

Sask. UCCW Newsletter November 2023

They that hope in the Lord will renew their strength....Isaiah 40:31

In **Joyce Rupp's** book "God's Enduring Presence" she writes:

"Jesus was a carrier of hope. We are meant to do the same. The world situation being what it is, we are sometimes greatly challenged to believe in personal and world transformation. Hope can quickly flee from our hearts.

Are we hope-filled? How do we keep our hope alive? Not by self-reliance alone.

Isaiah reminds us that it is the ones "who hope in the Lord" who renew their strength.

We have to go deep to find the endless Source that feeds the river of love and goodness in our hearts. When we do so, we have the courage to go on hoping in spite of what appears dismal. This Advent, let us renew our hope. Let us sink our roots deeper!"

What is the story behind the candy cane?

A common folkloric story of the origin of candy canes says that in 1670, in Cologne, Germany, the choirmaster at Cologne Cathedral, wishing to remedy the noise caused by children in his church during the Living Crèche tradition of Christmas Eve, asked a local candy maker for some "sugar sticks" for them.

Conversations in the Spirit of Truth and Reconciliation

You are invited!

Join us at Wanuskewin (The Gathering Place) for part three of Micah's learning series, Conversations in the Spirit of Truth & Reconciliation. On Monday December 4, 2023 we will dive into the theme of Justice. Specifically exploring the impact of colonial policy in Canada, and systemic racism in Canada's justice system.

We will be surrounded by a wealth of knowledge, with presentations from Dr. Jacqueline Maurice, Sheila Webster, Joshua Heath, Zander Bradley, and Mary Anne Focht.

Event Details

Date: December 4, 2023

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Location: Wanuskewin (4 Penner Road, Saskatoon, SK)

Cost: \$30.00

RSVP: November 20, 2023

For more information email: info@themicahmission.org, or phone: 639.470.6246.

To buy a ticket: <https://www.zeffy.com/.../43b0fa9c-1bdb-464f-a812...>

P.S. Tickets are selling fast - we only have 20 left. If you are planning to come please get yours today.

Annual Meeting -

The Annual General Meeting of Sask. UCCW has been set for Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 3 p.m. It will be a Zoom meeting and all are invited to attend.

We have three vacancies to fill on the executive: secretary, first and second vice-chairs.

The following have agreed to let their name stand for the up-coming year:

Co-chair – Diane Thurlow

Co-chair – Allison Irving

Treasurer – Phyllis Robinson

Meetings are usually held by zoom three or four times throughout the year.

If you or anyone you know is interested please let any member of the executive or myself know.

Healing Fund Donations

Healing Fund donation figures. UCW donations to the Healing Fund starting in September of 2022 when The Healing fund became our special project to October 25, 2023, is \$15,741.22.

From a Church Bulletin twenty years ago this Assurance of Pardon

As we prepare for the coming of the Christ, God will alert us to our spiritual priorities.

God will lift our eyes from the bargains to the needy.

God will shift our focus from the mall to the Christmas story.

God will change our emphasis from food preparation to worship.

When we are ready for the coming of the Promised One,

God's peace will be our peace, and we will rejoice again at God's pardoning grace.

Amen

Please feel free to share this newsletter with others in your communities of faith. If you have any information about upcoming events e-mail them to me at d.mohn@sasktel.net or phone 306-749-3446.

Blessings,
Mary