

FEBRUARY 5, 2020

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP LIVESTREAM - 10AM
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MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Hello and happy Friday!

Thank God for the sunshine and the snowfall this week - both so beautiful!

I learned this week that our friend and my mentor, the Rev. Dr. George Hermanson died this week in Nanaimo, BC. His health had been failing. I learned, through friends, that he died in his wife, Suzanne's, arms and didn't have any pain.

I am thankful for all of the Mondays a group of us would carpool to their beautiful home on the Madawaska, for theological conversation stemming from the book we were reading together. We would learn and laugh and then have lunch together. While I was a part of the group, we read around 7 books, including Thomas Oord's book "God can't" (he lectured and preached at Kitchissippi several years ago) and Patricia Adams Farmer's "Fat Soul: a philosophy of size" (she also lectured and preached at Kitchissippi). They were special guests indeed, brought to Ottawa through the Madawaska Institute (owned and operated by Suzanne and George).

In George's words:

Believe it or not, most mainline Christians have had a mystical or religious experience. But in order to make sense of these transcendent experiences, we need a new way to understand God — one that makes sense in our world. In our quest for religious authenticity, a relational view of God gives us an understanding of divine power and compassion. This view is called "panentheism."

Panentheists experience God as both subject and mystery — the personal and the eternal. God is in the world and the world is in God, and God is more than the world. God is the necessary and eternal source for the world; it is God's creative act that makes nothing into something, that brings order out of chaos. God depends on the world because the nature of God's actual experience depends on the interaction with all living reality. As author and theologian Marjorie Hewitt Suchocki put it, "God is the supremely related one."

Well done, good and faithful servant - rest from your labours, until we meet again.

We are hoping to collect a few books for Coby, who is staying safely inside these days. She'd love some books written in German and French, and is also in need of a very simple CD player. If you have any of these, please be in touch with me?

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Please save the date of next Saturday, February 13th at 10am for the student, Claire Savage's **covenanting**. We will be covenanting as one of the 6 congregations who have engaged in the Central Outreach Cluster. Worship will be from 10 - 10:30am, but you can stay on the zoom call to hear more about the projects the cluster is working on.

Blessings for a lovely weekend,
Jenni

Here is a reading for Black History Month: <https://nmaahc.si.edu/learn/talking-about-race>

ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS AND KUC ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

2020 Annual Report is Submissions are due today **Friday, February 5th, 2021**. Please email your report to Kirsten Gracequist at kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com

Kitchissippi United Church Annual Congregational Meeting – Sunday, March 14th at 1PM (via Zoom) More information and the Zoom link to come prior to the date.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

BROADVIEW (ON-LINE) BOOK CLUB

ZOOM Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89093844185>

Broadview
SPIRITUALITY, JUSTICE AND ETHICAL LIVING

Tuesday February 9th Tuesday February 16th Tuesday February 24th	Tuesday March 2st Tuesday March 9th Tuesday March 16th Tuesday March 24th Tuesday March 30th	Tuesday April 6th **Monday April 12th Tuesday April 20th Tuesday April 8th
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VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME

Thursdays 2021 is Virtual Coffee Time from 1:30 pm - 3 pm.

You can come and join us for a little bit or the whole time: there are no rules! Imagine yourself in the church hall after a church service, you've just filled your mug with steaming hot coffee and you turn and look around and think: who do I want to talk to this morning (except it'll be in the afternoon)? We all look forward to the Church hall coffee/tea and conversation, and until then, we will meet this way for everyone's safety. And, sadly, you have to make your own coffee or tea ☺

Please join us: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8925057455>



FAITH FORMATION

**For The Love of Creation: Finding Our Way Together
A Transformative Process for Difficult Times**

Tomorrow - Saturday, February. 6th – 2 pm to 5 pm -- Interactive on-line workshop; with body breaks to minimize screen fatigue

Pandemic, climate change, societal upheaval, personal losses...

With so many hard things happening now, it's normal to feel anxiety, fear, sorrow, anger or despair. It can be tempting to distract, numb ourselves or bury our emotions. This is an invitation to join with others, share our stories and begin to open to the pain about what's happening, so that we might experience ways to:

- feel more alive, better able to cope and focus our energy on what's most important;
- free ourselves from the illusion of separation and experience the truth that we are not alone;
- receive inspiration from new and ancient ways of living in community with justice and compassion;
- discover life-giving benefits for our health, other beings and the greater body of earth

This workshop is an Introduction to The Work that Reconnects, pioneered by Joanna Macy. The work offers a series of practices to help us align with the self-healing powers of the web of life and compost grief, fear and anger into qualities that allow us to respond to the challenges of these times with care and integrity. The workshop includes: Group processes, paired exercises & personal reflection; Movement, poetry & other spiritual practices; Practical applications for our lives and the world.

Full details and registration: <https://www.firstunitedchurchottawa.org/events/for-the-love-of-creation--38/2021-02-06>.



KIDS - LOOKING FOR A FUN ACTIVITY ON SUNDAY?

Join us this Sunday, February 7th from 1:00pm-2:00pm for our next zoom mini-gathering segment about hibernation!

With Groundhog Day being this past Tuesday, we thought it would be a perfect time to learn about hibernation. There will be games, songs, stories and more!

These gatherings are in partnership with Country fun Nature Camp so send an email to countryfunnaturecamp@gmail.com to register and then you will be provided with the zoom details.



OUTREACH UPDATE AND INVITATION

**INVITATION Central Ottawa Cluster Event (zoom)
February 13, 2021 (10 am to Noon)**

The Central Ottawa Cluster (COC) is a group of six United Churches in Ottawa who have made the decision to explore the potential for supporting and participating in each other's ministries. The COC initiative is spearheaded by Claire Savage, a candidate for ministry. Claire is supported by a Lay Supervision Team (LST) comprised of representatives of each of the six churches: First United, Glebe St. James, Kitchissippi, Centretown, St. Paul's Eastern, and Dominion-Chalmers. The COC is an innovation in collaboration within the United Church.

The COC has identified several areas of common interest for ministry and outreach. These include developing a proposal for an Ottawa branch of the Stone Soup Network; providing support to frontline workers who are engaged in addressing the significant challenges faced by the disadvantaged in Ottawa; addressing the food security gap in Ottawa; exploring the potential to engage in Indigenous issues; and finding ways to reach out to isolated seniors, many of whom are facing exacerbated loneliness during this pandemic.

The event planned for February 13 will be the second such event hosted by the COC, and will build upon the success of the inaugural October 3 ZOOM event. The areas of common interest identified above will be the subject of presentations and discussion in plenary sessions and in virtual breakout rooms. There has been encouraging progress made in several areas, despite the challenges inherent in the pandemic constraints we are all living with.

The ZOOM event on February will be unique, however, in that it will include a covenanting service for Claire. In addition to Reverend Jenni who is also Claire's Learning Supervisor, the ministers from the other COC churches will also play key roles in the covenanting service. This will be a wonderful process to observe and participate in, given the special involvement of six churches in covenanting with a young, energetic future church leader. We hope you can join us at 10 am on the 13th.

(ZOOM DETAILS WITH I.D. AND ANY PASSCODE TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK)

Claire Savage and the COC Lay Supervision Team:

**Danielle Rolfe – First United
Susan Palmai – Glebe St. James United
Norah Patriquin – Kitchissippi United
Jim Miller and Vincent St. Martin – Centretown
Nancy Thornton – St. Paul's Eastern United
Peter Fisher – Dominion-Chalmers United**

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2021

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THEME: "Build on a strong foundation" Matthew 7:24-27

Service prepared by the women of Vanuatu which comprises of 80 islands in the Pacific

[How to Participate, options and changes for WDP 2021](#)



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1. New: Coordinators login on WICC web site www.wicc.org. It is not necessary for you to be a coordinator to access information and order resources, but you do need to login (as a coordinator)
2. Online World Day of Prayer 2021 Canada worship service will be posted on the WICC web site February 15th 2021. This is a full length WDP service. Watch 2 min. promo video also available on WICC web site. Copyright prevents the video being made public.
3. Participate in a WDP 'Prayer Now' via Facebook live on the 1st and 3rd Friday each month at 1pm. (EST) This is a 15 min prayer led by Rev. Shirley DeMarchant.
4. The traditional WDP package (modified numbers) which will include printed material and a USB memory stick with full length worship service, country background, and music, cost \$15.00 There is the option of same package with a DVD instead of a USB available for \$20.00. You are encouraged to order resources early.
5. Sign up for WICC monthly newsletter 'We-Connect'
6. On the 'Coordinate a WDP Prayer Service' page there are resources that can be downloaded, resources include:-
 - Learn about service resources and how to order or download.
 - WDP service options
 - Promoting WDP
 - Posters
 - Ideas for a creative WDP
 - Preparing for a WDP service using full length service video.
 - Ideas for small groups
 - WDP Donations and grants

Link <https://wicc.org/world-day-of-prayer/how-to-participate>

Important: Please follow the latest Covid-19 Public Health guidelines in your area when planning and hosting a WDP event.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

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