

Sask. UCC Women's Newsletter February 2021

Love is patient; Love is kind! It is not jealous or conceited or proud.

1 Corinthians: 13: 4

Read all about Love in the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians.

World Day of Prayer

One of the last community events I attended in 2020 was World Day of Prayer. I participated in the service and enjoyed fellowship with my friends and neighbors.

Planning for this year's World Day of Prayer service is different from any other. The two stipulations I hear over and over are "Keep it simple. Keep it safe."

Thank you to those who joined us for the Informational Zoom meeting on Feb. 8. Also thank you to Linda Ervin, our World Day of Prayer field rep. and Janet MacFadyen with communications at WICC for joining our meeting to speak about this year's World Day of Prayer. 26 participated. I hope everyone had their questions answered.

The World Day of Prayer 2021 service video, prepared by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can now be accessed by going to wicc.org and clicking on the One Hour Service Video button. It has been prepared by Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC) with all pandemic protocols in place. "WICC is a national ecumenical organization with a mission to empower Christians to pursue justice, peace and reconciliation by standing together in prayer and action."

Besides the United Church of Canada, WICC is made up of representatives from the following church denominations: African Methodist, Anglican Church of Canada, Canadian Baptist Ministries, Roman Catholic, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, Mennonite Central Committee, Presbyterian Church of Canada, and Salvation Army. Our National UCW pays our annual \$3,000 membership fee to WICC and names representatives to the WICC board. A report is given at each National UCW annual meeting.

WICC annually distributes WDP grants of up to \$5,000 for social justice projects in Canada and around the world. These are all listed in the World Day of Prayer

service bulletin. **If you are seeking funding for a social justice project in your community go to wicc.org for details. Application deadline is March 31, 2021.**

Because of the pandemic this year individuals and individual church congregations are also encouraged to log into wicc.org and register as co-ordinator. This will allow you to download the entire worship service and give you access to the worship bulletins, etc. Anyone wishing to donate is encouraged to do so on-line or by mail to **WICC at 47 Queen's Park Crescent East, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2C3. Tax receipts will be given for any donations of \$20 and over.**

If you have any questions please contact our World Day of Prayer Field Rep: **LINDA ERVIN** at fieldrep567@wicc.org , by phone at 250-493-5333 or WICC Office Administrator: **NANCY WEIR** at wicc@wicc.org or phone 416-929-5184.

The World Day of Prayer 2021 program was written by women in Vanuatu with the theme, "Build on a Firm Foundation" based on Matthew 7: 24 -27. When and how you participate is entirely up to you. It can be the first Friday in March, it can be as a regular Sunday Church service or it can be anytime at your convenience in your own home.

Black History Month

February is Black History Month. I suggest you google "Black History Month in Saskatchewan" and read the story about Mattie Mayes. Mattie came to Maidstone, Saskatchewan in 1910 with her husband Joseph, who was a Baptist minister. She was a trained midwife and provided midwifery services to the whole community for many years. She and her husband were part of what was known as the Shiloh community. The Shiloh Baptist Church is now a Provincial Heritage site.

Lent

This week we enter Lent. I know a few churches are having drive-by pancake suppers on Shrove Tuesday. Many are offering Ash Wednesday services on-line.

However you are celebrating Lent this year, stay safe and remember:

"these three remain: hope, faith and love; and the greatest of these is love."

1 Corinthians 13:13

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.

Thank you to everyone who has sent me their statistics forms for this year and also all those who have paid their \$2 membership donations to Wilma. If you have any questions please contact me at d.mohn@sasktel.net or 306-749-3446.

Blessings,

Mary