

February 2020 Women's Network Newsletter

John 15: 12

My commandment is this: love one another, just as I love you.

World Day of Prayer – Friday, March 6

Many of you will be preparing to lead a World Day of Prayer service on or around March 6. I hope others will be taking part or attending this very important ecumenical event in your faith community. This year's service is written by The World Day of Prayer Committee of Zimbabwe. "Rise! Take your mat and Walk". If you have any questions or need any information please phone: 416-929-5184 or email: wicc@wicc.org We have representatives who are appointed from national UCW on the board of the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

As we enter the season of Lent I send this reading again:

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

- Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
- Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
- Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
- Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
- Fast from worries and have trust in God.
- Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.
- Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
- Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.
- Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.
- Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
- Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Women's Gathering in Prince Albert on April 24 - 26

Here is the [poster](#) for the Women's Gathering at Calvary United in Prince Albert on April 24 – 26. Please put it up in your churches and include it in your bulletins and announcements if possible. Many volunteer hours have been spent planning this event and it is for ALL women of the church. We look forward to meeting and sharing our stories together. It is a way of connecting and learning from each other. We ask that Registrations be sent by April 1st to: Sask. UCC Women c/o Wilma Will at Box 367 Star City, Sask. S0E 1P0. This will give us time to finalize the agenda. Please note that if you are planning on booking rooms at hotels they need to be booked early as indicated on the [Registration form](#). We also need to know numbers for billets as soon as possible.

Events Coming Up for Women in our Region include:

Camp Shagabec Women's Day (Cypress Hills) on June 8

Camp Tapawingo Women's Retreat (Candle Lake) on July 24 – 26

Christopher Lake Ecumenical 75th Anniversary Women's Camp (Christopher Lake) on Sept. 11 – 13

Let us close with **A Lenten Prayer** from Voices United 110:

God of love,

As in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,

So may we give ourselves to you,

Living according to your holy will.

Keep our feet firmly in the way

Where Christ leads us;

Help our lips speak the truth

That Christ teaches us;

Fill our bodies with the life

That is Christ within us.

In his holy name we pray. Amen

Blessings,

Mary on behalf of Sask. United Church of Canada Women