



Kitchissippi
UNITED CHURCH

FEBRUARY 2024
BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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>



Good afternoon!

I hope this finds you well and finding some kind of artificial sunshine, as it's grey as Southern Ontario out there! We might see the sun again on Sunday. Here's hoping for all of our sakes!

Yesterday was the beginning of Black History Month and liturgically, we have only 12 days until Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Please check out the United Church's web page that highlights Black ministers perspectives, interesting blogs, history and links to regional pages as well: <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/unity-and-legacy-celebrating-black-history-canada-and-united-church> Here you will find this link to Ottawa's Black History month: <https://www.blackhistoryottawa.org/> I hope that this month we will all learn more about Black history, through Black authors, playwrights, and other Black artists.

ASH WEDNESDAY (evening of Wednesday February 14th): Come to the church for dinner at 6pm in the hall and then the service at 7pm in the sanctuary. You can also livestream the service. There will be pancakes, bacon and sausage, gluten free items, coffee and tea. A free will offering will be collected. Our thanks to members of the Men's Breakfast who will be cooking for us! We will also be welcoming folks from Trinity, Britannia and Emmanuel Methodist church (a Pan-African, Swahili speaking congregation). Folks from Emmanuel will be offering a song in Swahili during the dinner. I'm looking forward to this dinner with a bunch of our Christian siblings!

LENTEN STUDY (starts in the morning of Wednesday February 14th): I have been doing some planning, with my colleague over at Britannia United, Rev Jen Power. We are pleased to offer a joint Lenten Study on Wednesday mornings at Britannia United.

For our Lenten Study this year, we are using a resource from **A Sanctified Art** called "**Wandering Hearts**". Britannia has already purchased the rights to this study guide. Separate from the Lenten Study, they have also purchased the "Wandering Hearts Daily Devotions" which include a brief reflection and prayer for each day in the season of Lent. Britannia is happy to add us to their Daily Devotion email list. * Please contact either me or Kirsten if you would like a printed copy of the Lenten Study Guide and / or would like to receive the Daily Devotion email.

We will gather to discuss IN PERSON at Britannia (985 Pinecrest Road) on Wednesday mornings from 10am - 12 pm on the following dates:

Wednesday February 14th (Note that our Ash Wednesday dinner and service is at 6pm in the KUC Hall that night - we have invited the folks at Britannia and Trinity United Churches to join us)

Wednesday February 21st

Wednesday February 28th

Wednesday March 6th (KUC UCW meets at 1pm that day)

(There will be no meeting March 13th)

Wednesday March 20th

Wednesday March 27th

Britannia folks will be offering coffee and tea, perhaps we could bring some baked goods?

If you are interested in joining this Lenten Study but might need a ride, please be in touch with me?

I hope you have a wonderful weekend!

Continued Epiphany Blessings,
Jenni

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES AND SOCIAL EVENTS

FEBRUARY and MARCH

Sunday, February 4 – Fifth after Epiphany at 10AM

Sunday, February 11 – Transfiguration at 10AM

Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday Dinner (6pm) and Service (7PM)

Sunday, February 18 – 1st in Lent at 10AM

Sunday, February 25 – 2nd in Lent at 10AM

Sunday, March 3 – 3rd in Lent at 10AM

Sunday, March 10 – 4th in Lent at 10AM

Sunday, March 14 – 5th in Lent at 10AM

Sunday, March 24 – 3rd in Lent at 10AM

Sunday, March 31 – Easter Sunday at 10AM

ASH WEDNESDAY DINNER AND SERVICE



PLEASE JOIN US - WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14th at 6:00 PM
Pancake Supper (6 PM) and Ash Wednesday Worship Service (7 PM)
KITCHISSIPPI UNITED CHURCH - 630 ISLAND PARK DRIVE

We have invited guests from Trinity United Church and Emmanuel United Methodist Church

CARDS AND GAMES AFTERNOON

Save the Date – Sunday, March 3, 2024

Cards and games Day- You are all invited to a cards and games afternoon following the service on March 3, 2024. More details to follow but bring your favourite board games and card games. An event for all ages. More details to follow.

COFFEE CONVENERS NEEDED!

We need Sunday coffee conveners for February and part of March. The sign up sheet is beside the Coffee Instructions on a kitchen cupboard. It is suggested that conveners who sign take a picture of the instructions, so they have them in hand.



UCW

UCW - Please join the UCW on **Wednesday, February 7 at 1:00** in the Hall when Barbara Carroll, Executive Director of Debra Dynes Family House, will be speaking to us about the services which the Family House offers. Everyone is welcome.

Attached is your invitation to join in a one-night

WIDER UCW EVENT

Book Sharing Circle and Meet-the-Author Night

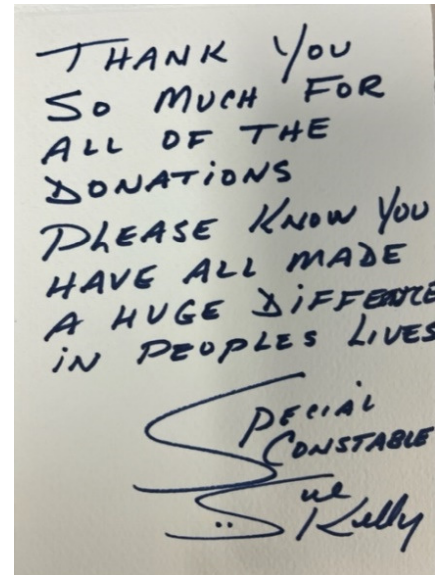
February 21st from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

to share our reading experience of Betty Turcott's latest: *Rebekah*.

We will meet by Zoom for round table discussion focusing on our experience of the book and its relation to our own lived experience. The evening will include small group break-out rooms and a chat time for questions with Betty. Register by email to cdmound@gmail.com and additional information and the ZOOM link will be sent out closer to the date. Hope you can spread the word and we will connect with some other regions February 21st 2024.

Cheryl Mound
East Central Ontario Region UCW

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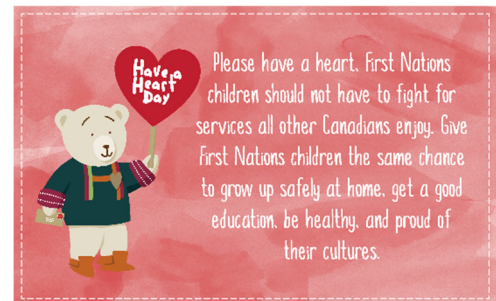
WIDER CHURCH

HAVE A HEART DAY - FEBRUARY 14

It is once again that time of year! [Have a Heart Day](#) is only a few short weeks away. Please circulate this invitation to participate across your membership, and do not hesitate to contact the Caring Society with questions.

<https://fncaringsociety.com/events/have-heart-day>

Did you know that Have a Heart Day was first started in February 2012 by Ottawa students who gathered around Parliament as the [human rights case for equity in First Nations child welfare](#) was being heard at the Canadian Human Rights Commission? Over a decade later, Have a Heart Day continues to be taken up across the country as people of all ages gather to advocate for culturally based equity in education, child welfare, health, and social services for First Nations children. Per the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, children and youth have a right to participate in the matters that affect them, and we're continually inspired each year by the thousands of children who call on Canada to do the right thing and stop discriminating against First Nations kids and their families.



We are once again inviting you to honour Have a Heart Day in one of the following ways:

- Send a Valentine's Day card or [letter](#) supporting Have a Heart Day to the [Prime Minister](#) and your [Member of Parliament](#).
- Host a Valentine's Day gathering to raise awareness in your school or community. Don't forget to register your event and add to our [nation-wide map](#)!
- Bring reconciliation into the classroom to get your students ready. Do [Project of Heart](#) or check out one of Spirit Bear's films on the new [Spirit Bear TV](#)!

- Spread the word through social media using the hashtag #HaveAHeartDay or #JourneeAyezUnCoeur. We love to see photos of your events and activities!

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Many thanks,

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WE ARE HERE FOR YOU - PLEASE REACH OUT

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