

**Saskatchewan United Church of Canada Women Newsletter**  
**February 2026**

“these three remain: hope, faith and love; and the greatest of these is love.”

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

Let us pray for all the people of Tumbler Ridge following the tragic events of February 10. No one can imagine what the community is going through.

God, This week, in Canada, death came violently in Tumbler Ridge, BC and death came violently in Kitigan Zibi Anishinābeg, QC.

Your children are grieving. Your children are in shock. Your children are dismayed. Your children are angry. Your children are hurting. Your children are scared.

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When death comes violently, by hand of another, many of us want answers, many of us want someone to blame and someone to be held accountable.

Many of us act from a knee-jerk reaction.

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There are many voices placing the blame for Tumbler Ridge tragedy squarely on the trans community. That is wrong. That is disrespectful of grief and loss. That is opportunism. That does not heal but only deepens the wounds and further divides the human family to which we all belong.

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Your children need your presence. Your grieving children need your presence. Your trans children need your presence.

Your judgemental children need your presence. Your flippant children need your presence. All of your children need your presence. Remind us that even though we walk through a dark valley you are with us, that there is nowhere we can hide from your spirit, that nothing can separate us from

your love.

I did not want to write this prayer. I did not want to be “another one”. I want to curl up in bed and wait it all out.

All I can ask is ... make it stop, still my heart, remind me I am yours.

I need your presence. Piotr

The Rev. Piotr Strzelecki VDM Convenor of the Living Skies Regional Council of The United Church of Canada

### **Black History Month**

February is Black History Month. I suggest you google “Black History Month in Saskatchewan” and read the story about Mattie Mayes. Mattie came to Maidstone, Saskatchewan in 1910 with her husband Joseph, who was a Baptist minister. She was a trained midwife and provided midwifery services to the whole community for many years. She and her husband were part of what was known as the Shiloh community. The Shiloh Baptist Church is now a Provincial Heritage site.

### **Women's Gathering – Saturday, April 18**

Please include the poster in your church bulletins, newsletters and on your bulletin and on your church bulletin boards.

For those who are considering attending the National UCW Anniversary in Ottawa in July 2027 we will have Dorothy Amos grant forms that you can fill out to get help with funding. It is necessary to fill them out and get them sent in this year because the allocations next year won't be in time for the anniversary. If you are unable to attend and have received the grant money you just need to return it.

Also please remember to bring something for the Silent Auction. It can be a group donation or individual.

All reports will be e-mailed out to those who register. Remember the deadline to register is April 10. Memoriams for both women in communities of faith who have passed on and for UCW units that have closed can be sent to me at d.mohn@sasktel.net or Phyllis at phyllis.r2@sasktel.net

# **WOMEN'S GATHERING**

## **for ALL Women in the United Church**

St. David's Trinity United Church,  
3318 Merritt St., Saskatoon

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026**

**Registration at 9 a.m.**

*(preregistration required by April 10)*

**Program 09:45 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.**

***THEME:***

***Faithful Women,  
Strong Foundation***



***Guest Speaker:***

***Barbara DeJeet - President National UCW***

### **REGISTRATION**

Cost: \$35 a person

(includes coffee & muffins, lunch, and snack & beverage)

For Registration Forms and further information contact

Phyllis Robinson, Treasurer

e-mail: [phyllis.r2@sasktel.net](mailto:phyllis.r2@sasktel.net) Phone: 306-370-7545

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Send Registration Forms and Memorial Service Memoriums to:

**Sask UCC Women, c/o Phyllis Robinson Treasurer,**

**901 Avenue F North, Saskatoon, Sask. S7L 1W7**

**E-mail: [phyllis.r2@sasktel.net](mailto:phyllis.r2@sasktel.net) Phone: 306-370-7545**

Registration Payment e-transfer to [phyllis.r2@sasktel.net](mailto:phyllis.r2@sasktel.net) or

by cheque **payable to Sask United Church of Canada Women**

**(if paying at door please let Phyllis know and bring completed form with you)**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: April 10, 2026**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NO: \_\_\_\_\_

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HEALTH ISSUES (IF ANY): \_\_\_\_\_

DIETARY RESTRICTIONS: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please indicate if you need Gluten Free or have other food allergies) Deadline April 10

**PHOTO RELEASE FORM - PLEASE SIGN** Photographs: By signing below, I give permission for photographs and/or video images of myself, taken ( at UCW and other United Church events) to be used by the United Church of Canada and/or by the United Church Women including on the Living Skies Region..

**Name (printed)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name (signed)** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Saltwater Joy Concert an evening of Celtic Music**

Saturday March 14th at 7:00 pm at Mayfair United Church 902 33rd Street West,  
Saskatoon

Tickets \$25 each tickets available at the church office  
or call (306) 382-6446  
<https://saltwaterjoy.com/>

### **Ladies' "Shagabec" Day**

Ladies"Shagabec" Day will be held in Swift Current, Tuesday, June 9 at First United Church, 223 3rd Ave. NE., Swift Current, SK. At this time the program is not finalized, but more information will be coming in the next newsletters.

### **Women's Camp at Camp Tapawingo**

Camp Tapawingo Women's Camp at Candle Lake is set for Friday and Saturday, June 12 and 13. Check-in will begin at 3 p.m. on Friday with going home time between 3 and 4 p.m. on Saturday. Details to follow.

### **DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?** In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.

Please fill out [the Statistics form](#) to enable us to keep in contact with women throughout the Region. Blessings, Mary