



**Kitchissippi**  
UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, June 28, 2026

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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**



Good day Folks,

Please plan to stay for the concert this Sunday at 1 pm, a fundraiser for Multifaith Housing Initiative. You will hear Lumina (Choir led by Stephanie Coward-Yaskiw), Kitchissippi Choir and the God's Beloved.

This week, I have been on study leave, which did not mean 100% rest and relaxation but it did mean I could preside at Lois Healey's memorial service, arrange for a few loads of a friend's mother-in-law's house to the church for both God's beloved and the rummage sale, and have a couple of Zoom calls. But not all study leaves are the same and that'd one of the parts of this calling that I love – no two days are the same.

Please see the calendar of events for more activities!

Blessings,  
Jenni

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### KUC CRAFT SALE SUNDAY, JUNE 28



On **Sunday June 28th** Ophelia and Howie (and Doris!) will be selling handmade crafts to fundraise for Ophelia's medical treatment.

Ophelia has Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, a rare neuropathic pain condition that causes severe pain, fatigue, and a host of other symptoms. This illness started when she was nine years old, and when she was 22 it led to her being admitted to hospice. With the support of her family, friends, and the KUC community, Ophelia was able to start receiving ketamine infusions and begin the long journey of recovery. Unfortunately, these life saving treatments cost on average \$350 a month and are not covered by OHIP. 100% of the proceeds raised at the craft sale will go towards covering these costs and supporting Ophelia's continued recovery.

If you would like to know more or donate you can visit this link:  
<https://www.gofundme.com/f/hope-for-ophelia>

The craft sale will include:

- Handmade greeting cards for all occasions featuring Ophelia's art.
- Hand sewn items made by Howie, including many LGBTQ+ pride themed items.

Ophelia will be **accepting cash and e-transfer.**

If you are unable to attend the sale but would still like to purchase greeting cards, please contact Ophelia at [daisyprayers@gmail.com](mailto:daisyprayers@gmail.com) and she will get them to you at another time.



THE BIRTHDAY SET



THE ART PRINT SET

Card bundles:

**The Year-Round Set** - 12 greeting cards printed with hand carved stamps. \$45 for a set of 12 cards. 4"x6", blank inside and each comes with an envelope. Includes 4 Christmas cards, 1 Easter card, 1 Valentine's Day card, 4 birthday cards, 1 "Thank You!" card, and 1 multipurpose flower bouquet card.

**The Christmas Set** - 4 greeting cards printed with hand carved stamps. \$15 for a set of 4 cards. 4"x6", blank inside and each comes with an envelope. Includes 1 angel card, 1 Christmas tree card, 1 present card, and 1 candy cane card.

**The Birthday Set** - 4 greeting cards printed with hand carved stamps. \$15 for a set of 4 cards. 4"x6", blank inside and each comes with an envelope. Includes 2 cupcake cards, 1 balloon card, and 1 party hat card.

**The Art Print Set** - 10 greeting cards with high quality gloss prints of Ophelia's original artwork. \$35 for a set of 10 cards. 5"x7", blank inside and each comes with an envelope. This set features beautiful illustrations depicting uplifting nature scenes that are perfect for any occasion!

MUSICIANS FOR ODENAK PRESENTS YOUR LOVE IS AMAZING



MUSICIANS FOR ODENAK *presents*

# Your Love is Amazing!

A Coffeehouse Benefit for  
**Multifaith Housing Initiative**



*Featuring*  
**Lumina, Kitchissippi Choir  
and God's Beloved**



Sunday  
**June 28**  
at 1:00 PM



Kitchissippi United Church Hall  
630 Island Park Drive, Ottawa



Pay What You Can



Tax receipts for  
donations over \$25



Refreshments Available



All Are Welcome

## **PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE NOTICE**

FM Interlock (Franko) will be patching potholes with hot asphalt on **Thursday, July 2 and Friday, July 3.**

**Please note that members will not be permitted to park in the parking lot on July 2 and July 3** while the paving work is being carried out.

To allow the asphalt to properly set, we ask members to **avoid driving over the repaired areas for at least 2-3 days after the work is completed.**

If you need to visit the church during this period, please use the **angled parking spaces along the Queensway wall**, as vehicles parked there will not interfere with the paving work.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience while these repairs are being completed.

## **FOOD ALLERGIES, SCENT SENSITIVITIES & ACCESSIBILITY AT KUC JUNE 2026**

In the coming months, the KUC Council will be discussing how to develop clear policies regarding nut/peanut and other food allergies, while also considering the needs of those with sensitivities to scents, candle smoke, and other odours.

Please email Jennifer at the KUC office if you would like to share your thoughts on these matters or leave a message and someone will contact you.

Thank you all as we continue discerning our commitment to inclusion and to making KUC accessible and welcoming to everyone.

## **SUNDAY SUMMER REFRESHMENTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

During the summer, we serve juice and cookies after the church service. We are looking for volunteers to sign up for one or more Sundays to help with this ministry.

Volunteers will be asked to:

- Purchase 2-3 boxes of cookies and 2 bottles of juice.
- Bring the refreshments to church on their assigned Sunday.
- Set up before fellowship time and clean up afterward.

Please keep your receipts and submit them to Adah for reimbursement.

The sign-up sheet, along with detailed instructions, is available in the kitchen.

Thank you for your support and willingness to serve!

**Jane Christie**

## **KARL & MARION REID 70<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY PARTY POSTPONED**

As many of you know, a celebration was planned for **July 11, 2026** to mark the Platinum Anniversary of **Karl and Marion Reid**.

Due to Karl's ongoing recovery from a recent fall, the celebration has been postponed. A new date will be announced at a later time.

We appreciate your understanding and continued support, and we wish Karl a smooth and speedy recovery.

Thank you.

**Jennifer Reid**  
For the family

## **KUC SUMMER TRIP JULY 10 - 12**

Fifty-five members of Kitchissippi United Church will be travelling to African Lion Safari and Niagara Falls from July 10-12.

We recognize that some people who wished to join us were unable to secure a spot. If this trip is successful, we will explore the possibility of offering a second trip in late September or early October. Thank you for your interest and understanding.

## **REQUEST FOR SLEEPING MATS FOR GOD'S BELOVED SUMMER TRIP**

As we prepare for the God's Beloved Summer Trip, we humbly request donations or loans of **sleeping mats, yoga mats, camping mats, or similar portable sleeping pads** for participants.

Your generosity will help ensure that everyone has a comfortable place to rest during the trip. If you are able to contribute or lend a mat, please contact us.

Thank you for your kindness and support of God's Beloved ministry.

## **CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES - MARION REID**

If you are aware of anyone in our congregation who is graduating from high school, college, university, or another post-secondary program, kindly reach out to Marion Reid.

Marion has a beautiful tradition of sending handwritten graduation cards to celebrate and encourage our graduates as they step into a new chapter of life. She would love your help in making sure every graduate is remembered and warmly celebrated, so that no one is missed.

## TRANSGENDER RIGHTS IN OTTAWA

Tara Sypniewski was a founding member of Gender Mosaic and now runs Wellington West's Ottawa Trans Library.

We encourage God's Beloved and other Circles/groups at KUC to learn more about Tara and the Ottawa Trans Library, a valued Ottawa-based advocate for human rights through the link below.

<https://kitchissippi.com/a-history-of-advancing-transgender-rights-in-ottawa/>

## 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! 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 COMMUNITY

CGIT Camp Kalalla has a mission to develop leadership in girls and young women. You can support our work right now in these ways...

Please **share the information** if you know a **camper or LIT** who might be interested in:  
- our classic camp programme, July 19-26. (Visit [www.kalalla.com](http://www.kalalla.com) for more details)  
- our LIT programme, July 18-26. (Visit <http://kalalla.com/leader-in-training/>)

We are also always happy to receive applications to join our wonderful **staff** team. Visit <http://kalalla.com/camp-kalalla-jobs/>

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