



**Kitchissippi**  
UNITED CHURCH



DECEMBER 2023  
Advent 2

**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>



Hello on this beautiful Friday!

There are many wonderful activities we are involved in over the Advent and Christmas season. One of them is an Advent Study on zoom the next 2 Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30pm. Here is a link to the study: <https://katebowler.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Bless-the-Advent-we-Actually-Have.pdf>

And here is a sample:

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023 Bad, Bad Math

When I determined to load up on wisdom and examine everything taking place on earth, I realized that if you keep your eyes open day and night without even blinking, you'll still never figure out the meaning of what God is doing on this earth. Search as hard as you like, you're not going to make sense of it. No matter how smart you are, you won't get to the bottom of it.

—ECCLESIASTES 8:16-17 (MSG, A PARAPHRASE)

Math was never my best subject. Combining numbers (and letters!) and telling me to find an answer never quite clicked. But maybe I've never been keen on formulas. We spend so much of our lives trying to balance out some kind of equation for life. Like if we do all the "right" things, then life will finally add up. But then real life happens. We did all the things we were supposed to do and the addiction still has a grip, the doctor still has no answers, a relationship is still not what it should be. Even if you have tried everything—prayer, positive vibes, hard work—nothing seems to change. It just simply doesn't add up. There is no magic formula to get what you deserve, and there is no equation that can predict what will happen next. But God is not a mathematician either. Just look at grace—the forgiveness and compassion of grace has no equation that is fair or even. So too, God's love is incalculable. God isn't counting or keeping records of how good you are or what you have earned or what you deserve. Hope is found in God's infinite love and unquestionable grace. God sent God's only son to show us that there is no way to measure, or count, or add up the ways that God loves us. It is a formula we can never wrap our minds around. And thank God for that bad, bad math.

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81535812683?pwd=RmVXcoRjWjV2WTZsUzd1WmFSWU1NZz09>

Please see the rest of this Friday file for other important outreach and enriching opportunities!

Advent Blessings,

Jenni

**THIS SUNDAY** – We welcome the **Rideau Park Hand Bell Choir**- also this Sunday is **White Gift Sunday**- With your financial donations we do bulk purchasing of socks and other warm gifts for the 125 residents of Kimberlane Lodge, Hampton Lodge and Alexander House. Physical donation of individual toiletries (toothpaste, deodorant, shampoo) is also appreciated.

## PAGEANT AND POTLUCK

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT 2023

**Pageant Rehearsal** - Saturday Dec 16, 2023 pageant practice and pizza lunch 10 am to noon.

### INVITATION TO THE PAGEANT - Sunday December 17, 2023

Everyone is invited to the KUC pageant followed by a congregational lunch. Please come. If you were interested, there are a number of non-speaking parts as well as a few where you are invited to share good tidings. You contact Rev Jenni or leave a message at the church office.



**AFTER THE PAGEANT SERVICE on Sunday, December 17** we will hold and festive Potluck.

(People with last names A-K please bring desserts/sweets, L-Z please bring Savory foods). Please clearly label and wrap items that contain nuts, eggs, and other potential food allergy risks.

### BLESS THIS ADVENT by Kate Bowler

As Advent 2023 is experienced, you are invited to take some time each day for reflection and then are invited to gather together with others for connection and conversation. Kitchissippi United and Riverside United are teaming up to offer an Advent time of reflection. The resource for this program will be “Bless This Advent” offered by Kate Bowler.

Please download your digital copy onto your desktop:  
[https://katebowler.com/seasonal\\_devotional/blessthisadvent/](https://katebowler.com/seasonal_devotional/blessthisadvent/).

This resource includes a daily reading from Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> to Dec 25<sup>th</sup>. There will be Zoom gathering on Tuesdays – Dec 5, 12 and 19<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30pm. The Revs Paul Dillman and Jenni Leslie will co lead these study sessions.

Dec 5, 2023 01:30 PM

Dec 12, 2023 01:30 PM

Dec 19, 2023 01:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81535812683?pwd=RmVXcoRjWjV2WTZsUzd1WmFSWU1NZz09>

Meeting ID: 815 3581 2683

Passcode: 666036



## PICS FROM LADIES CHRISTMAS POTLUCK



## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

### DECEMBER

**Sunday, December 10** – Advent 2 at 10 AM/ Human Right's Sunday/ White Gift

**Sunday, December 17** – Advent 3 at 10AM/ Pageant/ Potluck Luncheon (*People with last names A-K please bring desserts/sweets, L-Z please bring Savory foods*)

**Sunday, December 24** – Advent 4 at 10AM/ Christmas Eve Service at 7PM

**Sunday, December 31** – First After Christmas/ Lay led - No livestream

## PASTORAL CARE AND BAKE SALE THANK YOU

**Pastoral Care:** Thank you to all volunteers who delivered flowers to our friends in Pastoral Care.

**UCW Bake Sale:** Thanks to all the bakers, soup-makers and Frank Chapman's chili-making skills for providing a bounty of good food for the bake sale Dec. 3, and more thanks to everyone who bought it! A special shoutout too to Hugh Hodgins, Jackie Clifford, Donna Horner, Mary Laidlaw and Nancy Garrard for their work behind the tables. We raised more than \$800 in less than an hour.



## CHRISTMAS OUTREACH 2023

Looking to Christmas Outreach - KUC is again planning the following projects, and we'd be delighted to have your support in any of these. Specially marked "White Gift" or "Christmas Outreach" envelopes will be available in church from November 26 on for donations. E-transfers to KUC are also welcomed.



1. **White Gifts** – These are small gifts, toiletries, socks, etc. purchased for the residents of Hampton, Kimberlane and Alexander residential care homes. (FYI, decades ago, such gifts were wrapped in white tissue paper) Nancy Brodie has kindly offered to lead this project, to purchase and deliver with her team – thanks!
2. **Mitten Tree: December 3 and 10** – We would love mitts of any size to decorate the mitten tree in the sanctuary for December 3 and 10.
3. **Minwaashin Lodge collection: December 10** – Warm winter woollies including these mitts, hats, scarves and socks of all sizes will go to Minwaashin Lodge by mid-December. We're planning another toss through of donations through the special Christmas tree... details to follow!  
*With thanks for your support, KUC Refugee/Outreach Circle*

## Y- SERVICE CLUB CHRISTMAS TREE FUNDRAISER - KIBERA SCHOOL

### Christmas Tree in support of the Y-Service Club

The Taggart Family Y at 180 Argyle Ave. starting December 1st.

We sell Nova Scotia Balsam firs, Light and Medium Density from 4 – 9 feet high

Proceeds support several local and international projects such as:

The Kibera YMCA primary school in Nairobi. Roll Back Malaria,

The Carlington Community Chaplaincy, community development work in Maypen –

Jamaica and Bujumbura - Burundi plus local Y programs and more...

Operational details. The lot is open on the three weekends leading up to Christmas.

Dec 1-3rd, Dec 8-10th and Dec 15-17th.

Hours of operation are Fridays: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sundays: 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Information: Contact us [davidottysc@gmail.com](mailto:davidottysc@gmail.com)



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