

SASKATCHEWAN UCCW JUNE NEWSLETTER

Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

Romans 12:13

Our prayers need to continue for all the humans and birds and animals that have been affected by the wild fires.

Let's share with those in need.

As we celebrate the church's 100th anniversary let's renew our commitment to God and one another.



CAMP TAPAWINGO WOMEN'S CAMP CANCELLED

Due to the fire situation around Candle Lake the three-day Women's Camp that was to take place June 20 – 22 has been **cancelled**.

ABBEY LADIES' DAY CAMP - JUNE 10, 2025 on the actual 100th Anniversary of our United Church of Canada

We were welcomed by tea, coffee and wonderful muffins. Each of us was assigned to one of 6 table groups as soon as we arrived. It was a wonderful way to meet new women from other places. Including organizers there were 48 women in attendance, most from the southwest corner of Saskatchewan and 4 of us from Saskatoon. I was able to reconnect with Norma Hain from Swift Current who had attended the NUCW 60th Anniversary Conference in Cape Breton. We were able to have 3 of the Sask UCCW executive attend. Rev. Deb Ferber – Co-Chair, Eleanor Bowie -1st Vice-Chair, Phyllis Robinson – Treasurer.



Catherine led us in some chair exercises. After travelling for 3 ½ hours from Saskatoon I know our group from Saskatoon appreciated the gentle stretching and movement.

Stories from Churches and UCW groups, memories and histories were shared in our table groups. A special part of sharing at my table was meeting Audrey McPherson who had been on the UCW Convening Committee with my mother, Elaine La Marche.

Lunch was served in the Legion Hall. It was a nice stroll past some lovely gardens and some newly planted trees in the Abbey United Church yard. Some of the group from Swift Current arrived in their Kinsmen Telemiracle Access Transit Bus. Anyone with mobility issues were easily driven to lunch. I believe the driver was a UCW member. Lunch was a beautiful Italian meal catered by a local couple. A variety of breads with different spreads, mini-meat balls, salad and pasta with homemade panna cotta for dessert.

Craft time we made felt flower crowns. Sharon from Abbey made the flowers this winter. It was an easy fun craft to make. Every woman had their own crown like the queens we are. Personal note, I did use lavender and purple flowers in my crown.



We returned to the sanctuary for the Worship Service, Memorials, Communion and the business meeting. For communion we were in our table groups again. It felt like a fitting way to bring closure with the group we just met that morning.

The Southwest UCW's have a long history of working with Camp Shagabec. They shared some highlights of the camp's history and what is happening now. Each summer there are around 80 youth attending the camp. The online registration is usually sold out in 15 minutes. The UCW gathering had a cookie drive and had hundreds of cookies donated for the camp. After expenses covering the day, all proceeds are donated to the camp.

When I had the opportunity to speak with the ladies, I asked them to share with women from across the province how much we would like to know of any other gatherings, camps and women's activities in the local United Churches. With my love of travel, I would like to attend events. I reminded the ladies of our annual AGM for Sask UCCW in Saskatoon and spoke about the 65th Anniversary UCW Conference in Ottawa in 2027.

Next year the Swift Current UCW will host the Ladies Day Camp sometime in June. If schedules permit, the group with me from Saskatoon plan to attend.

Walking in the Light,
Phyllis



A Summer Prayer From the book “The Circle of Life” by Joyce Rupp & Macrina Wiederkehr

May you breathe in the beauty of summer with its power of transformation.
May this beauty permeate all that feels un-beautiful in you.

May the God of summer give us beauty.

May you seek and find spaces of repose during these up-coming summer months.
May these moments refresh and restore the tired places within you.

May the God of summer give us rest.

May you be open to times of celebration and recreation that are so much a part of summer.
May you find happiness in these times of play and leisure.

May the God of summer give us joy.

May your eyes see the wonders of summer's colors.
May these colors delight you and entice you into contemplation and joy.

May the God of summer give us inner light.

May you feel the energy of summer rains penetrating thirsty gardens, golf courses, lawns and farmlands.

May these rains remind you that your inner thirst needs quenching
May your inner self be refreshed, restored and renewed..

May the God of summer give us what we need for healing.

May you savor the fresh produce that comes to your table and enjoy the fruits of summer's bounty.

May the God of summer give us a sense of satisfaction in the work of our hands.

May you find shelter when the stormy skies of summer threaten your safety.

May the God of summer give us shelter when inner storms threaten our peace of mind and heart.

May you enjoy the unexpected and find surprises of beauty and happiness as you travel the roads on summer vacation.

May the God of summer lead us to amazing discoveries as we travel the inner roads of our soul as well. Amen.

There will be no newsletters in July & August. If you are planning special Fall events please send me the information.

Blessings,
Mary