



**Kitchissippi**  
UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, November 30, 2025

**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/UCwATU1rozB1PIIaRmr2teVA>

### THIS WEEK AT KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH



Hello folks,

I hope this finds you well! The days have been so grey and gloomy, I hope you've been finding ways to bring the light into your space or life.

The Advent Study group met this Wednesday and will meet for the next three Wednesdays (December 3, 10, 17) and on Monday December 22nd. Study booklets are available, and everyone is

welcome!

This Saturday evening, we have purchased 35 tickets for the Soweto Gospel Choir at the NAC and we have invited the God's Beloved. If you want to join us, there are still tickets available: <https://nac-cna.ca/en/event/39008>.

As we enter Advent, I was struck by this poem from the Study group resource called 'What do you fear? Insisting on hope this Advent':

#### **In the Time of Herod**

I didn't live during Herod's time—that brutal, murderous king, God save his soul.

But even hundreds of years later, I know the prayers of his people.

I know the prayers of the mothers and the children under his rule.

I know the prayers of the young men under his angry arm.

I know their prayers, because anyone who has ever lived in this soft world for more than two days knows how to pray for a miracle.

We rub our hands together.

We fold weary shoulders in,

a cage of bone to protect our bleeding hearts.

We sing, we shall overcome and bind my wandering heart to thee.

We walk across bridges and in front of powerful buildings.  
We cover our cars in stickers that scream, we will not give up!  
We allow a hungry cry to slip from our lips,  
giving our lament a life of its own (with room to dance!).  
And when all of that is said and done, we whisper to our creator,  
God, break through the yelling and the fear. Break through the violence and the oppression.  
Get past the Herods' of this world and come be here.  
Like every bleeding heart before, we pray for a miracle.

May this Advent time be rich with meaning and hope,

Jenni



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[WWW.KITCHISSIPPIUC.COM](http://WWW.KITCHISSIPPIUC.COM)



As we approach this season of Advent, no matter where you are in your life - busy or still - experiencing joy or challenges or a mixture of both - feeling organized or behind...no matter what...may the love of God surround you. The love of God in Jesus Christ is for you and all people and all of creation. May the hope, peace, love and joy of Jesus be with you.

### UCW POTLUCK LUNCH

**UCW Christmas Potluck Lunch**  
**Wednesday, December 3 at Noon.**  
**Venue - Hall**

You are cordially invited to join us for a joyful potluck lunch as we celebrate the Christmas season together. Expect good food, warm company, and plenty of laughter. All women of the congregation are welcome—feel free to bring a friend. The more, the merrier!  
We look forward to spending this festive afternoon with you.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



## Events

November 30<sup>th</sup> - *Advent I* - 10 a.m. Bake Sale 11 a.m.

December 7th - *Advent II* - 10 a.m. Communion, Mitten Tree and White Gift  
4 p.m. Christmas Carol Sing fundraiser for Carlington Community Connection  
- freewill offering and refreshments after

(Wednesday) December 10th - 7 p.m. Contemplative Service

December 14th - *Advent III* - 10 a.m. Pageant and Luncheon, Mitten Tree and White Gift

December 21st - *Advent IV* - 10 a.m. Christmas in Africa Pageant

(Wednesday) December 24th - 7 p.m. Candlelight Christmas Eve

(Thursday) December 25th - 5 p.m. Congregational Dinner & Entertainment



*May your Christmas be merry and bright and the  
New Year bring renewed hope and peace on earth!*



### CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE

Sunday, November 30, 11 a.m.

Kitchissippi United Church Hall

Cookies, Christmas treats and soup!

Contributions requested. Please drop them off  
before the service begins.

Questions: Wendy Warburton,

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Join us for an hour of carols in the sanctuary on December 7, 2025, followed by light refreshments.

Family and friends are warmly welcome to share in the music and fellowship!





KUC warmly invites you to our participatory Christmas pageant, “A Shepherd’s Tale.” Expect a heartwarming story, a few delightful surprises, and just the right amount of holy mischief. Whether you join as a shepherd, an angel, or enthusiastic audience support, we promise joy, laughter, and plenty of Christmas cheer. Come and be part of the fun!

## KUC ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **BEHIND THE SCENES: BE PART OF MAGIC!!! ARE YOU CURIOUS AND WANT TO KNOW MORE???**

Have you ever wondered what goes on up in the balcony every Sunday; what all that equipment is and how it works? What goes on behind the scenes before Sunday? Want to learn more?

We have a very dedicated but small group of people working on providing an excellent service both for those in person and at home. However, we would welcome others. We are looking to expand our tech team - camera, sound, slides, AV, live streaming, equipment. It is not a weekly commitment. We are very flexible. If interested contact Mary Laidlaw. Either leave a message with the office or see Mary on Sundays. If interested contact Mary Laidlaw. Either leave a message with the office or see Mary on Sundays. Thank you for your interest.

## WIDER CHURCH

### Let's Explore What It Means to Be an Intercultural Church!



Join us on  
Saturday, November 29  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
in the Church Sanctuary



Earlier this year, Catherine Gutjahr and Renée Kokonya Sullivan took part in an inspiring workshop in Saskatoon called Engage Difference: Deepening Understanding for Intercultural Ministry. It was a rich time of learning, reflection, and connection – and now they're excited to share that learnings with the congregation!

for an interactive morning of conversation, storytelling, and discovery. Together, we'll start exploring how our church community can grow into a truly intercultural space – one that welcomes, honours, and learns from our diverse identities and experiences.

Everyone is welcome – whether you're curious, new to these ideas, or already on the journey. Come ready to listen, share, and imagine together.

To register, send an email to Cindy at [office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org](mailto:office@firstunitedchurchottawa.org)



First United Church invites you to join us as we explore what it means to be an **intercultural church** — a community where every culture and story is welcomed, valued, and able to shape who we are together.

As a church formed by union, we continue the call to bring people and traditions together in hope, respect, and shared belonging.

Come be part of this journey with us. Your presence enriches our community, and your story has a home here



🎄 Get your Christmas Trees at the YMCA on Argyle Street!!! The Y Service Club is selling beautiful Christmas trees this season, and a portion of the proceeds will support Carlington Chaplaincy.

- **Fridays:** 28th November 2025, 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- **Saturdays:** 29th November 2025, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- **Sundays:** 30th November 2025, 12:00 PM – 6:00 PM

*This schedule repeats every weekend until Christmas.*

Spread the cheer while giving back to the society.

**YMCA 180 Argyle Avenue, Ottawa, ON**

**Journey to Bethlehem**  
Songs of the Season and Carol Sing

**Gracernote**



**Lumina**



Friday, December 5, 2025 - 7:00 pm  
Knox United Church  
(25 Gibbard Ave, Nepean)  
Donation at the door  
For more information, please call Stephanie Coward-Yaskiw at 613-322-4087

You are cordially invited to the Songs of the Season and Carol Sing on December 5, 2025, 7 pm

Venue: 25 Gibbard Avenue, Nepean

**SCENT FREE SPACE PLEASE!**



We have recently found out that one of our new members has severe asthma and can not tolerate strong scents and perfumes. Please refrain from using this product when attending church services and events. Thank you!

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