

Sask. UCCW Newsletter - September 2023

“I ask God from the wealth of his glory to give you power through his spirit to be strong in your inner selves, and I pray that Christ will make his home in your hearts through faith. I pray that you may have your roots and foundation in love, so that you, together with all God's people may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep, is Christ's love. Yes, may you come to know his love—although it can never be fully known—and so be completely filled with the very nature of God”. Ephesians 3: 16 – 19

TAKING CARE OF EACH OTHER – ONE DAY WOMEN'S GATHERING

Please join us at St. Andrew's United Church in Esterhazy on Saturday, September 30th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. ALL women in Living Skies Region of the United Church are welcome. Guest speaker will be Dawn Weber, a reflexologist from Esterhazy speaking on “Looking after Yourself” and increased well-being.

Agenda

9 – 10	Coffee, muffins, etc. as we register and greet each other.
10 -10:30	Welcome and Information from Sask. UCCW and National UCW
10:30 – 11:30	Worship Service with communion and memorials
11:30	Chance to visit memorial table and display table
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Guest Speaker Dawn Weber
2:30	Questions and Answers over going home snacks
3:00	Home time – Please hand in your evaluations.

Please pre-register with Barb so that we know numbers for food. Also send her memorials: greenview@sasktel.net or phone 306-249-2433. Links to the [Poster](#) and [Registration form](#) are here. Please include the poster in your church announcements/bulletins and please e-mail your registration to Barb and e-transfer to Phyllis or bring your registration filled out and pay at the door. Also if you have your own name tag please bring it. Otherwise they will be available at the door. Special thanks to Wreatha Curtis and her UCW unit for hosting this event!

MISSION AND SERVICE GIVINGS

Congratulations to Saskatchewan United Church Women for donating \$19,075 to Mission and Service in the year 2022. This does not include individual amounts given by women to Mission and Service as part of their Community of Faith's giving.

ORANGE SHIRT DAY – Saturday, September 30

Today we wear orange
to remember and honour all the Indigenous children who went to residential schools.

Today we wear orange and we pray
for the residential school and intergenerational survivors who are still struggling.

Today we wear orange and we are thankful
for those who speak the truth, and who work to shine a light on injustice.

Today we wear orange in the name of compassion and the spirit of truth and
reconciliation.

Help us, God, to remember and act on this this every day.

Amen.

—This prayer was inspired by Honarine Scott's Orange Shirt Day [blog](#).

THANK YOUR MINISTER

October is Clergy Appreciation Month! Take time to pray for your minister/ministers and those in church leadership. Send a thank you card, e-mail, letter of appreciation or give them a phone call.

FUNDING AVAILABLE:

Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund

Eligibility: any woman who is part of the United Church and not in paid accountable ministry.

Supports leadership training and education, continuing education, and projects or events that promote education, mission, outreach, spiritual nurture, and ecumenical and interfaith dialogue, locally or abroad.

Up to one third of the total expenses related to a request can be received, with a maximum bursary of \$1,500.

Application deadlines: April 15 (for June 15 decision); October 15 (for December 15 decision) Applications available under National UCW web page or [here](#).

UCW Bursary Fund

The Sask. UCW Bursary application form is available on the Living Skies Website under Resources: Funding, by e-mailing livingskies@united-church.ca and is also available at St. Andrew's College. The deadline for funding this year is Oct. 31, 2023.

SEASON OF THANKSGIVING:

Let us take time to think of everything we have to be thankful for. The following comes from the Saskatchewan Health Authority Forever in Motion Weekly Newsletter (2019 Update)

I am grateful for my family because....

Something good that happened this week....

I am grateful for my friendship with..... because....

I am grateful for who I am because....

Something silly that I am grateful for...

Something else I am grateful for...

AN AUTUMN PRAYER

Maker of the Seasons, thank you for all that autumn teaches me. Change my focus so that I see not only what I am leaving behind, but also the harvest and the plenitude that my life holds. May my heart grow freer and my life more peaceful as I resonate with , and respond to, the many teachings this season offers to me.

From The Circle of Life by Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

Hope to meet and greet you in Esterhazy on September 30.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Mary