



PALM SUNDAY

Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, April 2nd at 10am
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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/UCwATU1rozB1PIlaRmr2teVA>

A MESSAGE FROM REV. JENNI



Good Friday to you! I hope this finds you well and enjoying the sight of more grass, less snow and maybe even some new green shoots from gardens!

This Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday and marks the beginning of Holy Week. You will hear both the story of the Palm procession and the story of the Passion of Jesus. On Maundy Thursday, we will meet for a simple soup supper and service at 6pm (service around 7, if you can't make it to supper). On Good Friday, we meet in the morning at 10am. If you have any questions about any of these services, please email me at jleslie@kitchissippiuc.com. If you would like to bring a pot of soup, please let me or Denise know.

Back when it came out, I really appreciated the movie called Son of God. You can see the trailer here: https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3210686/?ref_=ext_shr_lnk

I liked how it portrayed various events in the life of Jesus and I liked that Jesus looked Middle Eastern (instead of blond haired and blue eyed). If you can find it, it's worth a watch, in my opinion.

Today marks the International Day for Trans Visibility. The Honourable Marci Ien, Minister for Women and Gender Equality and Youth, issued the following statement today on the International Transgender Day of Visibility:

“The world is scary for trans people. It feels like every day we awake to a new law being proposed to strip us of our human rights, or more violence that extinguishes yet another trans life. It is up to all of us to take a stand against this rising level of hate. In a world that seems to be slipping increasingly into darkness, we each need to light a candle of hope.”

Minister Ien's statement tracks with what I have learned from Trans folks recently, who have encouraged all allies to please speak up when we can, when we are needed. It seems we are needed, friends. Trans folks and particularly trans women who are also Black, Indigenous or People of Colour, need us to attend rallies, write letters and be conscientious about who our leaders are and what they believe about diverse gender presentations and sexualities. The Kitchissippi community includes trans people, several of whom have preached, others whose parents attend and others who are friends. We must share/show the love we have for our neighbours in this way.

Blessings as we walk into Holy Week together,
Jenni

A prayer to ponder for Holy Week:

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
—Isaiah 53.8

God did not send Jesus to die.
But I confess that in a musty place in my heart
the lie that Jesus was meant to die suits me fine.
Oh, I abhor the theology: God does not need more gore.
But in my heart I confess
I'm comfortable with others suffering for my sake.
I rail against the idea that God needs a blood payment,
that God planned a tragedy—
a payoff instead of true forgiveness—
and I say with my lips the cross is a lynching,
a nazi gas chamber, another police shooting.
But secretly, I confess, I like my place of ease and safety.
I'm addicted to my privilege.
I let others suffer instead of me.
Even as I protest I participate.
I know God demands otherwise.
But I live as if God meant for me to survive
at the cost of others' lives.
I confess: I am saved from the virus of evil;
I also carry the virus.
I stand at the foot of the cross with tears in my eyes
and a hammer in my hand.

May I die, forgiven, and be raised, changed.

Steve Garnaas-Holmes
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Flowers for Pastoral Care this Sunday

Sunday, April 2nd after church - There are flowers that were purchased by the Pastoral Care Circle for all our friends in Pastoral Care. The Pastoral Care Circle asks that you please look at the names on the list and if you see someone that is familiar or lives in your neighbourhood or you would just like to help by delivering a flower.

UCW MEETING

UCW – Wednesday, April 5th at 1:00 in the Hall

Have you ever wondered what documents and information you should regularly update to ensure your family isn't left scrambling for important information when you are not able to provide it to them. Please join the UCW meeting on Wednesday April 5th at 1:00pm in the hall to learn from Kathryn Elliott. She will present the "Shoebox's Guide to What's What and What's Where". Copies of the Shoebox Guide will be available at the meeting (hard copies and e-versions). Come share your experiences and questions. This presentation may be useful as a follow up to the session taking place on March 26th after church. Everyone is welcome.

Compassionate Ottawa - thank you to all who attended last Sunday's session. The presentation and discussion were quite interesting. As promised, here is a link to all the resources that the presenters mentioned. If you would like hard copies of any of the handbooks etc., please let me (Mary Laidlaw - laidlawb@rogers.com) or Kirsten in the office know and she can get one for you. Compassionate Ottawa - <https://compassionateottawa.ca/>



HOLY WEEK HELPERS WANTED!

There are many opportunities to show kindness to your family and community this HOLY WEEK.

MAUNDY THURSDAY

Invite someone to join us for a **Simple Soup Supper this Maundy Thursday at 6pm** as we commemorate the sharing of The Last Supper. We need 6 volunteers to make a pot of soup for six others. Veggie and lactose free recipes provide options for those with food intolerances. We also need 3 dozen buns and butter. A gluten free option would show hospitality. Baked goods or fruit can finish off our meal.

If you can help set up the Hall, please arrive about 5pm.

We will be sharing in several gardening activities Thursday evening, to remind us that Spring is here.

We will plant vegetable seeds in egg cartons that will later be transplanted into a food sharing garden.

Please bring cardboard egg cartons and potting soil to Church this Sunday and leave them in the Narthex.

Wear some work clothes and share in the tasks of bird bath polishing and statue painting.

Before Worship, we will also do a short Memory Walk to reflect on the church activities we were engaged in, before Covid brought society to a halt.



Where do you want to jump back in? Are there new opportunities you would like Kitchissippi to get involved in to bring our missions back to life?

We still have an abundance of N95 face masks in the Narthex. Please pick up a box for this week and wear a mask as a sign that you care for those in our community who are still very vulnerable. This may allow some to attend Easter church, or a family event without heightened anxiety.

As you walk through this Easter week may you feel gratitude for God's many gifts, not the least of them Christ's saving grace.

Lenten Blessings,
Denise Bonomo

LENT AND EASTER SERVICES



KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH LENT AND EASTER SERVICES at 10AM

Sunday, April 2 - Palm Sunday (10am)
(Easter Flowers for Pastoral Care)
Thursday, April 6 - Maundy Thursday (6pm)
Friday, April 7 - Good Friday (10am)
Sunday, April 9 - Easter Sunday (10am)

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE IS BACK!

There is going to be a spring rummage sale!

The sale will be **Friday, April 28 and Saturday 29** the usual format of setting up on Wednesday evening and sorting on Thursday and Friday then cleaning up after 12 on Saturday. **The only change in this rummage sale is that we will not be selling clothes or shoes.** The Salvation Army or St. Vincent's will be very grateful for your clothing donations. Any other items you are willing to donate please drop off closer to the sale date.

Please email kgracequist@kitchissippiuc.com the office at 613-722-7254 to arrange a time drop off donations of items.



WIDER CHURCH



Muffins for the Chaplaincy!

The Cardington Chaplaincy is still looking for people to donate muffins on a regular basis for the breakfast program. We provide an average of 400 healthy bagged breakfasts every week to community neighbours **Please Contact Shemi at programcoordinator@carlingtonchaplaincy.com**

Y SERVICE CLUB - EASTER PLANT SALE IS BACK!



From the Ottawa Y Service Club: Easter Plant and Gift Sale is coming up!

April 4th to 7th, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, at the Taggart Family Y, 180 Argyle Ave. Make sure you get the plants you want by ordering by March 26th contact us at yservice@primus.ca.

Thanks for your support. Dave Hall.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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The church office will be closed on Friday, April 7th and Monday, April 10th.

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