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UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, April 12, 2026



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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/UCwATU1rozB1PIIaRmr2teVA>

FROM REV JENNI'S DESK



Good rainy morning, folks,

Please don't forget the queer potluck Saturday night at 6 PM. Bring a dish if you can.

There is a saying that goes "April showers bring me flowers" – So hopefully that is the purpose of this rain.

I have certainly seen the first glimpses of flowers – those first blooming ones: the crocuses and the daffodils. Please see photo of my garden.

We have entered the season of Easter with Easter day last Sunday. Easter is a season that lasts right up until Pentecost.

Renewal and transformation are all around us. God is waking up the Earth after a long winter. Soon the grass will be green again. The trees will continue to produce their buds, which will turn into leaves which will turn the tree canopy green. Bulbs that have laid in the dark earth all winter are now putting down their roots and reaching up to the sun. The sun will continue to get warmer, and the breeze will as well, as the Earth tilts back towards the sun in this hemisphere.

I don't know if you've been following Artemis II the spacecraft that has gone around the moon? There is a Canadian among the three Americans, and they have been live streaming and speaking with folks through social media. In this dark time, it has been giving a lot of people hope.

<https://www.nasa.gov/blogs/missions/2026/04/09/artemis-ii-flight-day-9-crew-prepares-to-come-home/>

Our Linton study wrapped up yesterday. It was a really good study with our friends from Pelham, New Hampshire. Rev. Carlos and I are going to be in talks about perhaps studying a book together also by Zoom. All will be welcome.

Please see the information about the rummage sale coming up next week: they'll be looking for donations to the rummage sale - items you're no longer using and also volunteer help for Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hall.

I hope you have a wonderful day and weekend!

Easter Blessings,
Jenni

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OUTREACH CIRCLE MEETING – APRIL 12

April 12 - The Outreach/ Refugee Circle will meet after the service in either the sanctuary or boardroom, **11:30-12:30**. Please grab a tea, milo or coffee and join us, newcomers welcome, fruit and cookies provided!

Carlington Community Connection (Chaplaincy) - KUC has supported the Chaplaincy for many years, and we need some fundraising help. The Ottawa Race Weekend is May 23-24.

Please consider registering, getting sponsors to run or walk in the 2k or 5k race on May 23, or donate to help CCC sponsor some Carlington community members participate in an athletic event they were not otherwise be able to afford. More [info to follow!](#)

Another CCC fundraiser will be a social tea on Saturday afternoon June 6 at Julian of Norwich Anglican Church. Info will follow on this event, too.

PASTORAL CARE

On behalf of the Pastoral Care Circle, we would like to thank everyone who kindly took the time to deliver Easter plants. These plants are greatly appreciated by our friends, and your kindness in helping to spread some spring cheer means a great deal to us.

Donna Horner

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2025

You are warmly invited to attend our upcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM), which will be held on **April 26 at 11:30 AM**.

This important gathering provides us with an opportunity to come together as a community, reflect on the past year, and look ahead to the future. During the meeting, we will review key reports, including our financial statements and ministry activities, discuss plans and priorities for the coming year, and address matters affecting our church community.

The AGM is a vital part of our governance and decision-making process. As members, your presence and participation are essential. You will have the opportunity to ask questions, share insights, contribute to discussions, and help shape the direction of our church. Your voice matters, and your involvement strengthens our community.

We encourage all members to attend and take part in this important meeting.

We look forward to seeing you there.

PARKING AND EMERGENCY VEHICLE ACCESS

Parking at the church on a Sunday is at a premium especially since we still have snow at the back of the parking lot. However, we must make sure that a lane is clear for emergency vehicles. To that end, please do not park

- on the hill at the back of the church going down to the lower parking lot or
- on the hill at the side coming up to the front of the church.

Cars can be parked in designated parking spots on the north side against the highway and on the side lawn (only if necessary), but they must not block vehicular movement around the building. Emergency vehicles must be able to get through as well as other cars. Thank you for your help in this regard.

KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH SUMMER TRIP JULY 10 – 12, 2026

KUC Summer Trip – Payment Information & Registration Reminder

We are excited to announce the KUC Summer Trip to **African Lion Safari and Niagara Falls**, scheduled for **July 10–12**.

Members are encouraged to pay the \$100 ticket fee by **Sunday, April 12**. Nancy and Jennifer will be available to receive cash payments in the hall after service on Sunday.

Payments can also be made via e-transfer to **tripGB@kitchissippiuc.com**. Kindly send proof of payment to Rev. Daniel or Jennifer for confirmation.

For those who may not be able to pay the full amount at once, we are offering a flexible installment option. You may pay **\$25 or \$50 now**, with the remaining balance to be completed over the months of **May and June**.

We kindly ask that you confirm your participation and make your payments promptly, as we need an accurate number of attendees to adequately prepare and make the necessary arrangements for the trip.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

QUEER POTLUCK April 11, 2026



You are warmly invited to our Queer Potluck taking place on today, Friday **April 11 at 6 pm**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive space to share food, laughter, and community.

Please feel free to bring a dish to share (homemade or store-bought—both are welcome!). Most importantly, bring yourself and your wonderful energy.

We look forward to an evening of connection, joy, and celebration of our diverse and vibrant community.

All are welcome.

A POEM BY REV DANIEL ADDAI FOBI

There was a deep sadness on the faces of the God's Beloved that no one could hide.
It was not loud. It was not dramatic. It sat quietly in their eyes and stayed there.
Some could not lift their heads. It was as if looking up would make the pain spill out. Others looked straight ahead but their eyes were far away, like they had left the room and gone back to places they wish they could forget.

You could see it in the way their faces rested. Heavy. Tired. Wounded.

One face looked like it had cried too many times before this moment. Another looked like it was still holding back tears that refused to stop. There were eyes filled with memories, with hurt, with questions

that may never be answered.
No one needed to speak.
Their faces were already speaking.

They spoke of nights filled with fear.
They spoke of words that cut deep and never healed.
They spoke of being pushed away by people who were meant to love them.

It was not just sadness for one story.
It was sadness for many lives.

In that moment, you could feel a shared pain moving through the room, passing silently from one person to another.
And if you looked closely, you would understand something that cannot be ignored.
These were not just faces.
These were people who have carried pain for too long.
There are people in this world who have never been allowed to feel safe inside their own skin.
Not because they did something wrong.
But because of who they are.

Some of them learned very early that love has conditions.
That smile can disappear the moment you are seen clearly. That home can become a place where you must hide, shrink, pretend.

Imagine being a child and slowly realizing that the truth about you could cost you everything.

So you become careful.

You watch how you talk.
How you walk.
How you laugh.

You study yourself like you are a problem that needs to be fixed.
You pray for change, not because you hate yourself, but because you want to be loved.
And when nothing changes, something inside you starts to break.
Not loudly. Not all at once.

Quietly.

Piece by piece.
There are nights some people spend staring at the ceiling, asking questions they are too afraid to say out loud.

“Why am I like this?”
“Why can’t I be normal?”
“Why does being me feel dangerous?”

No child should ever ask those questions.
But many do.
In some places, being different is not just hard. It is dangerous. It can mean being beaten. Rejected.

Chased. Cut off from family. Cut off from life.

Some are forced out of their homes.

Some are dragged through shame until they no longer recognize themselves.

Some disappear.

And the world moves on.

That is the part that should trouble you the most.

The silence.

Because pain like this does not grow in darkness alone. It grows where people see it and choose not to act.

It grows when someone laughs at cruelty.

When someone looks away.

When someone says, "It is not my business."

It grows when love becomes selective.

But here is the truth we avoid:

No one deserves to be treated like they are less than human.

No one deserves to lose their family for being honest about who they are.

No one deserves to suffer just to exist.

And yet, it is happening. Every day. In homes, in streets, in places of worship, in systems that should protect but instead harm.

Some people carry wounds you cannot see.

They smile in public but break in private.

They speak carefully because they have learned that one wrong word can cost them safety.

They trust slowly, because trust has been broken too many times.

And still, they keep going.

That alone should move us.

But pity is not enough.

Tears are not enough.

Feeling sad for a moment and then returning to comfort is not enough.

If this pain reaches you, then it is asking something from you.

It is asking you to refuse silence.

To challenge words that harm, even when they are spoken by people you respect.

To stand beside those who are pushed aside.

To choose love when it is difficult, not only when it is easy.

Because change does not come from knowing. It comes from doing.

There will always be someone, somewhere, asking quietly:

"Who did this to me?"

Let the answer not be us.

And let the future not look like the past.

Not again.

LOOKING FOR LAWN CHAIRS FOR KUC SUMMER SERVICES

Spring and soon summer is almost here! KUC is hoping to offer Outdoor Worship services and would greatly appreciate your support. To help, please check if you, your family, or friends have any usable lawn chairs that you would be willing to donate to the church.

If so, kindly leave a message with the church office to arrange pickup, or let a member of staff know if you plan to drop off a chair (or chairs) at the church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

RUMMAGE SALE – TREASURE HUNT TIME!!!



KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH
RUMMAGE SALE
TREASURES, BARGAINS & FINDS!

EVERYTHING MUST GO!

DATES & TIMES:
FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH: 9:00 AM – NOON

LOCATION:
KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH
ADDRESS:
630 ISLAND PARK DRIVE

**RAIN OR SHINE!
CASH ONLY PLEASE.**

OPEN

Get ready for a fun treasure hunt at our upcoming **Rummage Sale!** You never know what you might discover clothing, books, household items, hidden gems and plenty of surprises.

Bring a friend, browse the tables, and enjoy the excitement of finding something special at a great price. Every purchase helps support our church community, so come shop, laugh, and connect with others. Who knows? Your next favorite find might be waiting for you!

Save the Date: **April 17, 7 pm – 9pm**
and April 18, 9 am – noon 2026

Venue: Kitchissippi United Church Hall

KEEP LEARNING: EXPLORE OUR BOOKSHELF

Although Black History Month has ended, we continue to honor the achievements of leaders, pioneers, and trailblazers who inspire us every day. To keep the learning going, our church library is offering a selection of books for members to explore.

There are different books available on the bookshelf in the sanctuary, covering a variety of topics and stories. Members are encouraged to pick a book to read and return it within two weeks so others can enjoy it as well.

Let's keep celebrating, learning, and sharing the stories that shape our community!

WIDER CHURCH



Ham Dinner – Saturday, April 18 at 6 pm

Enjoy a ham dinner with all the trimmings at Carleton Memorial United Church on Saturday, April 18 at 6 pm. Musical entertainment featuring Malcolm Wade will follow.

Doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner starts at 6 pm. Adults: \$30.00, Kids 8–12: \$15.00, Rest: Free.

Tickets must be purchased/reserved and are available from Erin Linnen 613-224-3761. Take-out orders also available when arranged in advance. 740 Melfa Crescent (two blocks south of Meadowlands, off Prince of Wales).

Glen Cairn United Church
Rummage Sale & Silent Auction
Cash Only
Saturday, April 25th, 2026
8:00am-1:00pm
140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata



Books- Toys- Jewelry-China- Kitchen-Plants-Bake Sale- Bike Tune-up-Sports-BBQ & Veggie Chili and more!

The Glen Cairn United Church invites you to their Rummage Sale & Silent Auction on April 25, 2026 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm
 Venue: 140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata

SCENT FREE SPACE



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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