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| Antler River Watershed Regional Council Website https://arwrcucc.ca/  Antler River Watershed Regional Council's website is live. Check out the many tools and resources that you will find here. Content is being added regularly so be sure to check back often. Some of the current features are:  Staff Directory  Pastoral Relations Toolkits  Congregational Support Toolkits  Minutes of Transition Council and Executive  Find a Community of Faith | | | |

Stewardship Resources

<https://arwrcucc.ca/>

**Advent Unwrapped**

**New Resources**

Get ready for Christ(mas)! Advent—the holy, four-week countdown to Jesus’ birthday—which began on Sunday, December 1! Get ready to make room for Christ and the radical, countercultural messages that Christ brings.

United Church Video Licenses Now Available - Apply NOW Deadline: December 31st

EDGE is pleased to offer Public Performance Video Licenses at great cost savings for your community of faith!

They enable your church to show full- length or clips from movies or TV shows as a part of worship, fundraisers, family nights, youth group events or educational programs. Showing films without a public performance license is a breach of

Canadian Copyright Laws.

Throughout the season, videos, prayers, family resources, and reflections on [**this page**](https://www.united-church.ca/worship-theme/advent-unwrapped?mc_cid=a187fa9c5c&amp;mc_eid=1807891ded) will introduce and explore the Christmas story. For more worship resources visit our [**Advent and Christmas worship pages**](https://www.united-church.ca/worship-liturgical-season). Follow our [**Advent Unwrapped Facebook page**](https://www.facebook.com/AdventUnwrapped) for regular updates on all kinds of resources.



**Christmas Beer & Hymns**

**Monday, December 16**

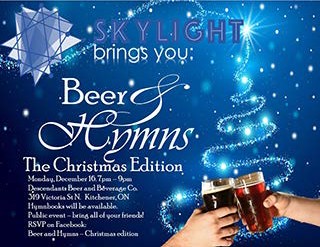
**7 - 9 pm in Kitchener**

Skylight Festival, a festival of Faith, Arts and Justice, supported by the UCC EDGE Network, is hosting its first-ever event outside of festival weekend - Christmas Beer 'n Hymns in Kitchener.

We have negotiated video licensing agreements with Criterion Pictures and Audio Ciné Films (ACF) Inc. who represent most of the major distributors including Paramount, Universal, Alliance Atlantis, New Line Cinema, Miramax, Disney, Veggie Tales and many more!

Visit: [http://buyingunited.net/video - licensing](http://buyingunited.net/video-licensing) for all the information. Application deadline for a 2020 license is December 31, 2019. [Email](mailto:abelaskie@united-church.ca) or call Alexandra at 1-800-268-3781 x4157.

Do you want to be on the

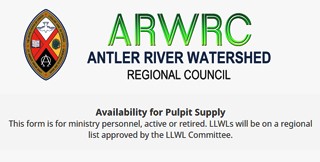


Pulpit Supply List?

We are looking for ministry personnel

who are willing to be available to do pulpit supply in our regions. Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWLs) do much pulpit supply and that list is often sent out.

[Click to download the full-size](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/images/19e06bce-a81c-4ff7-8cce-0ecd722bed2d.jpg)



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Come on out to 319 Victoria Street N. in Kitchener. Hymnbooks will be there! Bring your friends. [**RSVP on Facebook**](https://www.facebook.com/events/d41d8cd9/beer-and-hymns-christmas-edition-kitchener/1286250638213539/).

**Worshiplude in Ottawa!!! January 31 - February 3**



[Click to go to the registration form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z8XXX96).

Skate on the Rideau Canal, ride ice slides, see amazing ice sculptures and more, as part of Ottawa's Winterlude.

Contemporary worship, dinner and the Alt Space Event with other youth and young adults. For more information email [**Dana Ducette**](mailto:dducette@united-church.ca).

[**Go directly to the registration form**](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Z8XXX96).

Click on the photo to go to the form. Right now we are gathering the names of

ministry personnel who are interested in being on a list for supply. Look under

'[Pastoral Relations Toolkits](https://arwrcucc.ca/pastoral-relations-toolkits/)' on the Antler River Watershed website. We look forward to hearing from you!

Christmas SWELL

Friday, January 3 @ 7:00 pm

A worship service for high school-aged youth. A comfortable space for youth to worship - open to all denominations. Using elements from contemporary culture, including popular music



& videos to springboard into exploring scriptures and our rich United Church theology.

Designed to challenge cultural norms, provoke critical thinking & deepen the faith of teens. Parents / youth group leaders are encouraged to debrief with

their teens and young adults post-Swell.

**Centre for Christian Studies**

**Common Threads**

[**Cookies and Carols 2019**](http://ccsonline.ca/event/cookies-and-carols-2019/)

If you're in the Winnipeg area on December 10th, why not join us from 4-6 pm for festive singing and holiday treats ?

[**Companion of the Centre 2020**](http://ccsonline.ca/2019/11/announcing-the-2020-companion-of-the-centre-anne-manikel/)

The Centre for Christian Studies is pleased to announce that the 2020 recipient of the Companion of the Centre Award is ...

[**Spiritual Practice 2019**](http://ccsonline.ca/2019/10/images-from-spiritual-practice-2019/)

Students spent a week exploring spiritual practice as a tool for pastoral care. Check out some images.

[**A Room Full of Mentors**](http://ccsonline.ca/2019/11/a-room-full-of-mentors/)

Regional gatherings of diaconal ministers provide an opportunity for students to make connections and form identity.

[**What I Learned at CCS and Why Our**](http://ccsonline.ca/2019/11/what-i-learned-at-ccs-and-why-our-news-reading-habits-matter/)

[**News Reading Habits Matter**](http://ccsonline.ca/2019/11/what-i-learned-at-ccs-and-why-our-news-reading-habits-matter/)

Ray McGinnis uses the critical analysis skills he gained at CCS to take a closer look at news from Bolivia.

**Sharing Our Stories, Claiming**

**Our Names: Kim Uyede-Kai**

Kim Uyede-Kai writes from the Asian Ecumenical Women’s Assembly, a “herstorical” assembly where women could hear one another’s stories be given voice, some for the first time.

Find out more: [theSwell.ca](https://theswell.ca/)

[Curriculum Worship](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/curriculum-workshop-tickets-80790940879): January 25

[Confirmation PLUS!](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/what-will-find-you-confirmation-plus-registration-75208455515?ref=elink): February 21

[Discoverment for YATS](https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/what-will-frame-you-discoverment-for-yats-registration-76115915753): February 21

A Time to Prepare for . . . Annual Meetings!

1. Extension of Voting Rights to

Adherents

A community of faith may now extend voting rights to adherents on any matter. To be able to do this, the congregation must first identify who are adherents. This information is often kept informally in a congregation. Prior to the Annual

Meeting, the governing body should recognize the names of adherents in order to be able to extend voting rights to them.

2. Budget 2020

*Attendance at Regional Council Meetings* Please remember to include a line to cover the cost for ministry personnel and lay representatives to attend the regional council meetings. Two meetings are planned for 2020:

May 29-31 in Port Elgin

Fall 2020 in the regional council

*Assessment: An assessment update will be issued by the General Council in December.*

Any community of faith that moved to the target assessment will have learned their

2020 assessment figure as the final step of submitting their 2018 statistics online.

Any community of faith that opted for the



Kim starts her (first-ever) blog with a question she was asked often, "What country are you from? Indonesia? Korea? Taiwan?” “No, Canada.” “But your face looks like…!”

[**Read the rest of the blog ...**](https://www.united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/sharing-our-stories-claiming-our-names)

**Meet Joan Tuchlinsky**

**Minister, Social Justice**

10% maximum increase in assessment will have the same assessment fee in

2020. In this case, the congregation might want to consider gradually increasing their assessment over the next two years so that the end of the grace period does not bring a significant increase over the previous year.

3. Nominating Committee

Ministry personnel do not serve as part of the Nominating Committee. Please

ensure your community of faith elects its regional council representatives. There is a minimum of one representative per congregation.

Additional representatives are elected on the following basis:

Two representatives from each community of faith with 101 to 200 members;

Three representatives from each with 201 to 300 members;

Four representatives from each with more than 300 resident members

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[jtuchlinsky@united-church.ca](mailto:jtuchlinsky@united-church.ca)

"So good to meet everyone at our recent



Region Council meeting! Thank you for

4. Board of Trustees

It is helpful for the community of faith to confirm the membership of their Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting. Please remember there is no criteria for being an "Honorary Trustee"; if a long-time Trustee has retired and the community of faith wishes to acknowledge the important role they played, please call them a "Trustee Emeritus." This avoids any confusion under the law.



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|  | the warm welcome and your commitment  to sharing our [**gender-specific and**](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/36ac2956-008d-4270-a7d7-f05c809c66e5/GenderPronouns.pdf)  [**gender-neutral pronouns**](https://gallery.mailchimp.com/ee15470ca4eab124ea964929b/files/36ac2956-008d-4270-a7d7-f05c809c66e5/GenderPronouns.pdf) (download & The UCW Executive Meets  share) at the meeting. As we continue to Richards Memorial, London  do this in other gatherings and places we Monday, January 20, 9:30 am  are creating a welcoming and safe space for everyone.  If you want any support in working on a social justice issue with other communities of faith in your area, please feel free to contact me at [**jtuchlinsky@united-church.ca**](mailto:jtuchlinsky@united-church.ca)." |  |
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