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UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, September 13, 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/UCwATU1rozB1PllaRmr2teVA>

FROM REV JENNI'S DESK



Good afternoon! I hope this newsletter finds you well! What a beautiful fall day outside!

This Sunday is Welcome Back Sunday! Come for the music, the message, the community and for the first Sunday in Creation time!

First, our congratulations to two couples – Natasha and Haddon who married last weekend (Natasha is the granddaughter of Dave and Marg Hall, daughter of Cathy and Claude) and on Sunday, Eric and Jen will marry. (Eric is the son of Laurie and Denis). Congratulations all!

Our monthly Amica Westboro service is every third Tuesday of the month – September 15th at 11am – all are welcome to come sing and share communion with the residents.

Our love and prayers go out to the family of Jane Craig, who died last month. We will celebrate her life on Monday September 21st at 2pm in the sanctuary.

Please save the date for Sunday October 4th – our 18th Anniversary and Worldwide Communion Sunday. We will also welcome Global Partners of the United Church of Canada that Sunday and for conversation the next day, Monday October 5th from 6-8pm. All are welcome.

Please continue to pray for all of our God's Beloved: those who are facing PRRAs, those looking for work, those who are stressed, those awaiting their hearing dates.

Blessings,
Jenni

UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL REOPENING CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

On **Sunday, September 13, 2026**, Kitchissippi United Church will celebrate its **Fall Reopening** with cake and refreshments in the church hall following worship.

Everyone is welcome! We look forward to celebrating the beginning of a new season together.

21.1 KM. ONE MEANINGFUL CAUSE – SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

On **September 13, 2026**, I'll be running the **Great North Run Half Marathon in Newcastle, UK**, in support of **Sue Ryder Hospice**.

Since April, I've run an incredible **582.9 km** in preparation! 🏃‍♀️

Having previously worked in palliative care, I've seen firsthand the difference compassionate hospice care makes to individuals and their families.

I'm proud to run for this cause. **Every donation, big or small, makes a difference.**

♥️ **Support my fundraiser:**

<https://tinyurl.com/AshleysGNRFundraiser>

Thank you for your support, prayers, and encouragement!

**With gratitude,
Ashley Barnes**

HYMNS & COMMUNION AT AMICA SEPTEMBER 15, 2026

Kindly join us at **Amica Westboro Park, 491 Richmond Road**, as we share hymns and communion service with our friends living at the residence. Everyone is welcome to join us.

A REQUEST FOR HOUSING SUPPORT

Special Request: Would anyone who owns their house consider allowing a member of God's Beloved to live in a spare room/finished basement for 6 months to a year? The GB member needs a letter from their landlord, a safe place to live and currently does not have a work permit. (They would pay rent once they start working.) If you might be able to help, please speak to **Rev Jenni or Rev Daniel**? Thank you!

KUC FALL RUMMAGE SALE OCTOBER 2ND & 3RD

" **KUC Fall Rummage Sale - Friday, October 2 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 3, from 9:00 am to noon**". This is a major fundraiser for the church and many volunteers are needed to keep it going. Volunteers are needed for set up, clean up, and selling, as well as many random jobs. Please see

the volunteer sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the hall and sign up for a shift (s) which suits your schedule.

Donations for the sale can be left on the stage in the hall or brought to the church on Thursday October 1 or Friday morning October 2. We accept books, puzzles, linens, dishes, household items, giftware, toys, jewelry, working electronics, etc. Please phone ahead prior to dropping items off. No text books, magazines, clothing or footwear please.

If you are not able to volunteer to work at the sale, then please plan to attend in any case. It is a fun collaborative effort for our faith community and there are some great bargains to be found! Enjoy your shopping!

Thank you in advance for your donations, support and work! Hope to see you there."

HOW MUCH WOULD YOU RISK FOR SAFETY?

What would you do to escape?

Imagine having to leave everything behind and make impossible choices just to find safety. This thought-provoking Broadview story offers a glimpse into the risks and uncertainty faced by refugees.

Broadview Magazine - <https://broadview.org/what-would-you-do-to-escape/>

REVERSE THE CUTS TO REFUGEE HEALTHCARE WEBINAR & PHONE ZAP!!!

Tues, Sept 15 at 12pm ET ONLINE

Wed, Sept 16 at 7pm ET ONLINE

Dear Jenni,

We've won important gains in the fight for refugee health care, but we need to keep going. As the No Cuts to Care Coalition, a group of healthcare workers, we're committed to reversing the May 1 Interim Federal Health Program (IFHP) cuts and ensuring health & dignity for all.

You called MPs in the last phone zap in the spring, and signed the **No cuts to care petition**. Thanks to the collective action of healthcare workers, migrant organizers, and allies, the government removed co-payments for feeding tubes, home oxygen, respiratory aids, implantable hearing aids and nursing homes.

But co-payments for medications, mental health care, assistive devices, and other essential services remain. Refugees are still struggling to access care, and health care providers are seeing the impact firsthand.

Join the Migrant Rights Network (MRN) and No Cuts to Care Coalition for a webinar and phone zap to tell your MP: REVERSE the cuts to refugee health care!

You will:

- Learn how these cuts are affecting refugees in the last four months
- Hear from experts and healthcare workers
- Call your MP and take action together

Choose a session:

Sept 15 at 12 pm EST:

<https://utoronto.zoom.us/join/5Hb0FaKDTcWMuv-tOiCxcw>

Sept 16 at 7 pm ESR:

https://utoronto.zoom.us/join/EIH9OsKmQju_RKOS2EaiPw

OTHER ACTIONS

Join the health coalition for the Migrant Rights Network cross-country Day of Action for Migrant Rights on Sept 20, 2026

Sign the petition to stop IFHP cuts.

Warmly,

No Cuts to Care Coalition

VOLUNTEER USHERS STARTING SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Usher Duties:

1. **Greet members** at the front door and provide newcomers with worship sheets.
2. **Remind God's Beloved members** that the attendance sheet will be available in the Hall for signing after worship.
3. **Distribute offering envelopes.**
4. **Pass the collection baskets** and bring them to the back of the sanctuary. One greeter will take the basket to the front for dedication.
5. **Return hymn books** to the racks after the service.
6. **Help tidy the narthex** after the service, if you are able.

Thank you for helping us create a warm and welcoming environment for everyone who joins us for worship!

Contact Jennifer Shahid or James Oko.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED ON SUNDAY MORNING

We are in the process of setting up the roster for the nursery for the coming fall. Nursery duty involves watching the younger children (under 4 years of age) in the parlour during the church service.

If you are able to help on the occasional Sunday morning in the nursery could you please let me (**Mary Laidlaw at laidlawb@rogers.com**) know. I will be away until Sept. 7 so will set up the roster on my return. Thanks for considering helping out.

REQUEST FOR MASON JARS FOR BEET PICKLES

This Fall we will be making beet pickles in support of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign. As a first step we are collecting 500 ml Mason jars. If you have any you would like to donate to the cause, please drop them off at the Church or contact **Jennifer or Marion Reid at 613-722-0274**

Jennifer Reid

FOOD ALLERGIES, SCENT SENSITIVITIES & ACCESSIBILITY AT KUC SEP 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.

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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