

Kitchissippi UNITED CHURCH

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Sunday, November 29, 2026

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP at 10 AM LIVE STREAM

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FROM REV JENNI'S DESK



Good afternoon!

I hope this finds you well!

Thank you to all who have been asking me to wish Reverend Daniel a good holiday– It is much appreciated! I do hope he has a good time off and in Toronto!

There are so many fantastic things happening at Kitchissippi In the next two weeks – I hope that you will take a look at all of those activities and engage as you're able. Please don't forget to bring cash on Sunday for the bake and soup sale.

Advent study booklets are available to all people even if you're not able to come to the study on Thursday mornings from 10 till 12. Please see me if you would like a book booklet. The theme is Until the dawn - please see photo.

Please know that I'm available for pastoral care catch ups, phone calls, and email exchanges, even during this busy season. Please note especially the Contemplative service on December 9 and our first ever Merry Pridemas event on December 17. Two very different services –both in the sanctuary and both will help with any grey mood you might be feeling. That is not a promise, but a hope.

Blessings on this grey day for a good weekend,
Jenni

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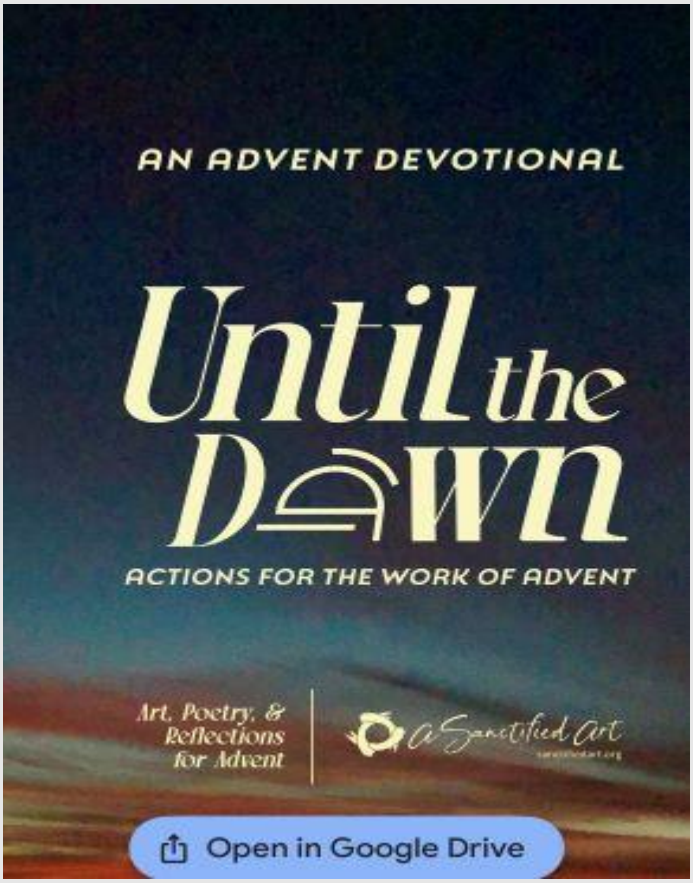
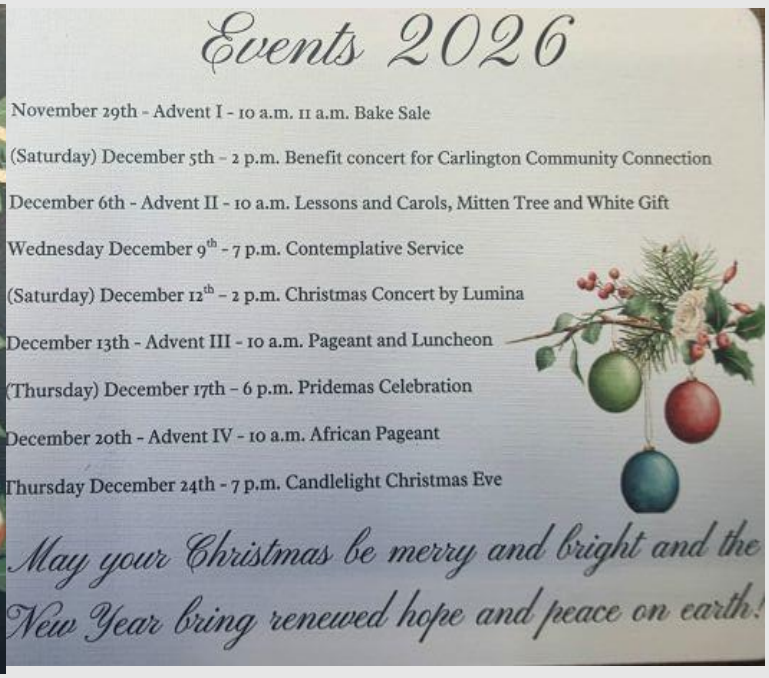


CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH





THIS SUNDAY AT KUC

PASTORAL AVAILABILITY NOTICE

Please note that Rev. Daniel will be on vacation for the next two weeks, followed by a work-related trip to Toronto in the third week. He will return on **December 13**.

We kindly ask that you refrain from contacting Rev. Daniel during his absence, particularly while he is on vacation, so that he can enjoy a well-deserved period of rest.

Rev. Jenni will be available throughout this period for any pastoral needs or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

KUC BAKE SALE NOVEMBER 29, 2026

Calling All KUC Bakers! – UCW Christmas Bake Sale

The UCW Christmas Bake Sale will take place on **Sunday, November 29, after worship service in the Hall** — a delicious way to begin Advent!

All forms of Christmas baking are welcome, and bakers of all identities are encouraged to contribute. Please drop off your baked goods **before 10:00 a.m.** on the day of the sale.

There will also be **soup for sale!** For questions, please contact Wendy Warburton at **613-322-6041** or **soprano2nu@yahoo.ca**

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIGHTS RELATION – PROTECTING THE OTTAWA RIVER WATERSHED

This week, we share an article highlighting Kebaowek First Nation's efforts to protect the Ottawa River watershed and its concerns about the near-surface nuclear waste disposal facility.

We invite you to take a moment to read the article and reflect on the importance of protecting our shared waters for generations to come. **Click below to read the article.**

https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/kebaowek-first-nation-turns-to-supreme-court/

Sylvia Smith will have letters available at church for those who wish to sign in support and feel comfortable and safe doing so.

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCH – YOU'RE INVITED!

Come celebrate the joy of the Christmas season with good food, warm fellowship, and wonderful company!

Join us on **Wednesday, December 2, at 12 PM** for a festive potluck lunch. Bring a favorite dish to share and enjoy a lovely afternoon of friendship, laughter, and Christmas cheer.

All women of the congregation are warmly welcome, and you're encouraged to bring a friend!

The more, the merrier! We look forward to celebrating with you!

CHRISTMAS OUTREACH

Christmas Outreach – Sharing the Joy of the Season

On Sundays, **December 6 and 13,** we invite you to donate new mittens, hats, scarves and socks for Indigenous families supported by Minwaashin Lodge. Please place your donations, unwrapped, on or under the Christmas tree in the sanctuary.

As part of our Christmas Outreach, we will also purchase and deliver small gifts, including toiletries and socks, to residents of care homes near the church.

Financial donations are welcome and may be made by e-transfer or in envelopes marked **"Christmas Outreach."** Please include your name if you wish to receive a tax receipt.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us spread Christmas cheer throughout our community!

RESPIRATORY VIRUS SEASON – A REMINDER TO STAY HEALTHY

As we enter the fall and winter respiratory virus season, we encourage everyone to take a few simple precautions to help protect the health and well-being of our congregation, staff, and wider community.

1. Stay Home if You Are Unwell

If you are experiencing symptoms such as a cough, sore throat, or runny nose, please stay home until you are feeling better. You can continue to worship with us by watching our services online.

2. Stay Up to Date with Vaccinations

We encourage everyone to get their seasonal COVID-19 and flu vaccinations. Both vaccines are available at participating pharmacies. Please call ahead to confirm availability and whether an appointment is required.

3. Masks Are Welcome

Anyone who wishes to wear a KN95 mask is welcome to do so, particularly those who are immunocompromised or at higher risk of illness. A supply of masks is available at the church for anyone who needs one.

Thank you for helping us keep Kitchissippi United Church a safe, welcoming, and caring community for all.

BENEFIT CONCERT FOR CARLINGTON COMMUNITY CONNECTION



Join us for the 3rd Annual Carlington Community Connection Fundraiser!

Get into the Christmas spirit with an afternoon of festive carols, community fellowship, and holiday cheer!

Date: Saturday, December 5
Time: 2:00–4:00 p.m.
Location: Kitchissippi United Church

Bring your family, friends, and neighbours along to enjoy this special celebration of the season! A freewill offering will be collected, and refreshments and crafts will be available for purchase afterward, with proceeds supporting the Chaplaincy/Carlington Community (CCC).

LET'S KEEP OUR CHURCH COVERED NOVEMBER 2026

Dear Church Family,

Over the summer you may have noticed some water leakage from the ceiling of the Upper Hall. Our church suffered from the heavy summer rainfalls as did many of our neighbours. Work has begun to replace the roof and insulation before winter. The total cost is **$64,000**.

Our church has a Building Fund which has been built up by members of Kitchissippi United Church and its predecessor churches over many years just for such a "rainy day". However, there is only **$24,000** in the Building Fund and our annual budget is in deficit. We need an additional **$40,000**.

Kitchissippi United Church is more than a building. It is a place of worship, prayer, fellowship, comfort, and hope. It is where we gather to celebrate life's blessings, support one another through difficult times, and grow together in faith.

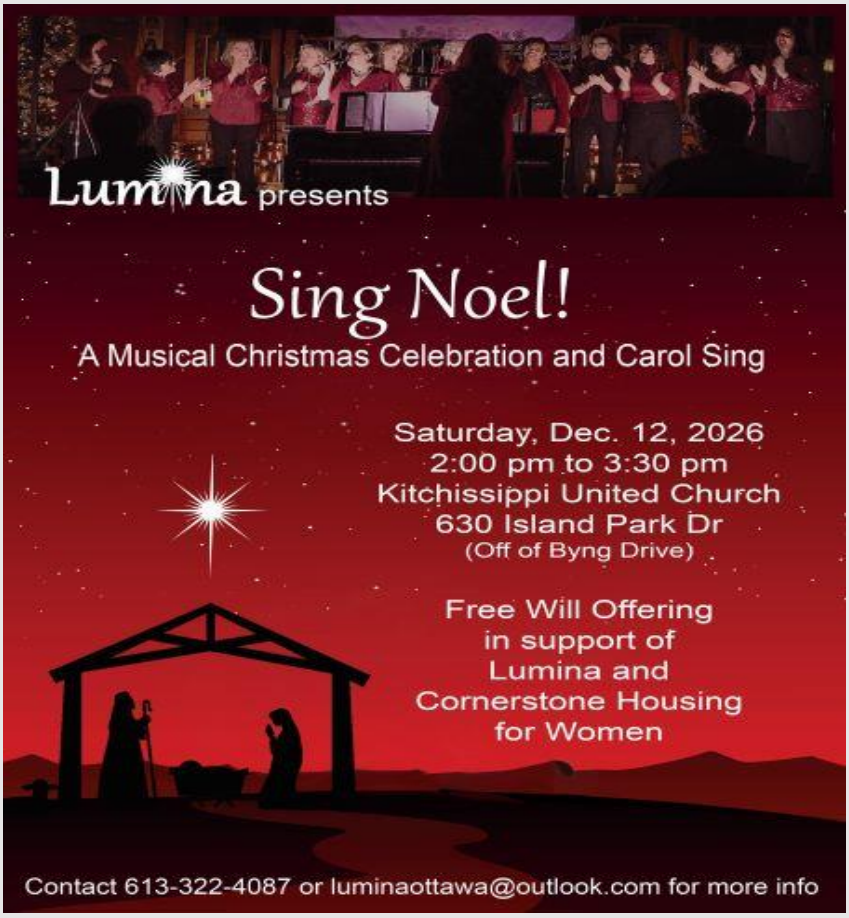
Today, our church building needs us. The roof is an essential part of protecting the place where we worship and serve. A new roof is not simply a construction project — it is an investment in our church's future. We are asking every member to consider making a special contribution toward this important project. Whether your gift is large or small, every donation brings us one step closer to our goal. When we each

do our part, our combined efforts can accomplish something wonderful. We are also reaching out to those who rent space in our building.

Let us remember that we are not just repairing a roof; we are protecting a place where faith is nurtured, lives are touched, and God's work continues.
Let us come together in faith, unity, and generosity to keep our church covered for years to come.
Please give as you are able, and let us build a stronger future for our church together.

Donations can be made
By e-transfer to donations@kitchissippiuc.com note Roof Appeal
By cheque to Kitchissippi United Church Note **Roof Appeal**
On-line via Canada Helps canadahelps.org search Kitchissippi United Church

NOEL! – A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND CAROL SING



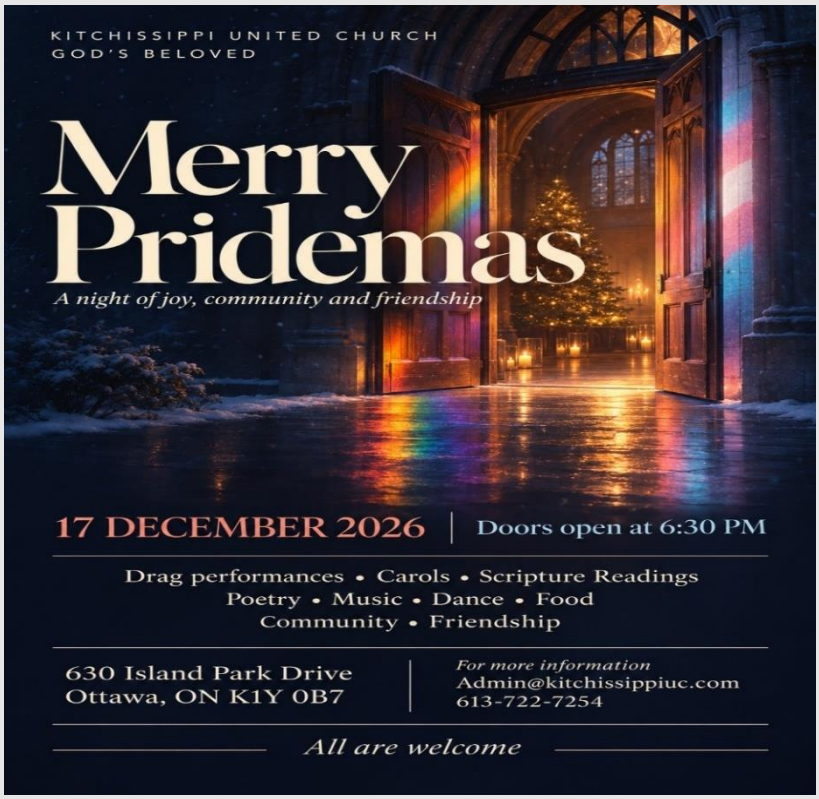
You are warmly to Sing *Noel!* A special afternoon of beautiful Christmas music, festive carols, and community spirit, presented by **Lumina.**

Come sing along, enjoy the sounds of the season, and share in the warmth and joy of Christmas with family and friends!

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2026
Time: 2:00–3:30 p.m.
Location: Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park

A **freewill offering** will be collected in support of Lumina and Cornerstone Housing for Women. Bring your family, invite friends and join us for a heartwarming celebration this Christmas season!

MERRY PRIDEMAS DECEMBER 17, 2026, AT KUC



Join us at Kitchissippi United Church for Merry Pridemas, a festive evening celebrating joy, diversity, community and friendship!

Come enjoy a wonderful mix of **drag performances, Christmas carols, scripture readings, poetry, music, dance, and food** as we gather to celebrate the season in a spirit of love, inclusion, and togetherness.

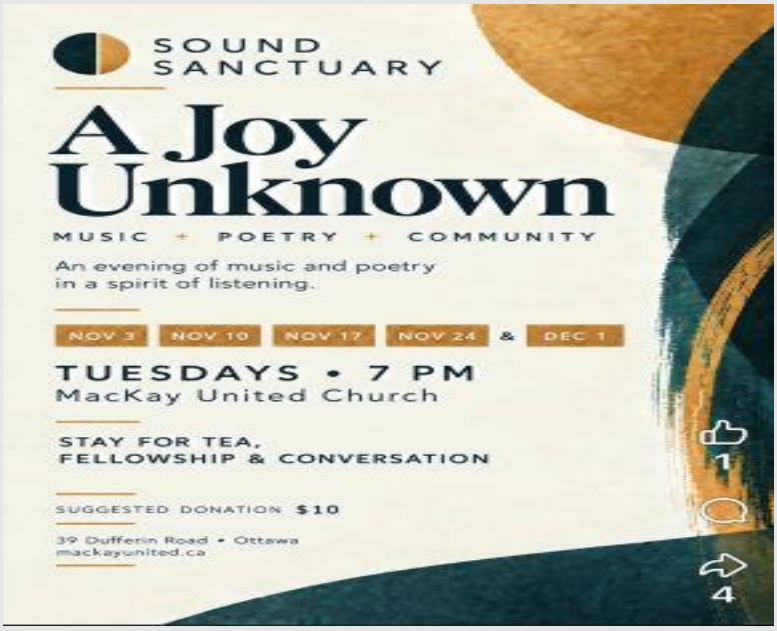
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2026
Time: Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Kitchissippi United Church, 630 Island Park Drive, Ottawa

Bring your friends, family, and neighbours for an evening filled with celebration and connection.

All are welcome! ♡

WIDER CHURCH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

A JOY UNKNOWN – MUSIC & POETRY



Join Sound Sanctuary for **A Joy Unknown**, an evening of music, poetry, and community in a welcoming atmosphere.

Dates: Tuesdays, November 24 & December 1
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Venue: MacKay United Church, 39 Dufferin Road, Ottawa
Suggested Donation: $10

Stay for tea, fellowship, and conversation. All are welcome!

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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