

*In January it's so nice
While slippin' on the slidin' ice
To sip hot chicken soup with rice
Sippin' once, sippin' twice
Sippin' chicken soup with rice...*

Maurice Sendak's *Chicken Soup with Rice* was one of my favourite books growing up. I hope the slippin' ice is on the canal only and not our sidewalks, and that winter is kind to us this year. It's early yet for January reminders, but we want you to mark your calendars for these Christmas/Epiphany events.

Tuesday, December 24: Christmas Eve Services:

6:30 pm – featuring all our children and youth singing and ringing choirs

8:30 pm – candlelight, communion and the Chancel Choir

10:30 pm – candlelight, communion, choir and Touch of Brass bell choir

Wednesday, December 25, 10:00 am: Christmas Day service: will be held in the sanctuary, led by Sharon Sanderson.

Sunday, December 29, 10:00 am – Sunday worship.

December 29, 11:30 am – Following the Sunday morning service, there will be a light brunch with coffee and **then join Andrew Rader** in the parlour to hear about his new book **“Beyond the Known.”** Andrew is an author, aerospace engineer, game designer, podcast host, and writes about how exploration has created our modern world and will take us to the stars.

Sunday, January 5 – PLEASE NOTE the misprint in the Dec 22 and Christmas Eve bulletins – The Shared Service with Riverside and Emmanuel United Churches will be held **at 10:00 am** at Emmanuel United, 691 Smyth Road.

Starting again in 2020: January 6 – Knitting, Ringing Praise and Touch of Brass; January 7 – Fitness, La Bell Ensemble; January 9 – Quilters, Euchre, Hearsay and all children/youth singing and ringing choirs, Chancel Choir; January 10 – Yoga.

Sunday, January 12, 10:00 am – During our service we recognize and celebrate the work of our **UCW, covenanting with their new 2020 leadership.**

Sunday, January 19, 10:00 am – I have a Dream Sunday, with guest preacher Rabbi Deborah Zuker, from Kellihat Beth Israel. Following the service, join us for lunch (freewill offering) and conversation.

Saturday, February 1, 4:00 pm – Worshiplude 2020

Once again, Ottawa churches are hosting this awesome event and out of town youth groups from across Ontario and Quebec. The **Worshiplude worship service will be held at Rideau Park at 4:00 pm,** and everyone is welcome. The service will be followed by pizza supper and an evening of activities for youth and young adults.

Sent on behalf of Elizabeth Bryce.