

Sask. UCCW Newsletter for January 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

“Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert”...

Luke 4:1

STATISTICS FORM AND ANNUAL \$2 MEMBERSHIP FEE DONATION

Here is the link to the [annual statistics form](#). Once completed, please send it to Barb Byers Bradley at 41 Nicholson Place, Saskatoon, Sask. S7L 4G7 or E-mail: greenview@sasktel.net. You can also send your membership fee donation to Barb along with the statistics form. Make cheques payable to: **SASKATCHEWAN UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMEN (Sask. UCC Women)**. \$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.

SASK. UCCW ANNUAL MEETING HELD January 7 by Zoom

The following were elected by acclamation to serve on the executive of Sask. UCCW for the coming year: Co-chairs: Dawn Weber from Saskatoon and Diane Thurlow from Meadow Lake; 1st Vice: Allison Irvine from Shellbrook; Secretary: Barb Byers Bradley from Saskatoon; Treasurer: Phyllis Robinson from Saskatoon.

Past co-chair is Chantal Ntibategera from Prince Albert and Mary Mohn will continue as Newsletter Editor for the coming year. These positions are automatic or appointed by the executive as is filling the vacancy of 2nd Vice.

A Women's Gathering in Manitoba is being planned for June. Watch for details.

It was the consensus of the meeting that the Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women do not have the energy, people, or resources to host or organize a 65th National UCW Anniversary Celebration 2027 and cannot assist the Provincial Regions in Manitoba and Alberta.

After deliberation a motion was carried to plan a 1 – 3 day Regional Gathering in the Fall. Committee Volunteers are needed to plan this event.

A copy of the minutes of the Annual Meeting is available by contacting our secretary Barb Byers Bradley (address and info above and on Statistics Form).



Hospital Chaplaincy in Saskatchewan

United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

Northern SK Hospital Chaplain Emily Carr



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Rev.EmilyCarr@outlook.com

Serving in **Saskatoon** hospitals:
Jim Pattison Children's, City,
Royal University, and St. Paul's

South SK Hospital Chaplain Lorna King



1(306) 551-7755

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Serving in **Regina** Hospitals:
General, Pasqua, Wascana Rehab, and
Wascana Grace Hospice

**Please call / text / email the right chaplain,
if you or someone you care about is in hospital.**

Website with info and links for both chaplaincies:

www.uccskhospitalchaplaincy.com

Ways to donate to support the chaplaincies:

NSHC in Saskatoon:
online: www.canadahelps.org
Northern Sask Hospital Chaplaincy

Mail to: NSHC Treasurer
Shannon Koski
505 10th Street East
Saskatoon, SK S7N 0E3

SSHC in Regina:
online: www.canadahelps.org
South Sask Hospital Chaplaincy

Mail to: SSHC Treasurer
Margaret Cooper
3246 East Renfrew Cres.
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HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY:

Please post the information in your bulletins/newsletters.

WOMEN'S INTER-CHURCH COUNCIL: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Many of you will be preparing to host or take part in World Day of Prayer services. This year's World Day of Prayer service is prepared by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan. The theme is "I have Heard about Your Faith".

Linda M. Ervin is again our World Day of prayer Field Rep. for Living Skies Region. Her e-mail address is fieldrep567@wicc.org. She can be reached by phone at 250-493-5333. The World Day of Prayer traces its roots to the 19th century when Christian women of Canada and the United States became involved in missions at home and worldwide. Since 1812, women have encouraged one another to engage in personal prayer and lead communal prayer within their mission groups. Presbyterian women in the United States then called for a national day of prayer in 1887, and Anglican women in Canada established a national day of corporate intercessions for mission in 1895.

On October 19, 1918, Presbyterian women in Canada called together representatives of five Women's Missionary Boards – Anglican, Baptist, Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian – "to promote the spreading of Christ's kingdom through united prayer and action." That first inter-church meeting gave birth to the Interim Committee on the Federation of the Women's Missionary Society Boards of Canada, which organized a national and inter denominational day of prayer on January 9, 1920.

In 1922, the Canadian and U.S. committees agreed to use the same theme and day for the Day of Prayer as U.S. women. This annual event became the Women's World Day of Prayer in 1927. The Canadian committee changed its name to become the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada and now includes representatives from 11 church partners. This council continues to coordinate the World Day of Prayer in Canada and to speak to issues that concern women of faith across the country.

WDP Festival "Day" Zoom event Register for this great opportunity happening on Saturday, January 28th, 2023 1 pm - 3pm EST to learn more about World Day of Prayer 2023 and how to get involved. Click on this link: <https://wicc.org/get-involved/events/>

UCW Bursary Fund

The UCW Bursary Fund is available to anyone who is in a program of ministry in The United Church of Canada and who is a member of a United Church in Living Skies Region (Sask.). The

first deadline for applications this year is **February 28, 2023**. Here are the links to [the brochure](#) and [application form](#).

Contemplative Gathering: "Lighten Up: A Candlemas Contemplation"

FRI, FEB 3 AT 10 AM or 2 PM

Created for Living Skies Regional Council of the UCC by Zoom To register, the link is:

<https://livingskiesrc.ca/event/contemplative-gathering-lighten-up-candlemas/2023-02-03/>

Closing

Winter is the season of waiting. It requires great trust and a willingness to believe that this angst will not last forever. Even though all appears dead and void of movement, there is quiet growth taking place. During the darkness, gestation occurs. In the caves and hidden hollows of winter, baby bears are born. In the frozen air, branches with terminal buds secretly grow every day. In the unmoving soil, flower bulbs are strengthened for their future journey upward toward the sun. In the frozen human heart, the silent seeds of confidence are prepared for amazing new growth.

While we are in our winter space, we may be tempted to give up, to lose hope, to stop believing in ourselves and in the presence of the Holy One because we cannot see our growth. Winter asks us only to be, to live with mystery, to wait patiently. We are required to keep a delicate balance between yielding to winter's silence and keeping our eyes on a future springtime. Each day challenges us to carry hope in our hearts no matter how sparse our awareness of inner stirrings might be.

This gruff-voiced season has another voice less readily heard. It is the calm and wise voice of encouragement. Winter offers assurance that the seeds of life are being tended, that what is needed for future growth is simply waiting to burst forth with the wild joy of spring. And spring will, indeed, come. For just as every other season eventually departs, so, too, will winter. It will return again when it is time, for each season's entrance and departure is part of the turning in the great circle of life.

From "The Circle of Life" by Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

Stay warm and cozy.

Blessings,
Mary