

Sask. UCCW Newsletter February 2022

**“Meanwhile these three remain:
faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.”
1 Corinthians: 13 - 13**

FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an opportunity to learn more about the many accomplishments and contributions made by persons of African heritage to Saskatchewan and the rest of Canada.

This year is the 18th Anniversary of the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum (SACHM).

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.

STATISTICS FORM AND ANNUAL \$2 MEMBERSHIP FEE DONATION

Thank you to those who have sent their statistics form and membership donation. Again I am linking [the annual statistics form](#). Please send it to Barb Byers Bradley. Please send your membership fee donation to our new treasurer:

Phyllis Robinson 901 Avenue F North Saskatoon, Sask. S7L 1W7

Her phone number is 306-244-1478. Make cheques payable to: SASKATCHEWAN UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMEN (Sask. UCC Women). Remember, \$1 goes to National UCW to cover a fraction of the cost of sending two reps. to the annual National UCW meeting and the other \$1 stays here and goes towards the cost of printing and mailing our monthly newsletters to those who have no access to internet. We felt this was very important over these past two years.

ON-LINE ZOOM WORKSHOPS- 2 p.m. on March 1 and 7 p.m. on March 2

Sask. UCCW is hosting another two on-line workshops providing information on how to navigate and host Zoom meetings. Our new treasurer, Phyllis Robinson, has kindly offered to lead the workshops. They are FREE to anyone who is interested but you must register with her so she has an idea of how many. Contact her by e-mail at phyllis.r2@sasktel.net or phone 306-244-1478

UCW BURSARY FUND

Thank you to all who have donated to the UCW Bursary Fund over the past year.

All cheques for the UCW Bursary Fund should be made out to Living Skies Regional Council and sent to 60A Athabasca St. E., Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 0L2 with a very clear notation on the memo line that it is for the UCW Bursary Fund.

Application deadlines are the end of February and the end of October each year. Applicants must be members of a Living Skies United Church Community of Faith. There can be one application submitted per person per year. If you know of someone who is studying in the United Church ministry vocation please encourage them to apply. The committee consists of Susan Dokken, Chantal Ntibategera, Allison Irvine, Joan Brown and Mary Mohn.

The UCW Bursary application form is available on the Living Skies Website under Resources: Funding, by e-mailing livingskies@united-church.ca and is also available at St. Andrew's College.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Even though Saskatchewan is now open to in-person gatherings you may still want to consider these options:

1. The 55-minute service video, produced by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada, can be watched at home, or via Zoom with others, or via local TV stations. The video can be downloaded now from wicc.org for FREE. Community TV stations broadcasting this recording can be found at <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>. To buy a copy of the video, go to <https://wicc.org/wicc-store/> and order a DVD or USB stick.
2. During a Zoom or Facebook Live meeting with others, participants can take turns reading the various speaking parts in the WDP 2022 service. For a print copy of the service, please download it from wicc.org (after first registering as a Service Coordinator). Add other resources from wicc.org as desired. This could include the music recordings and the devotional message.
3. Gather via Zoom to discuss the service after watching it individually.

Donations can be simple this year. People are encouraged to donate to WDP through the WICC website: <https://wicc.org/donations/>.

People can mail a cheque directly to the WICC office, 47 Queens Park Cr E, Toronto, ON M5S 2C3. Be sure to include your mailing address (if it is not on the cheque) so we can send a tax receipt.

Your support is needed to provide World Day of Prayer services in Canada, and to fund our grant program which helps women and children affected by social injustice issues.

The 2022 service was written by the WDP committee of England, Wales and Northern Ireland. The theme: I Know the Plans I Have for You. (Jeremiah 29: 1-14)

Winter Teaches Me – Joyce Rupp (a favorite author of mine)

Winter teaches me patience:

Walk carefully on icy sidewalks.

Drive slower through snarled traffic.

Take more time to put on layers of clothes.

Wait for streets to be cleared of snow.

Be understanding about mail arriving late.

Winter strengthens my courage:

Go out into windy, freezing air.

Risk traveling on snowy roads.

Dress warmly and go for a walk.

Ski through woods, alone and free.

Be at peace in long days of darkness.

Winter brings me beauty:

Look up at the star-filled sky.

Pause to breathe the crisp air.

Vigil with steel-blue sunsets.

Marvel at frost etchings on windows.

Sink boots into soft sensual powder.

Winter gives me silent hope:

Touch the terminal buds on branches.

Clear the snow and find green moss below.

Watch the sunlight fade, then linger longer.

Stand with the strength of evergreen trees.

Listen to birds cheeping at the feeder.

Stay safe and remember to be KIND!

Blessings,

Mary