

## **SASK. UCCW NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2024**

**But it did not collapse, it had been set solidly on rock. Matthew 7:25**

In her book, *God's Enduring Presence*, Joyce Rupp writes that Advent is A Time to Firm Up My Foundation. She tells about the house she lives in being old. "The deteriorating floor reminded me that Advent is a season to look at my foundation of love, to see if it remains solid or is crumbling and in need of some attention and repair."

She writes on: While many complain of the busyness of this season and the huge amount of "to do's" that are a part of it, I do think there is an "up-side" to this overly active time. When I am unstressed and unrushed, being a nice, caring person poses little trouble for me. The challenge to my kindness and caring occurs when my life swells to stressful proportions and I feel like screaming at everybody. That's when the mettle of my Christianity is really tested. So, when the advent days get bogged with activity and pressure, I try to approach it as a good opportunity to turn frustration and impatience into golden bricks of kindness, a time to strengthen my foundation of union with the One who is the source of all love.

### **Sask. UCCW Executive Meeting**

The executive met by zoom on October 18. Eleanor Bowie was installed as our Second Vice. Thus, we have a full executive for the coming year.

Your executive is:

Co-chairs: Diane Thurlow and Allison Irvine

First Vice: Debz Ferber

Second Vice: Eleanor Bowie

Secretary: Barbara Byers Bradley

Treasurer: Phyllis Robinson

Past Co-Chair: Dawn Weber,

Newsletter Editor: Mary Mohn

It was decided to hold a Spring Women's Gathering in Saskatoon on April 26, 2025. The theme will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada.

Executive will be voted on at this meeting and installed for the coming year.

### **WICC**

Self-Care is Earth Care is the theme of this year's Fellowship of the Least Coin Ingathering Service. Scripture Reading is Acts 9:36 – 42. The reflection was written by retired United Church Minister, Barbara Lloyd. She reflects on the life of Dorcas from the Bible reading and says:

*"In times of exhaustion, we may need to consider what brings us new life. God calls us to the work of love and justice in our families, our communities, and our world. Sometimes, the load*

seems overwhelming. But God does not ask us to give up our lives in the process. God calls us to abundance of life. We may feel the need for a fresh view on the world, a healing conversation, a new vantage point. We may yearn to enjoy the beauty of nature, places, and people where laughter and joy can renew us.

Being good to ourselves, working in solidarity with others, saying “No” at times to multiple demands, are all strategies for composing our lives in a healthy way – a life strong and resilient enough to bear the pain and burdens of living in this broken world. Only then can we help to build a healthy community and a healthy world.

This is the work of ministry to which Dorcas was called and responded. Seeing our own “good works” as ministry is essential to change in our societies.”

World Day of Prayer: WDP 2025 Theme: “I Made You Wonderful” based on Psalm 139 :14 Worship Service by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Cook Island.

Artwork by mother, daughter duo Tarani and Tevairangi Napa. For more info visit the WICC website at [wicc.com](http://wicc.com)

## CAMP TAPAWINGO



The advertisement for Camp Tapawingo features a bright yellow background with a sun icon on the left. At the top, it reads "Camp TAPAWINGO CANDLE LAKE" with a red tower icon. Below this, it says "PROGRAMS FOR AGES 6-16 JULY AND AUGUST". The main title "KIDS SUMMER CAMPS" is in large, bold letters. The text describes a special offer: "Give the gift of camp this Christmas. Register before Christmas and save \$25 off registration fees and receive a digital gift certificate for your camper's stocking." It also mentions an alternative: "Or Consider making a donation to our camper bursary fund so all kids can experience the gift of camp!" At the bottom, it says "VISIT US AT: www.camptapawingo.net". Three photos show camp activities: kayaking on a lake, a group sitting under a tent, and a child archery.

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**From Christmas Ideals November 1967**

I picture this right along with one room schools

**First Snow** by Ruth H. Underhill

See the happy faces,  
Hear the sounds of cheer  
Made by children playing  
In the first snow of the year.  
See the snowballs flying,  
Hear the shouts of glee;  
Rolling, tumbling in the snow  
As jolly as can be.  
Now I see a snowman  
Built about halfway;  
Snowballs must be rolled so fast  
To finish him today  
Some are sliding down the hill  
As fast as sleds will go  
Others make snow angels  
While lying in the snow.  
My, such joyful sights to see,  
What pleasant sounds to hear,  
Made by children playing  
In the first snow of the year!

**SAVE THESE DATES FOR 2025:**

**WOMEN'S GATHERING in Saskatoon on Saturday, April 26, 2025**

**WOMEN'S GET-TOGETHER in Abbey on Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**WOMEN'S CAMP at Camp Tapawingo at Candle Lake, June 20 -22, 2025**

To you, O God, we say "Thank You". As we enter the Christmas season with all of its busyness: the decorating, the baking, the shopping, the entertaining – remind us of that special gift of Your son, Jesus Christ, our lord. Forgive our complaints which so often are louder than our thanks. Move us to contentment. Then fill us with that peace that passes all our understanding, and keep us in your protective custody. Amen

Blessings,  
Mary