Sask. UCCW March 2022 Newsletter

Attention, All! See the marvels of God! He plants flowers and trees all over the earth, bans war from pole to pole, breaks all the weapons across his knee. "Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God, above politics, above everything."

Psalm 46:8 – 10 paraphrased from a book written by Susie Larson

Celebrating 60th Anniversary

Celebrate the 60^{th} Anniversary of the UCW this year. It's not too late to register for the 60^{th} Anniversary Celebration in Sydney, Nova Scotia on July 11 - 15, 2022.

The deadline to apply for \$400 towards the cost of attending the Nova Scotia event through the Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund is April 15, 2022.

If you want to have another look at the week's schedule click on the 60th News 60th UCW Anniversary News (ucceast.ca)

60th Anniversary Pins are available by contacting: Debbie Hawkins at debbieh@ridgetimber.com or 506-447-0274

60th UCW Anniversary News - UCC East

Check back often for updates on the 60th UCW anniversary news. Below is the Registration link for the live site. UCW 60th Anniversary Registration link: ucceast.ca

As you plan special events in your Community of Faith you may want to include the Anniversary Song. Our 60th Anniversary Theme Song is titled "Into Your Hands" with words written by Rev. Alice Finnamore. Music is set to the hymn "Lord I Want to Be a Christian", an African-American Spiritual.

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Into Your Hands

Words: Rev. Alice Finnamore

Music: African – American Spiritual

1. Into your hands I give my worries.

Into your hands, into your hands

Into your hands I give my worries

Into your hands

Into your hands, into your hands,

Into your hands I give my worries

Into your hands.

- 2. Into your hands I give my sorrows.
- 3. Into your hands I give my family
- 4. Into your hands I give my neighbors
- 5. Into your hands I give my planet
- 6. In your hands I know there's hope

In your hands, in your hands

In your hands I know there's hope

In your hands

In your hands, in your hands

In your hands I know there's hope

In your hands

Into Your Hands – UCW 60th Anniversary Theme Song Words by: Alice Finnamore

Music: African American Spiritual – I Want to be a Christian



Also remember you can use and adapt the Anniversary Worship Services that have been provided. Please let me know if and when you have special Anniversary Events planned in your area.

As we continue our journey through Lent, I leave you with this reading from "God's Enduring Presence" by Joyce Rupp.

In Receiving, We Give

Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil...and anointed the feet of Jesus -John 12:3

What was it like for Jesus to have Mary anoint his feet? From all indications, he seems to have appreciated what she did for him. Without a word of protest, he receives the loving gesture and full attention of Mary. Furthermore, he tells the apostles to "leave her alone" when they are bothered by the expensive perfume she uses for the anointing and complain to him about it.

This is another good message from the gospel for those of us who would prefer to be in charge, who want to do for others rather than be the one to receive. I, myself, have had to discover the value in being the receiver and not always the giver. I have had to learn that when I allow someone else to do a kindness for me, my receptivity becomes a gift for them. I usually gain a sense of satisfaction and self-worth when I help others in any kind of gracious or loving way. So if I balk at or refuse to receive another's kindness, I am, in a sense, denying them the pleasure they could have by tending to my needs.

Prayer: Anointed One, when I want to give rather than receive, grant me the gift of humble receptivity so that I can graciously accept what is offered to me.

Easter Blessings to All,

Mary