

## SASK. UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMEN'S NEWSLETTER MAY 2026

He gave laws to the people of Israel and commandments to the descendants of Jacob. He instructed our ancestors to teach his laws to their children, so that the next generation might learn them and in turn should tell their children.

In this way they also will put their trust in God and not forget what he has done, but always obey his commandments. Psalm 78: 5 – 7



At the Women's Gathering at St. David's Trinity on April 25, Rev. Debz Ferber based the worship service on Psalm 78: 1 – 7 from Woman's Wisdom Everyday Psalms by James Taylor. Anne Mathewson provided the lovely piano accompaniment for all our singing. Throughout the day the theme of “Faithful Women – Strong Foundation” was evident. During worship we also remembered women from our local churches who had passed away since we last met. These included: Olive Gage, Doreen Matheson, Kathleen Pollock, Linda Bradley and Carol Sherdal from Grace Westminister United Church in Saskatoon; Beth Rude from Birch Hills UCW; Barbara Ruth Dunham and Tessie Lila Ingham from Knox United Church in Lanigan; Dorothy “Dot” Bennett, Verna Chappell,

and Mabel Thompson from Mount Royal Emmanuel United Church in Saskatoon. The service closed with National UCW President Barb DeJeet and Sask. UCCW Co-chair Debz Ferber leading and serving communion to all.

Then, after singing we transitioned into the Annual Meeting chaired by Debz Ferber and Chantal Ntatabegera accepting the duties of secretary. Due to problems with the electronic equipment it was not possible to project the reports by power point at the meeting. This included the financial report and budget so it has been decided that we would hold a zoom meeting to pass all the reports including the budget for the coming year. This was left up to the executive to decide on the date. That date has now been set for Monday, June 8 at 7 p.m. Contact Phyllis Robinson, secretary, at

[phyllis.r2@sasktel.net](mailto:phyllis.r2@sasktel.net) Phone: 306-370-7545, if you would like to join this meeting.

The executive for the coming year was voted on and was installed by National UCW President Barb DeJeet. Special thanks to all those who let their name stand.

Following a delicious lunch served by ladies at St. David's Trinity, National UCW President Barb DeJeet was formally introduced. In keeping with the theme of the day Barb spoke on "Lessons from Women in the Bible".

Outgoing Co-chair Diane Thurlow thanking National UCW President Barb DeJeet



The day ended with a fun way of mingling in the form of Getting to Know You Bingo and followed by a candle holder craft. Incoming Co-chair Susan Dokken ended the meeting with a beautiful prayer reflection and the Lord's Prayer. The Silent Auction continued throughout the day and brought in \$332.

**INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL WOMEN'S CAMP DAY**  
**FORMERLY SHAGABEC CAMP DAY**

First United Church Women invite you to:

Annual June "Women's Camp Day"

First United Church, 223 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. NE, Swift Current, 10 am to 4:00 pm approx.

[Tuesday, June 9, 2026](#)

Theme: "CELEBRATING WOMEN"

Cost: including snacks and noon lunch \$20.00 per person

Register by **June 2, 2026** to:

Donna Barber [205 Tims Cres. Swift Current, SK S9H 4K8](#)

email – [donlyn@sasktel.net](mailto:donlyn@sasktel.net)

text – 306-750-8810

home phone with answering machine – 306-773-6081

How many will attend from your church? \_\_\_\_\_

Are there any dietary issues? If so, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

For the memorial service, we would like to have the names of the women, who have died within the last year, sent in with your registration in printed form. We would like to display these names on the memorial table. Our hope is that each of us will take time to read the names before the service and will think of them during the day and not only at the memorial service. During the memorial service we only have time for names to be read out by each group and individual candles will be lit as usual.

Agenda for the day:(approximately)

Theme: Celebrating Women

10:00-10:30 – Registration, snacks/coffee and visiting

10:30 – Welcome, Introductions

10:40 – Exercises

11:00 – Program & table discussions

12:00 – Lunch

1:00 – Singing

1:15 – Craft

2:00 – Business: -Camp Shagabec report; -Sask. United Church of Canada Women donation; -leftover money to Camp Shagabec?;-host for 2027?

2:30 – Memorial Service followed by worship/communion

3:30 – Singing

3:45 – Farewells

**Deadline to Register is Friday, June 5 for Women's Camp at Tapawingo**

**June 12 – 13 Register on-line at Camp Tapawingo Women's Camp**

If paying by cheque DO NOT click the product section. Remember all monies go to Camp Tapawingo including Silent Auction proceeds.



Registration Cost: \$60/overnight. \$40/Sat. only

Tapawingo is pleased to be hosting the Women's Camp this summer...

Friday night supper together

Silent auction, bring an item

Stay in one of our cabins or bring your camper (no hookups)

Home-cooked meals

Enjoy our beautiful sandy shallow beach area

Go for a stroll on a path through the forest or walk the labyrinth

Make a craft ; Unwind with chair yoga; Bring your musical instrument

Go for a paddle in a canoe, kayak or paddle boat

Sing and roast a marshmallows at the campfire

Worship and reflect on Vesper Hill

Bring a board game or cards for a games time

## A PRAYER FOR THE STRENGTH AND HUMANITY OF WOMEN

### **Loving Creator,**

We come before you with hearts full of gratitude for the gift of women - mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, and leaders who reflect Your compassion in the world.

### **We Celebrate Their Strength:**

Thank you for the **resilience** You have placed with them – the ability to bend without breaking, to nurture life, and to build communities with tireless hands and compassionate hearts. We honour the quiet strength of those who served behind the scenes and the bold leadership of those who change the world.

### **We Honour Their Humanity:**

Lord, we also celebrate the beauty of their humanity, knowing that it is not perfection that defines them, but their willingness to keep going. In their moments of weariness, fatigue, or self-doubt, remind them that they are not overlooked, but deeply loved.

### **We Bring Our Weaknesses to You:**

When they feel too broken, too tired, or too burdened, let them find their sanctuary in You. Transform their struggles into testimonies and their tears into seeds of blessing. For when they feel weak, remind them that Your strength is made perfect in them.

### **A Blessing for Empowerment:**

**Give them courage** to challenge inequality and the wisdom to recognize their own. **Renew their strength** when they grow weary, and give them the joy to keep moving forward, **Let them feel** respected and valued, not just for what they do, but for who they are – fearfully

and wonderfully made. May they shine as lights in their families, communities, and nations, and bring glory to Your name.

**In Your Holy Name, we pray,**

**Amen**

## **SASK UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA WOMEN EXECUTIVE**

This year's newly elected (by acclamation) executive:



L.. to R. Co-Chair: Susan Dokken, Newsletter Editor: Mary Mohn, First Vice: Katie Pollock, Second Vice: Dawn Weber, Secretary: Chantal Ntibategera, Past Co-chair: Diane Thurlow, Co-Chair: Debz Ferber, Treasurer: Phyllis Robinson.

Blessings,  
Mary