

CANADIAN SHIELD REGION



SPRING NEWSLETTER 2020

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Happy spring/summer to one and all! Hope you have had a cozy winter... That is how I originally started this spring newsletter when I was preparing to send it out before Easter. In fact it was almost complete when the Covid 19 crisis came into view. Somehow I lost all desire to complete a spring newsletter even though I had lots of time. Well now I seem to be on track again so here is the new and revised version of you spring newsletter.

I trust that everyone has been washing their hands and isolating as much as possible to keep safe. By now you all will have known that our Canadian Shield spring UCW meeting was cancelled. We had hoped that we could gather in the fall but find ourselves waiting for the all clear to have gatherings of more than ten people. We will keep you all informed of what will happen with a proposed fall Canadian Shield UCW meeting. The National UCW meeting will be a virtual meeting with sessions from home for two hours each day for the five days that is normal for NUCW. We at Canadian Shield UCW may have to find some way to do a virtual meeting as well. Please stay tuned for more details...

I had a couple of feedback comments passed to me when we were still able to see one another person to person. One comment was that the person really enjoyed reading the newsletter. The second was that the newsletter was just too long. In answer to this second comment I have tried to make this newsletter a little shorter and hope it is still an enjoyable read. Please I do like to have your comments about the newsletter so be sure to let me know if you like it or not. Contributions of information are always something I look forward to as well. Be assured that each and every one of you are in my prayers at this stressful time. Stay safe everyone.

RAINBOW CAMP



Remember our V-P Rita OLink speaking to us at our 2019 AGM about Rainbow Camp? Rita has updated me with the latest news. You may already know that Premier Ford had cancelled all children's camps for 2020. Sad but necessary news. Rita tells me that there is working being done for virtual activities for this summer. The Rainbow Camp hopes to be back in 2021 larger and better hoping to accommodate more children. The camp still needs our support to carry on. So please keep filling those Timmie's coffee cups with change and sending off a cheque once your cup is filled and then work on filling the cup yet again.

Let us know if you feel that your treasurer should send off a contribution from Canadian Shield UCW.

The children need our help.

SHARING NEWS FROM OUT AND ABOUT ...

Notes for this section depends entirely on folks sending me information from their church. Thank you to one and all who provided information AT THIS TIME WE REALIZE THAT ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN CANCELLED SO THIS NEWS IS SHORT

Sudbury Presbyterial. Has now formally closed. We hope that when new clusters form they will share news with us for the next Newsletter.

Gore Bay Lyons Memorial UC Manitoulin Island enjoyed having **Jan Joyce** come to their January meeting to share her travel experiences in Uganda where she is part of a project to help children in that country.

Iroquois Falls Trinity UC UCW continues to meet regularly to enjoy sharing and service to the community. I was invited to join them with ladies from Cochrane at their Valentine's meeting. It was good to see everyone and share time. Gayle Thomas from IF has been emailing folks on a regular basis during this Covid crisis with upbeat news and greetings.

Cochrane St Paul's UCW continues to support the church however they can. Baking was provided for a table at a February craft show. The ladies are also contributing food stuffs to the efforts of three women in the church who are preparing two meals a week to those who are home sheltered and in need in Cochrane during the Covid 19 lockdown.

North Bay Trinity UCW The ladies are part of an effort working hard to come up with funding ideas to help replace the church roof this year.

North Bay Emmanuel UC was continuing to meet before Covid 19.

Trout Creek UCW. Trout Creek UCW takes Jan. and Feb off from regular meetings due to weather and it is a slower time for business. However they are still active. In Jan. they made turkey pot pies 4" and 10" size. It is a good fun raiser for they a lot of volunteer help from the community. They had also just started "thinking of you" quilts to give to people who are not feeling so well or lonely. These are between a lap quilt or just a bit bigger just to keep recipients warm and give them some comfort. They also keep a quilt or two on hand just in case someone gets burnt out. They had hoped to have regular meeting again starting in March but like the rest of us have not been able to gather. Thanks to Bernice Turbach for sending along this information.



Wawa UCW is keeping busy with making prayer shawls .

Note: Thank you to all who have provided information for 'Sharing news... please do not be shy and send along information. We can also post your events on the Canadian Shield UCW facebook page so that people who may be visiting your area can also attend your event. Photos of events are also welcome. inclusion is having a voice, and belonging is having the voice be heard."

CHINESE NEW YEAR 2020 – YEAR OF THE RAT. The Chinese New Year is also called the Spring Festival. It is still winter but it marks the end of the coldest days. Spring is celebrated for new beginnings and fresh starts. It is also called the Lunar New Year - this special day is held according to the lunar calendar. The Chinese Zodiac was created (based on astrology) in about the 5th century BC and is based on a 12-year cycle with each year related to an animal sign. If you were born in the years of 1924, 1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008 or 2020, your sign is the Rat. People born in these years are likable by all, optimistic, energetic, and are sensitive to other's emotions. Known for their love for hoarding can sometimes cause them to waste money on unnecessary things. They live reliable and stable lives.



THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is held each year the first Friday in March is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women joined together to observe a common day of prayer. Each year a host country is selected. In 2020, a service prepared by the WDP Committee ladies in Zimbabwe with this year's theme "Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk". Each year a different church in our area hosts this gathering. to welcome the ladies - to attend and be part of the evening. Did you know that you NUCW has a representative who attends the Women's International Council of Churches (WICC)? Phyllis Buckner of Frogmore, Ontario is our current representatives who will be presenting an annual report to the NUCW meeting September 2020. NOTE: For me this was the last time I was at church. Dawn

SHARE A FUNDRAISING IDEA...

Sunshine Jars I have heard of these fundraising jars being used in two different ways.

Iroquois Falls UCW raise funds with sunshine jars in the winter months. Each family has a decorated jar and on days that the sun shines on these cold winter days they are to place a quarter in the jar. The money is collected at the end of winter as donations for M&S. They have two ladies who are early risers who are the official 'sun day' counters!

St Paul's UCW Cochrane raise funds with sunshine jars in the summer months when many families are away for the summer. Each family receives a decorated jar and each day in the summer when the sun shines they are to drop a coin of their choosing into the jar. The monies are collected at the end of summer.

These UCW ladies gladly share the idea of their sunshine jars for you to use as a fundraiser. Let us know if and how you use your sunshine jars.

Have a fundraiser that is perhaps unique? Please let us know so we may share with everyone.

BIRTHDAY / ANNIVERSARY CORNER...



Happy 80th birthday to Fran Reid, Timmins. Turning two decades at once is easier than she thought.

Happy 60th anniversary to Betty and Harry Vanderweerden, Gore Bay, Manitoulin Island

Too everyone celebrating hope it was a great day!!!

Please send us your birthday and anniversary milestones celebrated in your UCW so we can share the announcements here.

WOMEN FOR CHANGE IN ZAMBIA This is our National UCW charity campaign. Please keep working to support this effort. If you wish to send a cheque please make it out to the United Church of Canada. In the MEMO line put "UCW Women for Change Zambia project."

Education of girls is not socially considered important in Zambia. Girls should just get married and have babies. WOW! Here in North America sentiment like this was the base for many of the protests of the 60's!

Some girls in Zambia miss school because they cannot afford feminine products. I looked it up...the average cost in North America for women's feminine products is \$13.00 per month. Could your unit raise that amount to help a girl go to school?

Some girls in Zambia miss school because they cannot afford to have shoes. I checked out girls shoes online at Wal-Mart and sneakers seem to run from \$9.00 to \$20.00 a pair. Could you UCW raise money for shoes for a girl to wear to school?

It does not take much to help girls get to school in Zambia. Let's see what working together the UCW Can do!!!!

SMILE TO SHARE... USED WITH PERMISSION FROM A FRIEND...

I had to laugh at myself this morning. It's probably too much information, but others need a laugh as well. Buy a front closing bra. They say it is so much easier to put on and so comfortable. Well, I did and decided to wear it today. I adjusted the straps longer because the girls no longer rise to my armpits. I slipped it on like a vest - comfortable so far. Then I attempted to close it up. I did the top hook up but couldn't see past the boobs to find the rest of the hooks. So I undid it and did the bottom hook. Then the top hook wouldn't meet. After 15 minutes, I decided I needed to lay on the bed and tuck the girls under my armpits and that gave me better access to the hooks, although I gave up before I got the middle two hooks done up. So I finish getting dressed and it seemed comfortable enough until I started sweeping the floor. Then the girls popped up over the top. Now I know why

so many women give up bras when they age. It's not like the girls are ever going to be perky again. Personal support workers in nursing homes only get 6 minutes to help seniors get ready in the mornings. I hope you found this more entertaining than president Trump's tweets.

DID YOU KNOW that the national UCW has a page on the United Church of Canada website? To find it, go to www.united-church.ca, click on the "search" icon in the upper right corner and enter "UCW" in the search bar which appears. You will find: General information on UCW, and contact information for our national executive The UCW Handbook (2018 edition, currently being updated) Information on our current project, Women for Change Zambia Information on the Agatha Kaasa bursary (for leadership training and education, available to all United Church women not in paid accountable ministry) and the Dorothy Amos fund (to foster connections between UCW women). UCW Life Membership application form A study (by Betty Turcott) on the UCW Purpose and Vision and Mission statements Lots of other information! Also look for the "Keeping in Touch" UCW page, which is online and also arrives at your church three times a year in the Infopak. If you aren't getting your copy, ask whoever opens the mail.

CHURCH SIGNS ... I love church signs...

Feed your faith and your fears will starve to death.

Adam and Eve the first people not to read the Apple terms and conditions!



SCRIPTURE READING TO SHARE... Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. 1 Corinthians 13:

Feedback about your newsletter is always appreciated...what did we miss? What would you like to see in the newsletter? Do you have news to share for the Fall Newsletter? Please send your comments along to President Dawn at dawnmonroe05@gmail.com

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For national UCW news: www.unitedchurchwomen.com and be sure to check for the NUCW newsletter *Keeping in Touch* that arrives at your church in INFOPAC.