

 <p><b>INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA, TRANSPHOBIA AND BIPHOBIA</b></p> <p><b>MAY 17</b></p>	 <p><b>Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH</b></p> <p>Sunday, May 17, 2026</p>  <p><b>Affirm   Saffirmer UNITED   ENSEMBLE</b></p>
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**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>

**FROM REV JENNI'S DESK**



Hello good Kitchissippi folks,

I hope this finds you well and looking forward to this long weekend!

First, please don't forget about the queer potluck tomorrow evening, Saturday – please invite your queer friends and family members to attend. Please bring a dish to share. In the Hall 6 PM.

This Sunday is the International day against homophobia, transphobia and biphobia. Come to hear our community member's stories of bravery and resilience in the face of hate.

(The Ottawa Charge is in the playoffs! Games are tomorrow afternoon in Montreal and then Monday and Wednesday in Ottawa. The Walter Cup will go to a Canadian team for the first time in the league's 2-year history!)

We will be having a few guest speakers over the next couple of months: A sitting member of Parliament, a former member of the Canadian military who was purged, and a speaker and writer who has been focusing on settler/Indigenous relations. Who are they? Stay tuned to find out!

I hope you all have a lovely weekend – gardening folks are saying don't plant this weekend – the temperatures are still going to go down apparently at night. It is difficult to resist garden centres, though!

Spring Blessings,  
Jenni

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### CANADIAN TULIP FESTIVAL MAY 8 – 18 2026

The Canadian Tulip Festival returns to Ottawa from May 8–18, 2026! Members and friends are encouraged to take time to enjoy the beautiful tulip displays, cultural events, entertainment, and community activities taking place across the city.

The festival is a wonderful celebration of friendship, heritage, and spring in our nation's capital. For more information on events and locations, please visit the festival website – <https://tulipfestival.ca/>

### HYMNS AND COMMUNION SERVICE AT AMICA May 19, 2026

A Communion Service will be held at **Amica Westboro, 491 Richmond Road, on Tuesday, May 19, 2026**. Please feel free to join us as we share communion with our friends living at Amica Retirement Residence.

### BETTER IS PEACE CONCERT MAY 22, 2026

**NEPEAN CHOIR & CHORALE CASTENCHEL CHOIR**  
with  
THE OTTAWA SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA AND THE NEPEAN HIGH SCHOOL CHOIRS

# Better is Peace

Karl Jenkins, 'The Armed Man', A Mass for Peace  
Caroline Shaw, 'The Listeners', An Oratorio

Lee Carter *Direction*  
Nicole Bélécque *Piano*

Matthew Li *Bass*  
Gabriela Comeau Gort *Mezzo-soprano*

**MAY 22, 2026, 7:30 PM**

**Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre**  
290 Lisgar Street, Ottawa, Ontario

**\$35 TICKETS** / CHILDREN 12 AND UNDER FREE

**TO PURCHASE TICKETS AND FOR MORE INFO**  
NEPEANCHOIR.CA & CASTENCHEL.COM

Please join KUC choir members **Barth Curley, Liz Snelling, Rob Summerby, Bill Tyson and Wendy Warburton** as they participate in Nepean Choir, Castenchel Choir, the Nepean High School Choirs and the Ottawa Symphony Orchestra's joint production of Karl Jenkins' *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*, under the direction of Lee Carter.

The concert takes place **Friday, May 22, 2026, 7:30 p.m.**, at the **Carleton Dominion-Chalmers Centre on Cooper Street**. **Tickets are \$35** (free for those 12 and under), available from the above named choir members, or at [nepeanchoir.ca](http://nepeanchoir.ca) and at the door (numbers limited).

This is a spectacular piece of music that is perfect for the times we live in.

## **SUPPORT FOR CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CONNECTION**

Carlington Community Connection (Chaplaincy) is fundraising on May 23 as part of Tamarack Ottawa Race Weekend. Wendy Warburton is participating as part of Team CCC in the Desjardins Charity Challenge -- please consider sponsoring her! You can donate your support to Wendy's 2K Walk Page at [justgiving.com](https://justgiving.com) and type her name into the Search box at the top of the webpage. Or you can donate to the CCC on the Race Weekend website at [runottawa.ca](https://runottawa.ca), click on Charity Challenge, then Donate to Charity, and scroll down to find Carlington Community Connection. Either way, don't forget to download your charitable tax receipt.

## **INTERNATIONAL POPTLUCK LUNCH MAY 24, 2026**

Kitchissippi United Church is organizing an International Potluck on Sunday, May 24, 2026, following worship service. Members are encouraged to bring an international dish to share as we celebrate Pentecost together.

A sign-up sheet will be available in the hall this Sunday. Please sign up so we can adequately prepare for lunch.

## **TULIPATHON MAY 24, 2026**

The annual Tulipathon in support of the Multifaith Housing Initiative will be held on May 24. Please consider donating to the Kitchissippi United Church Team at <https://pro.gofundme.com/team/811753> and join us for the walk at Dow's Lake Commissioner's Park after lunch ON May 24.

Why support Tulipathon? Here are some goof words from Rev Diane Cardin:

Like many of you, I believe that everyone deserves a safe and stable place to call home. Through Tulipathon, I've seen how our collective efforts come together to support tenants across MHI's communities in a very real and tangible way. Each year, this campaign helps provide critical subsidies that ease financial pressure and allow people to remain in their homes. Knowing that our steps and contributions help make that possible is what motivates me to get involved. It's a simple act, walking and giving, but the impact reaches far beyond the day of the event.

## **WORSHIP CIRCLE - SUNDAY, MAY 31 AT 11:30 AM**

The Worship Circle will meet in the boardroom on May 31, 2026, at 11:30 AM. Please feel free to grab a coffee and a cookie and join us—we'd love to have you there.

## YOU CAN LEARN TO SWIM AS AN ADULT: NEVER TOO LATE – DELANEY SMITH

**It's Never Too Late to Learn!** Have you ever thought about learning to swim? It's never too late to start! Many adults didn't have the chance to learn earlier in life, but with the right support, confidence can grow at any age.

Swimming is not only a valuable life skill—it also builds confidence, improves fitness, and promotes safety in and around water.

Whether you are starting from scratch or looking to improve, take the step you can do it! This article by Delaney Smith will serve as a guide. Kindly see the link below:

<https://www.ottawaparentingtimes.ca/you-can-learn-to-swim-as-an-adult-never-too-late/>

## FUND RAISING AND SILENT AUCTION IN SUPPORT OF CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

*Spring Tea*

In support of:  
Carlington Community Connection 



Photo credit: Rev. Karen McBride

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Two sittings: 12:30pm-2:00pm & 2:30pm-4:00pm

Tickets (\$20) are available from your local church representative Donna Kricorissian or by reserving online:



<https://julianofnorwichottawa.ca/events/event/spring-tea>

*Enjoy a spring tea with assorted finger sandwiches and desserts, and a silent auction*

 JULIAN OF NORWICH ANGLICAN CHURCH

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The Churches that support Carlington Community Connections are having a fund raising tea and silent auction. The tea will be held at Julian Of Norwich (Rossland Ave) on Saturday June 6. There will be two sittings-12:30 -2p.m. and another at 2:30-4 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 each and are available from Donna Kricorissian.

As part of KUC's commitment to this fundraiser we are to provide cucumber sandwiches for 120. There will be a sandwich making bee in the KUC kitchen starting at 1p.m. on Friday June 5<sup>th</sup>. Hope you can help!

For more information contact Donna K.

## 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.

## UPCOMING INTERCULTURAL WORKSHOP

Grow in faith, deepen your understanding, and connect with others in our community by attending this upcoming workshop. This session offers a meaningful opportunity for learning, reflection, and spiritual growth.

We warmly encourage all members to participate.

Kindly register here: <https://churchx.ca/local/shop/product.php?id=373>

Come and be inspired, we look forward to seeing you there

## LOOKING FOR LAWN CHAIRS FOR KUC SUMMER SERVICES

Welcome to spring—summer is just around the corner! KUC is excited to once again offer outdoor worship services this season.

To help make this possible, we're looking for donations of usable lawn chairs. If you, your family, or friends have any to spare, we would greatly appreciate your support.

Please leave a message at the church office to arrange pickup or let a staff member know if you plan to drop off your chair(s) at the church.

Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## 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!

## 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!

## WIDER CHURCH

**HYMN SING**  
AND SPECIAL MUSIC  
WITH  
**Ernie & Lynda Cox**  
PIANO • VOCALS  
with  
**Garth Hampson**  
"The Singing Mountie"

**MAY 24<sup>TH</sup>**  
6:30 PM  
**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH**  
CUMBERLAND

*Singing the hymns we love*

**FREE-WILL OFFERING**

info@standrewscumberland.org

We have planned a hymn sing event to be held at **St. Andrew's United Church in Cumberland**, 2557 Old Montreal Road, May 24 at 6:30 p.m.

The hymn sing will feature favourite hymns led by Lynda and Ernie Cox along with special guest Garth Hampson "The Singing Mountie." There will be special music, duets, solos, and the opportunity to sing your favourite hymns.

There is no charge for this event, but donations in the form of a free-will offering will be appreciated for St. Andrew's outreach programs.



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Ottawa, ON K1S 3Z7  
613-236-0617, x 221  
[www.glebestjames.ca](http://www.glebestjames.ca)

Glebe-St. James United Church is calling all puzzle lovers!

Join us for our upcoming Puzzle Sale featuring a wonderful selection of puzzles for all ages and skill levels. Whether you enjoy scenic landscapes, mystery puzzles, or family favourites, there will be something for everyone.

Come browse, shop, and take home a new challenge while supporting our community. Stay tuned for the date and time!

Bring a friend and piece together some fun with us!

**Date: June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**Time: 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Venue: Glebe-St. James United Church**  
**650 Lyon St. S., Ottawa**

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### Office hours

10am-2pm Monday- Friday

Please call ahead if you are dropping by!

