

Sask. UCCW Newsletter April 2022

2 Corinthians 5: 15 and 17

And he died for all so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Easter is a time for new beginnings!

Maybe it's time for new beginnings for UCW and other Women's Groups within the church.

Maybe it's time to recognize that we don't always have to be DOING.

We can just BE! BE in the presence of God. BE in the presence of each other.

Meetings can take a different form. They can be coffee parties with or without coffee and dainties. Store bought cookies or bakery donuts are o.k.

It's alright to let your church board know that you are no longer able to provide funeral lunches. They will continue or not.

It's alright to say you can no longer plan the annual Fall Supper. It, too, will continue or not.

It's also o.k. to say you will no longer be organizing the annual Tea and Bake Sale. It will also continue or not. Try a new way of being!

First United Church in Swift Current is hosting a Women's Day at Camp Shagabec in the Cypress Hills on Monday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is "Small Town Saskatchewan". More details to follow.

Here is the Vision for UCWs from the recently revised UCW Handbook:

As women of faith,

We believe in nurturing Christian spirituality by reaching out through commitment and devotion to all God's people in the promotion of truth, justice, peace, caring, and respect for all throughout the earth, God's world;

We believe in honouring God the Creator, and loving others through generous giving and joyful living;

And we believe in affirming and strengthening ourselves both individually and together through creative study, prayer, and action.

Mission Statement:

Love God

Foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality.

Promote respect and love for all God's creation.

I leave you with these words written by Caitriona Loughrey and shared by a friend on Facebook.

"Barely the day started and it's already six in the evening.

Barely arrived on Monday and it's already Friday.

.. and the month is already over.

.. and the year is almost over.

.. and already 40, 50 or 60 years of our lives have passed.

.. and we realize that we lost our parents, friends.

.. and we realize it's too late to go back.

So.. Let's try, despite everything, to enjoy the remaining time.

Let's keep looking for activities that we like.

Let's put some color in our grey.

Let's smile at the little things in life that put balm in our hearts.

And despite everything, we must continue to enjoy with serenity this time we have left.

Let's try to eliminate the afters..

I'm doing it after. I'll say after. I'll think about it after.

We leave everything for later like " after " is ours.

Because what we don't understand is that:

Afterwards, the coffee gets cold. Afterwards, priorities change.

Afterwards, the charm is broken. Afterwards, health passes.

Afterwards, the kids grow up. Afterwards parents get old.

Afterwards, promises are forgotten.

Afterwards, the day becomes the night.

Afterwards, life ends. And then it's often too late.

So.. Let's leave nothing for later.

Because still waiting to see later, we can lose the best moments,
the best experiences, best friends, the best family.

The day is today. The moment is now.

We are no longer at the age where we can afford to postpone what needs to be done right away."

It Looks Like An Eternity, But It's A Short Trip, Enjoy Life And Always Be Kind."



Happy Easter!

Mary