

Sask. UCCW May Newsletter 2023

Proverbs 31: 10, 25,26 - A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

I hope all of you were able to celebrate Mother's Day how you wanted.

Living Skies Regional Meeting – May 25 – 28 in Prince Albert

Please visit our display at the Regional Meeting and feel free to ask questions. We would also appreciate suggestions for future events where women can meet and grow spiritually. You can pick up copies of our Annual Report. If you would like to receive this monthly newsletter on a regular basis please e-mail Mary at d.mohn@sasktel.net or phone 306-749-3446.

SASKATCHEWAN UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMEN 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Executive Meeting at Mount Royal Emmanuel Saskatoon May 1, 2022, Zoom Executive meeting was held November 20, 2022, as well as consulting by telephone and e-mail.

Fall Gathering and Regional Meeting at Watrous, September 24, 2022.

Dawn Weber, Co-Chair and Barbara Byers Bradley represented Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women at the National UCW Annual Meeting held September 19 to 23, 2022 in Mississauga, Ontario. Our unit was assigned to prepare the Opening Prayer and Worship for September 23, 2022. A copy is attached of the NUCW Annual Meeting Synopsis Report submitted by Dawn Weber.

Mary Mohn, Brenda Getz, Chantal Ntibategera, Dawn Weber, Phyllis Robinson, Norma Hain, Pat Dyck Bunkosky represented Sask UCCW at the 60th anniversary celebration of UCW from July 11 to 15, 2022 at Membertou Trade and Convention Centre in Sydney, Nova Scotia. A 60th Anniversary Report is attached.

Monthly newsletters have been written, distributed by email and mail by Mary Mohn, Editor. She is our representative to the National UCW In Touch Newsletter [formerly Keeping In Touch]. The Sask UCCW Newsletters and revised Statistics Form are posted online at the Living Skies Regional website: [www.livingskiesrc.ca/programs/UCW under Programs>Women's Network]. Mary Mohn is our Sask UCCW Communications Officer and contact person for Sask UCCW on the UCW webpage.

The Sask UCCW Statistics Form 2022/2023 was circulated with a deadline date for returns by March 1, 2023. As at March 2023 there were **258** Saskatchewan UCCW Members.

The Saskatchewan UCW Bursary Fund Committee members are Mary Mohn, Chantal Ntibategera, Allison Irvine, Dawn Weber, Joan Brown. Persons who are members of Living Skies Regional Council United Church community of faith and who are participants in a recognized program of preparation for pastoral ministry in The United Church of Canada may apply. Applications will be considered twice yearly, at the end of February and the end of October. Applications may be submitted once per year per person.

One Bursary was awarded during 2022. The Bursary Fund balance at year end, December 31, 2022, is \$7692.00.

Chantal Ntibategera and Mary Mohn took part in the closing service for the UCW at Calvary United in Prince Albert on June 19, 2022.

Melfort UCW's 60th Anniversary Tea and Fashion Show was held on September 17, 2022. Mary Mohn was the guest speaker and showed slides from the 60th National UCW celebrations at Sydney.

A Regional Fall Gathering of Sask UCCW was held at the Watrous United Church, Watrous, Sask., on September 24, 2022 prior to the Business Meeting. Twenty-three (23) UCW Members Registered. Vicky Finnigan, Chairperson of the Watrous UCW and all Women of the Watrous United Church welcomed all those attending.

The tables were nicely set up with white tablecloths and lovely floral centrepieces in bone-china tea cups. A buffet of a variety of homemade muffins and fruit followed by a noon delicious lunch were provided and served by the Women of Watrous United Church.

Guest Speaker Marg Janick-Grayston spoke on the theme God Standing With Us and Standing With God in Hope. Love for community, Grace for our neighbour, Hope for tomorrow. Let's get back to that!:

Love for Community, with a poem *In Praise of Crazy, of a Certain Kind* written by *Mary Oliver*.

Extravagant Love:

Visualization exercise of the senses; *Smells Like, Tastes Like, Sounds Like, Feels Like, Looks Like.*

Grace for Our Neighbours with a poem by Julia Fehrenbacher:

One area of grace to think about where we might soften and blossom in more.

Hope for Tomorrow with words from Havel 1990, pg181:

One way to actively stand with God in hope.

Keeping Our Balance as we Stand with God in Hope:

One spiritual practice we might engage in.

The meditation included Spiritual Breathing as a Way of Standing with God in Hope.

An Executive Meeting was held by zoom on January 5, 2023 and a Sask United Church of Canada Women Regional Annual General Meeting was held by Zoom on Saturday January 7, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. The following agreed to let their names stand for Election of Executive for the coming year:

Dawn Weber, Saskatoon Co-chair

Diane Thurlow, Meadow Lake Co-chair; Allison Irvine, Shellbrook 1st Vice Chair

Treasurer: Phyllis Robinson, Saskatoon

Secretary: Barbara Byers Bradley, Saskatoon

The next National UCW Meeting is scheduled to be held September 18 – 22, 2023 at Queen of the Apostles Renewal Centre in Mississauga, Ontario.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women
*Chantal Ntibategera, Dawn Weber, Co-chairs; Mary Mohn, Communications Officer,
Diane Thurlow, 1st Vice-chair, Phyllis Robinson, Treasurer, Barb Byers Bradley, Secretary.*

Free Flow Wellness Retreat: Soul Naturing Sanctuary Aka Wild Church

June 6 (4:30 CST) – June 8 (1:00 CST), 2023

Come experience this soul naturing practice where nature invites us into the Sacred. During this retreat we will form a community through our connections with Spirit and Earth as we engage in six communal practices that Wild Church gatherings tend to include. This retreat will be held in the beautiful valley at The Qu'Appelle House of Prayer in Fort Qu'Appelle, SK. For full details visit:

<https://www.freeflowwellness.ca/retreats>

Joy is prayer; joy is strength:

Joy is love; joy is a net of love

By which you can catch souls.

-Mother Teresa

Blessings, Mary



Camp Tapawingo 2023 Camp Clean-Up

Saturday, June 3rd

- **Camp Clean-up**
- **Starts at 10 am**
- Followed by spaghetti supper

Sunday, June 4th

- **Camp Sunday**
- **Vesper Hill Service at 11 AM**
followed by potluck lunch
- Celebrating 75 years of Tapawingo bring old camp photos, memorable, etc.

Anyone wishing to join us Saturday for camp clean-up and wanting to spend the night please contact us at info@camptapawingo.net

LADIES DAY AT CAMP SHAGABEC

THEME: LOVE IS A VERB

THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023, 10:00-5:00(ish)

REGISTRATION 10:00-10:30 -\$20 per person

WE ARE ASKING EACH GROUP TO DO A 15 MINUTE PRESENTATION ON THE SERVICE PROJECTS THEY DO IN THEIR CONGREGATIONS WITH AS MANY DETAILS AS CAN BE PROVIDED IN THAT AMOUNT OF TIME. TO CONCLUDE THE PROGRAM, WE WILL BRAINSTORM ABOUT ANY PROJECTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE DONE IN YOUR COMMUNITIES TO HELP MEET A NEED THAT IS CURRENTLY NOT BEING MET.

REMEMBER TO BRING NAMES OF RECENTLY DEPARTED FRIENDS FOR THE MEMORIAL SERVICE.

WE ARE ALSO ASKING EVERYONE TO BRING AN ITEM FOR EITHER THE CRAFT ROOM OR THE FIRST AID STATION AT CAMP SHAGABEC (i.e., Band-Aids, Tylenol, Markers, Paper, etc.)

Questions? Call Colette Anderson (306-296-7747) or Shirley Pridmore (306-662-4527)

Please RSVP from your group to one of the ladies above by Monday, June 12



*Christ has no body on earth but yours;
No hands but yours; No feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which Christ's compassion
is to look out for the world.
Yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good.
Yours are the hands with which he is to bless us now.*

Teresa of Avila, 16th century