risen Lord. The world certainly needs the love and peace offered by Christ. We can at least ensure that this is shown in our families and community; the Chaplaincy tries to let our neighbours in the Carlington community know that they are children of God and worthy of his love.

The Chaplaincy just met its budget for 2023 due to cut backs in the amount of food served at the drop-in and a reduction in the hours that Shemi worked because she found a full-time position.

Because of its name, the perception is that the Chaplaincy is a religious organization and th us has not had any luck applying for grants. Therefore, the Board made the decision to have the working name changed to Carlington Community Connection to increase the likelihood that our grant applications will at least be reviewed; as well, the new name reenforces that all are welcome at the Chaplaincy irrespective of their faith or no faith; we will continue to “preach the gospel at all times, using words when necessary.” Carlington Community Chaplaincy will remain the legal name for CRA. We are transitioning to the name Carlington Community Connection, so this is the name (or CCC) you are most likely to see in the future.

At our workshop at the beginning of March, it became clear that we need to have a better communication strategy with our supporting organizations. Any suggestions are most welcome.

Unfortunately, Shemi has resigned as Program and Volunteer Coordinator while Suzanne Lamirande, who was the leader of the Creative Path program, has moved out of the community. We thank them for all their work; they leave big steps to fill. We have started the process of hiring the Program and Volunteer Coordinator while looking for a few volunteers to spend 4 hours at the Creative Path – no art experience required.

Peace  
Harold, Chair of Board



## Join Us for the Ottawa Race Weekend 2024!

Carlington Connection is thrilled to announce our participation in the Ottawa Race Weekend 2024 to raise money for our programs. This exciting event brings together thousands of runners, volunteers, and spectators from across the region for a weekend of fitness, fun, and community spirit.

We're assembling a team of runners or walkers to represent Carlington Connection in various races throughout the weekend to raise funds. Whether you're a seasoned marathoner or a first-time participant, or only interested in walking 2 kilometers there's a place for you on our team. Join us as we lace up our sneakers and do some good! Use the link below to register.

Our community thrives thanks to the dedication and support of volunteers. We're currently seeking individuals who are passionate about making a difference in Carlington. Whether you have a knack for organizing events, a talent for teaching, or simply a desire to lend a helping hand, there are many ways to get involved.

**Drop-in Breakfast Volunteers:** Do you enjoy starting your day with a warm cup of coffee and meeting people? Our drop-in breakfast program is in need of volunteers to help serve light snacks, set up, and clean up on weekdays and Saturdays mornings. If you're an early riser with a heart for service, we'd love to have you join our team!

**Music Instrument Teachers:** Are you skilled in playing a musical instrument? Share your passion for music by volunteering as a music instrument teacher. We have a lot of ukuleles that could be put to good use.

### Discover Our Community Stories: Visit Our Blog

Curious to learn more about the vibrant tapestry of our community? Be sure to check out our new blog, where we'll be sharing inspiring stories, engaging interviews, and insightful perspectives that capture the essence of Carlington Connection. Use the link below to check out our first post.

We hope you'll consider getting involved with Carlington Connection this spring. Together, we can continue to build a stronger, more vibrant community where everyone feels welcome and supported. If you're interested in volunteering or learning more about our programs and events, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you a joyful Easter season and a wonderful start to spring!

## MUFFINS FOR THE CHAPLAINCY



Every 3rd Sunday is going to be our muffin collection day for the Chaplaincy. We are **asking congregants to bring muffins once a month on the 3rd Sunday**. The children will also be the muffins go to the Carlington Chaplaincy. Norah and Densie will serve coffee and muffins on Monday mornings at the Chaplaincy. People really appreciate having something to eat, especially the last week of the month when their money is running low.

- Sunday April 21, 2024
- Sunday May 16, 2024



## A MESSAGE FROM M&P

### GUESS WHO IS RETIRING?

Kirsten Gracequist our wonderful Office Administrator is retiring on July 1<sup>st</sup>! While we are very sad to see her go, we couldn't be happier for her. For the last 16 years, Kirsten has morphed with the job at Kitchissippi - from Office Administrator to Rental Manager to trouble-shooter extraordinaire, tech expert and more. Come and celebrate Kirsten's exemplary tenure –cake and coffee/tea will be served following worship on Sunday, June 2. All are welcome. Kirsten's last day of work at Kitchissippi is June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU – PLEASE REACH OUT

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