



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH



Sunday, October 04, 2026

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/UCwATU1rozB1PIlaRmr2teVA>

FROM REV JENNI'S DESK



Hello all,

What a beautiful weekend for a Rummage Sale! Please attend the sale tonight from 6-9 pm and tomorrow 9-noon. Helpers needed anytime and for clean up at noon on Saturday!

We celebrate our 18th Anniversary on Sunday, along with Worldwide Communion and welcoming Global Partners! Come to celebrate and learn and worship together!

Please plan to join us on Monday evening from 6-8:30pm to learn more about our Global Partners as well. Refreshments will be served.

Also, mark Tuesday evening on your calendar for poetry and jazz at McKay United - see poster attached.

Book study resumes on Thursday October 8th at 10am in the boardroom. We are reading 'The God We Never Knew' by Marcus Borg. Let me know if you'd like an e-book? All are welcome!

I'm going to keep this short for now, but I wish you a brilliant weekend!

Blessings,
Jenni

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

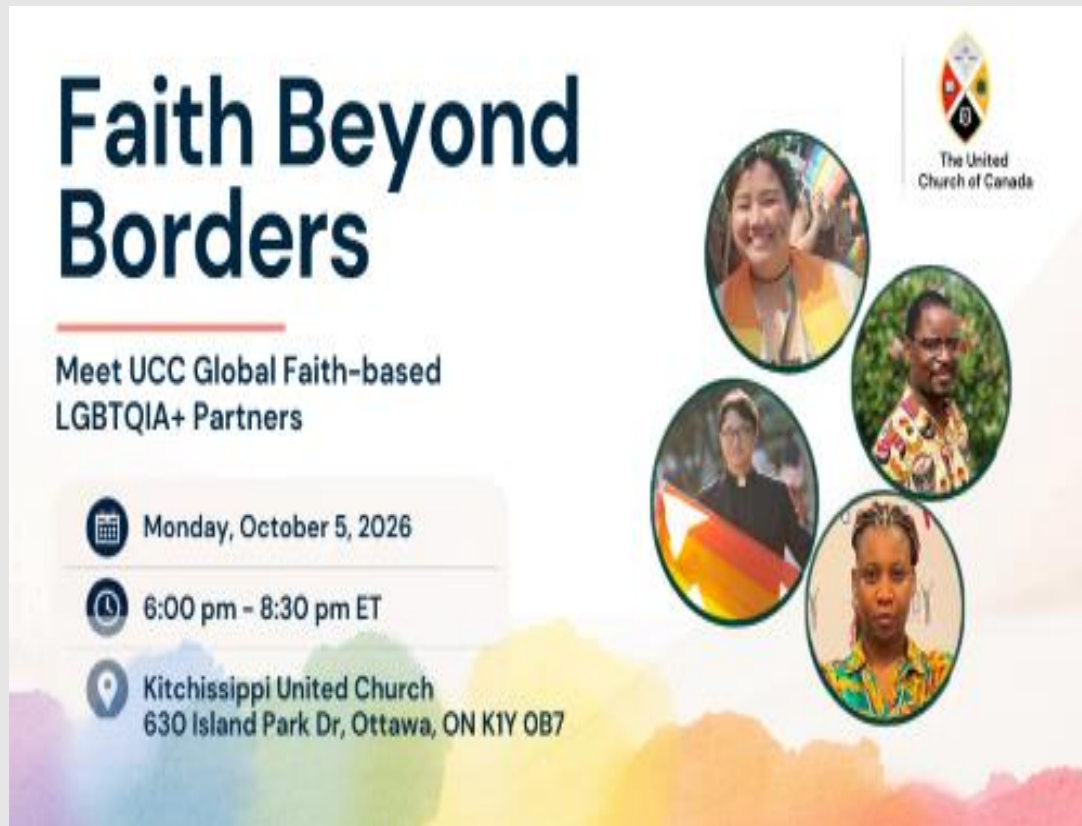
Donations for the sale can be left on the stage in the hall or brought to the church on Thursday October 1 or Friday morning October 2. We accept books, puzzles, linens, dishes, household items, giftware, toys, jewelry, working electronics, etc. Please phone ahead prior to dropping items off. No text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

FAITH BEYOND BORDERS OCTOBER 5, 2026 AT KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH



The poster for the 'Faith Beyond Borders' event features a large title in blue and black text. Below the title, it says 'Meet UCC Global Faith-based LGBTQIA+ Partners'. The event details are listed with icons: a calendar for 'Monday, October 5, 2026', a clock for '6:00 pm - 8:30 pm ET', and a location pin for 'Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Dr, Ottawa, ON K1Y 0B7'. On the right side, there are four circular portraits of diverse individuals. The UCC logo is in the top right corner.

Faith Beyond Borders

Meet UCC Global Faith-based LGBTQIA+ Partners

Monday, October 5, 2026

6:00 pm - 8:30 pm ET

Kitchissippi United Church
630 Island Park Dr, Ottawa, ON K1Y 0B7

The United Church of Canada

UCW MEETING OCTOBER 7, 2026

UCW Meeting: Local Fibre Artist Maggie Glossop

Date: **Wednesday, October 7th**

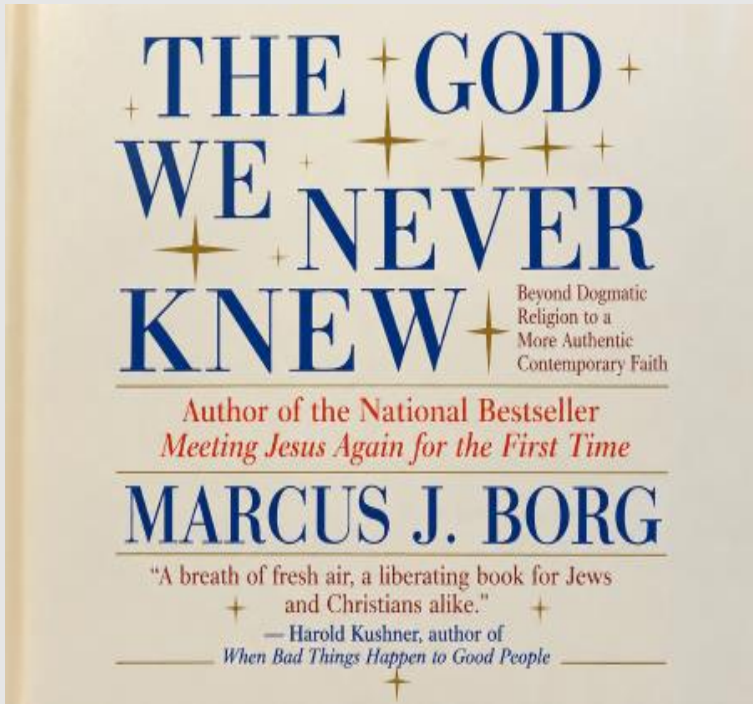
Time: **1:00 PM**

Place: **Kitchissippi United Church**

Please join us for our upcoming UCW meeting featuring local fibre artist Maggie Glossop. Best known for her work as a felting artist using animal fibres (wool), Maggie has more recently been collecting vegetable fibres in her local neighborhood of Westboro and Champlain Park to create baskets. During her walks along local streets, parks, woods, and the Ottawa River, she harvests plant leaves, stems, grasses, rushes, reeds, and tree bark, which she dries and processes into a wide variety of baskets.

Maggie will discuss her techniques and bring samples of her work to showcase. All her welcome!!!

BOOK STUDY RESUMES OCTOBER 8, 2026



Book Study resumes on Thursday, October 8, 2026.

Time: 10 AM

Venue: Boardroom

KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH AT 18

You called me Beloved

I came to Canada looking for safety.

But safety and belonging
are not the same thing.

I had learned to make myself smaller
to watch what I said,
to wonder which parts of myself
were safe to reveal.

I came as I am
An immigrant, LGBTQ+
Carrying the hope
Of beginning again. And then, I walked through your doors

I expected questions.
Instead, you gave me a chair.

I expected judgment.
Instead, you learned my name.

I expected to be tolerated.
Instead, you loved me.

You did not ask me to choose
between who I am
and whether God could love me.

You simply made room.

There are photographs in the hallway.

To someone passing by,
they may look like ordinary pictures
of memories hanging quietly on a wall.

But I see something more.

I see a church that opened its arms
to Syrian refugees
beginning again in a new country.

Those pictures tell me that welcome
has a history here.

They remind me that I was not the first
to arrive searching for belonging.

Others came before me.
And you made room for them too.

At Kitchissippi,
I found more than a church.

I found people who listened,
people who cared,
and people who stood beside me
when life in a new country felt overwhelming.

And in a world where people like me
are sometimes made to feel
that we do not belong,

you called me **Beloved**.

Today, Kitchissippi is eighteen.

My hope for the years ahead
is that someone else will walk through these doors
carrying the same questions I once carried:

*Will they accept me?
Can I be myself here?
Is there a place for me?*

And may they find the same answer I found:

**Come in.
There is room.
You are loved.
You belong.**

Happy 18th Anniversary, Kitchissippi.

From: One Who Found Belonging

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!

WIDER COMMUNITY

VOICES OF OUR CHRISTIAN SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN PALESTINE

Voices of our Christian Sisters and Brothers in Palestine

An Opportunity to Learn in Community

EyeWitness

The Reverend Dr. Dorcas Gordon

Dorcas Gordon is the Principal Emeritus of Knox College,
the Presbyterian Church in Canada, with a long history of accompanying
Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers in their witness.

Between 2012 and 2019 Dorcas with her husband Noel
led study tours based on the 2009 Kairos document.
Since October 7, 2023 she has travelled three times to Palestine, and has
just published a report and study guide for the Christian community.

Saturday October 3rd

3:00 p.m.

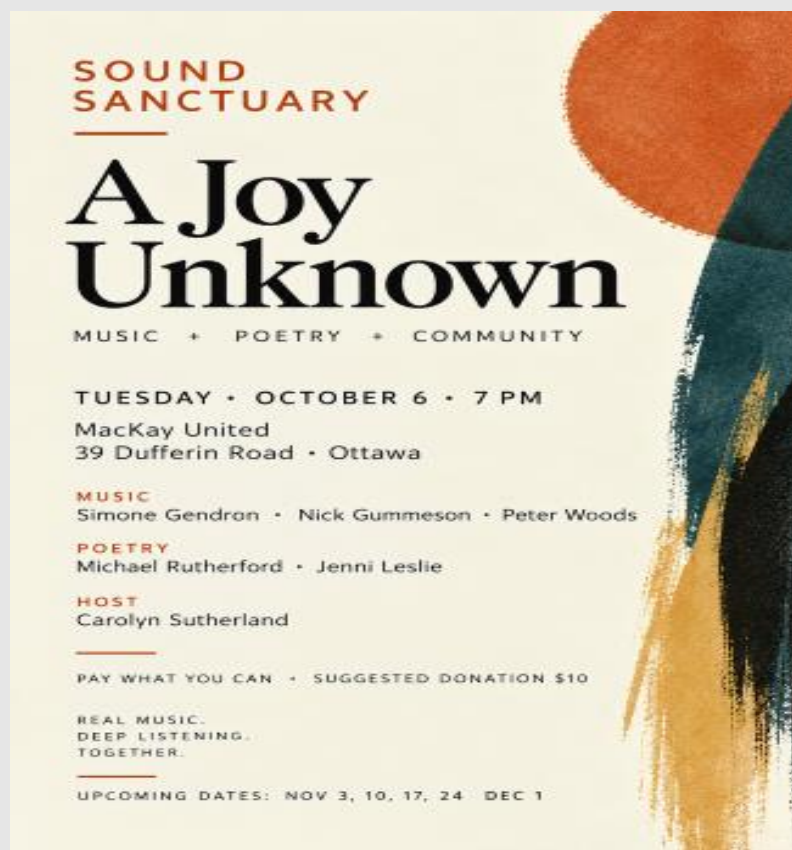
St. Andrew's Church Ottawa

82 Kent Street (a 3 minute walk from Lyon O-Train station)

For additional information,
voicesinottawa@gmail.com
Janet Mrenica, Peter Lamont and Andrew Johnston

As members of the Christian community of Ottawa you are invited to this presentation by the Rev. Dr. Dorcas Gordon, Principal Emeritus of Knox College Toronto, the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Dorcas has with a long history of accompanying Palestinian Christian sisters and brothers in their witness, most recently including three trips to Palestine since October 7, 2023 and has just published a report and study for the Christian community. An opportunity to grow in personal awareness and prayerful solidarity. For further details, contact **voicesinottawa@gmail.com**

SOUND SANCTUARY – A JOY UNKNOWN



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A Joy Unknown

MUSIC + POETRY + COMMUNITY

TUESDAY • OCTOBER 6 • 7 PM
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 39 Dufferin Road • Ottawa

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POETRY
 Michael Rutherford • Jenni Leslie

HOST
 Carolyn Sutherland

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 DEEP LISTENING.
 TOGETHER.

UPCOMING DATES: NOV 3, 10, 17, 24 DEC 1

Sound Sanctuary – A Joy Unknown

Join us for **Sound Sanctuary: A Joy Unknown**, an evening of music, poetry, and community.

Come and experience a beautiful gathering where words and music meet, featuring poetry from **Rev. Jenni** alongside inspiring musical performances.

Everyone is welcome! Come for the music, the poetry, and the joy of being together!

FALL FIBRE FLING OCTOBER 23RD AND 24TH 2026



OUT of the BOX fibre artists

Le 23 Oct vendredi de 10 h à 16 h
 Le 24 Oct samedi de 10 h à 16 h

Admission is by donation
 L'entrée se fait par don

Kitchissippi United Church
 630 Island Park Dr. Ottawa
 (between Carling Ave & the 417)

Église Unie de Kitchissippi,
 630, Prom Island Park, Ottawa
 (entre l'ave Carling et l'autoroute 417)

all proceeds goes to
 tous les bénéfices seront reversés à

Chœur Pro Arte

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

KITCHISSIPPI UNITED STAFF

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