

Sask. UCCW Newsletter September 2022

This hope is like a firm and steady anchor for our souls. In fact, hope reaches behind the curtain and into the most holy place. Hebrews 6:19 CEV

As we begin our Fall Season with new hope...let's try to look for the positive in all of the church groups whether it be choirs, bible studies, UCWs.

Last week was one of heart ache from all the lives lost at Weldon and James Smith, to the death of elder, minister, teacher and knowledge keeper Rev. Dr. Bernice Saulteaux to the death and end of an era of Queen Elizabeth II.

I encourage all groups in the church to review and maybe follow the UCW Purpose:

To unite women of the Community of Faith for the total mission of the church and to provide a means through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

Sask. UCCW Gathering at Watrous on Sept. 24

I hope to see and meet many of you at the one - day Women's Gathering in Watrous.
WE HAVE EXTENDED REGISTRATION TO TODAY, SEPTEMBER 15.

Please contact Phyllis at 306-244-1478 or e-mail her at phyllisr2@sasktel.net

You can pay at the door but we need to know about any dietary restrictions you may have. Cost is \$20 and includes coffee and muffins as well as lunch. [Information requested is here.](#)

Here is the schedule for the day:

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| 9:30 | Registration with Coffee & Muffins |
| 10:00 | Welcome, Announcements, and Treaty Acknowledgement |
| 10:15 | Worship, Communion, and Memorials |
| 11:15 | Highlights of National UCW Meeting |
| 11:40 | Highlights of Cape Breton 60 th UCW Anniversary |
| 12:00 | Grace and Lunch |
| 1:00 | Guest Speaker: Marg Janick-Grayston "Standing with God in Hope". |
| 1:45 | Coffee & Muffins |
| 2:00 | SKUCCW Business Meeting |
| 3:20 | Closing and Benediction |

UCW Bursary Fund

The deadline to apply for UCW Bursary Fund for this year is October 31, 2022. Any member of a United Church in Living Skies Region is welcome to apply for funding if they are studying in the field of ministry in the United Church of Canada. The application form [is here](#).

National UCW

On September 19 to 23 representatives from UCWs across Canada and Bermuda will be meeting in Mississauga, Ontario for the National UCW meeting. Co-chair Dawn Weber and Secretary Barb Byers Bradley will be the voting delegates representing Sask. United Church of Canada Women. They will have a report at the Women's Gathering in Watrous on Saturday, Sept. 24.

BLENDING OF THE SAND – at the UCW 69th Anniversary in Sydney, Nova Scotia

Like sand through the hour glass these are the days of our lives.

Today we gather with a vase before us. We gather from coast to coast to coast, from lake to river to ocean, we gather like grains of sand.

In selected verses of Psalm 139 we hear:

- 1 Lord you have examined me and know me
- 2 You know everything I do;
- 3 You see me whether I am working or resting
- 4 Even before I speak you already know what I am going to say
- 9 If I flew away beyond the east or lived in the farthest part of the west you would be there to lead me you would be there to help me.

As you each hold your sand in separate containers, you represent your UCW Region, you are one part.

As each of our Regions participating will in turn step forward, we will add our grains of sand representing the United Church Women of our Regions past, present and future.

Whether our sand is course or fine, whether the colour of our sand from each region's shores is different, they represent us as UCW, being unified and multiplied. As we place the sand in our one vessel, we can see how it represents our whole UCW and how as we work together we become one; in our work and in our continued hope for our units, our regions, our churches, our families and our world.



Contemplative Gatherings 2022

These one-hour gatherings are an opportunity, in Presence, to discern and listen, to rest and receive. This coming together gives us a chance to find our grounding and to renew our sense of common belonging. Please note that there is a limit of 21 persons per session.

September Gathering: "Leaves: A Season of Transition"

[Wednesday, September 28, 2022](#) 10-11 AM or 2-3 PM (SK Time Zone)

To Register:

10:00 AM Gathering: <https://form.jotform.com/222404229224244>

2:00 PM Gathering: <https://form.jotform.com/222404901692250>

"...The leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." - Revelation 22: 2

Upcoming Gatherings:

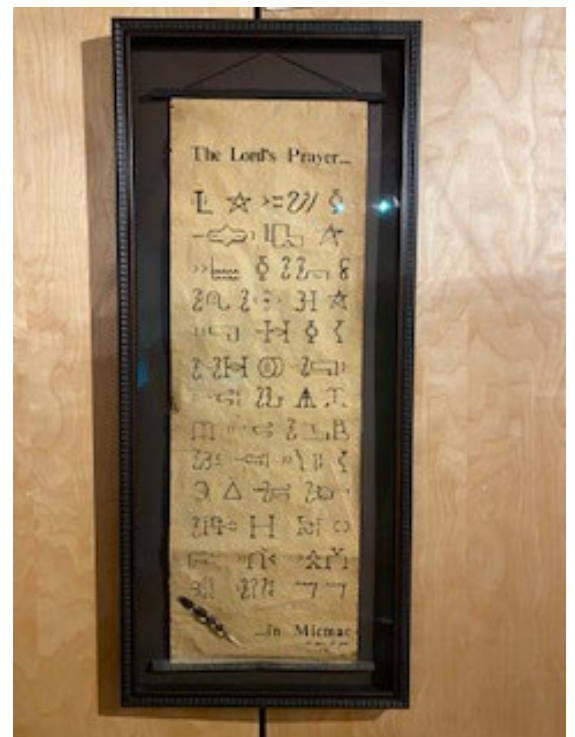
Please watch for more information about upcoming Contemplative Gatherings.

For more information, please contact Bernon Lee at

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Regular Contemplative Gatherings are offered through a collaboration between St. Andrew's College and the Committee on Ministry Personnel Support of the Livings Skies Region (UCC). The facilitation team for the Gatherings includes Bernon Lee, Sheila Lavender, Lynn Maki, and Shawn Sandford Beck.

This is the Lord's Prayer in Micmaqu' that was hanging at the Membertou Trade and Convention Centre.



About the book: **HOW TO C.O.M.F.O.R.T. A DYING FRIEND BY J.D. KENNEDY**

This next year you're going to have friends who die. How are you going to be their friend? How are you going to help them? How are you going to help them in their final moments? As they face the greatest crisis of their life what are you going to say? What do you say to somebody who is terminally ill? Unfortunately, when many people hear that a friend is dying, they avoid them because they don't know what to say or do. That leaves the friend feeling rejected and abandoned and us feeling like failures. This is why this book is so important....so the Great Commandment can be lived out in our lives and we can be the friends we want to be and the kind of friend that they need us to be. J.D. was one of the enrichment speakers at the 60th Anniversary.

Take time to hug your loved ones. Let's pray for all those who are mourning.

Blessings,

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