



Keeping in Touch

NUCW President's Message - *Walking in the Holy Spirit's Power*



As most of you are aware I have been dealing with health issues since November. When I was read the closing paragraph of our annual report, I felt it spoke to me and how I felt. I asked our minister if I could share some of it with you. She gave her permission and I hope you find peace and strength from it as I have done.

Paraphrase of the words of the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4: V8-18

“ We are beset on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed but not driven to despair. We are hunted down, but never abandoned by God. We get knocked down but we are not destroyed...And as God's grace reaches more and more there will be a great thanksgiving...That is why we [I] never give up...For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever. So we don't look at the troubles we see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.”

Walking by faith, not my sight.

Beulah Hayley

National UCW President

Scripture & Prayer 📖 ✝ Submission: Saskatchewan UCC Women's June Newsletter from Mary Mohn

As we welcome summer solstice let us take time to revel in the many good things we have.

Scripture from *The Good News Bible: Today's English Version* – **The Lesson of the Fig Tree: Matthew 24: 32-35**

“Let the fig tree teach you a lesson. When its branches become green and tender and it starts putting out leaves, you know that summer is near. In the same way, when you see all these things, you will know that the time is near, ready to begin. Remember that all these things will happen before the people now living have all died. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

A Prayer for Homes and Families from *Voices United* #557 **In you, O God**, every family on earth receives its name. Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love, granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely, endurance to those who care for sick family members, and wisdom to those in fearful times of change. We thank you for gifts of love we have received from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion. As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love. Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. **Amen.** Written by Ruth Duck 1990



Women for Change – Zambia

United Church Women across Canada and Bermuda understand our mission to service.

Your donation to *Women for Change - Zambia*, as of May 3, 2021, is \$53,963.39.

Keep up the wonderful work you are all doing. COVID will not stop us from caring and supporting the education of girls in Zambia. You are all a blessing. Thank you.



Marilyn Rodger, a UCW member from **Four Winds Presbyterial in Bay of Quinte UCW East Central Ontario Region** has permission to put the UCW crest on 3-ply 100% pre washed cotton reversible masks with narrow elastic and clear barrel adjusters. Royal Blue as shown is the most popular. Design does not fog glasses. Marilyn donates all money from the UCW masks to **“Women for change - Zambia”, a 60th Anniversary Fundraising Initiative**, closing in July 2022, in Sydney, NS.

Email Marilyn at marilynrodger@aol.com to order. Cost \$15 each/

Shipping is extra. Pay by Credit card, Cheque or Etransfer.

REGIONAL News:

First AGM of the UCW of Western Ontario Waterways Region (WOW)

On Saturday, April 24, 2021, almost 100 United Church Women of the Western Ontario Waterways (WOW) Region gathered virtually for their first Annual General Meeting. It was a rich and satisfying experience as they sang, worshipped, elected their first official Executive, and enjoyed some social time in chat rooms.

UCW WOW is grateful for the support of many people over the last two years who helped us reach this milestone. Regional Minister for Faith Formation, Kathy Douglas, invited former presbyterial presidents from three different conferences to explore what a regional UCW might look like. This Transitional Leadership Team of 13 UCW members from across the region met many times, mostly via zoom, to create a plan for the wider membership.

WOW Regional Council, President Rev. Gary Clark, supported our efforts to have a voice on Council. He led the service as the UCW covenanted with the regional council as a community of faith last November. A WOW representative joined the Mission & Discipleship commission as part of our commitment. Rev. Gary installed our new Executive at the April AGM.

President of the National UCW Beulah Hayley sent greetings, and Nancy Risto, President-Elect of NUCW, conducted the election and gave the closing blessing. Special guests joined us from the neighbouring Horseshoe Falls and Antler River Watershed regions. Their presence, as well as the collaboration on two Tri-Regional UCW virtual gatherings this past year, enriched all of us.

Rev. Robin McGauley, a metalsmith and spiritual director, known to many as former staff at the 5 Oaks Retreat Centre in Paris, led us in a reflection and worship on the theme of “Continuing in Hope.” We are stronger when we come together. We give thanks for the mission and vision of all United Church Women in our region and across the country.

President *Anne Reuber*, Secretary *Marnie McDonough*



**UCW 60TH ANNIVERSARY
CONTINUING IN HOPE
JULY 11 – 15, 2022**

Membertou Trade and Convention Centre
Sydney, Nova Scotia

[UCW's 60th Anniversary News \(ucceast.ca\)](http://ucceast.ca)
ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com

13 months left and counting. Are you excited yet?

Our Worship Committee is working hard to plan our worships, our vespers and our singing. Our entertainment is booked. Tuesday night we will be entertained by Patrick Ledwell, a comedian from PEI. Patrick has been performing all over the Island and beyond, and has made appearances on “The Debaters” on CBC radio. That’s a tease for now; we don’t want to spoil all the excitement.

Our planning committee would like some pictures.

Our theme is “*Continuing in Hope*”. We would like pictures of you and your grandkids and/or children for a PowerPoint Presentation to be played during the week.

If you have a special picture you would like to share, please send it to Ruth Kennedy at ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com. No names will be used during the presentation.

Registration you say?

Registration will be online only, beginning September 30th. If there are women who are not online, one person can register up to 10 people. Registration is \$400.00 per person. Payment choices are: pay immediately with a credit card, or send a cheque. Please be aware you are not fully registered until payment is received.

Our 60th anniversary pins are in!

If you would like to order pins now, we will gladly ship them to you. Each pin is \$6. It is a picture of the logo. If you are ordering ahead of time, we would prefer you order in bulk rather than individually.

Payment must accompany orders; sorry no consignment. **To Order pins**: Contact Debbie Hawkins at debbieh@ridgetimber.com. **Payment for the pins is BY CHEQUE** made out to Maritime UCW

(Note quantity of pins ordered on the memo line) **OR BY ETRANSFER**: debbieh@ridgetimber.com **Maybe you would prefer to wait to get your pins?** Select this option on the [Anniversary Registration Online Form](#) to add pins to your order. The total number of pins you order will be calculated into your registration total payment. Your pins will be waiting for you at registration when you arrive in 2022.

Debbie’s address & phone: 128 Woodbine Lane, Upper Kingsclear, NB E3E 1S3 ☎ (506) 447-0274

If you want to receive 60th news updates, please email Ruth Kennedy at ulvashepherdns@hotmail.com and she will put you on the list.



If you would like to check our webpage here’s the link
[UCW's 60th Anniversary News \(ucceast.ca\)](http://ucceast.ca)

If you know of members who are interested, but who don't have email, please share the information.



Hotels available for UCW 60th Anniversary attendees are:

Hampton Inn and Suites (on Membertou site), *Cambridge Suites* (5 mins away, on waterfront, shuttle provided), *Travelodge* (5 mins away, shuttle provided, no elevator, older hotel), *Comfort Inn* (5 mins away, shuttle provided). All these hotels have blocked rooms for our UCW women to register. The booking codes and blocked rooms will not be available for booking at the contracted rates until late summer. We will share the dates as soon as they are available. All the hotels have breakfast included.

Banners: For those who wish to create and display banners at the 60th, the dimensions can be found on the Maritimes UCW webpage at [UCW's 60th Anniversary News \(ucceast.ca\)](http://ucceast.ca)

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Ruth Kennedy, Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters - Maritime UCW

Information from the National UCW Grant Committee

The time has come to start planning for the 60th Anniversary of National UCW.

When applying for one of the \$400 grants to attend the Anniversary, fill out the Personal Details section; it is **not** necessary to fill out the financial section or provide letters of reference. When entering your Region/District please include the name of your UCW group. Please note that if for any reason that you cannot attend the Anniversary next July 2022, you are required to return the grant money. Don't forget to date and sign the application. *Looking forward to seeing you in Sydney, Nova Scotia!*

Deadlines for Grant Application: *Agatha Kaasa Fund Grants*

- October 15, 2021 and,
- April 15, 2022.

LOCAL UCW NEWS: Gaetz Memorial United Church UCW – Red Deer, Alberta



Members of the UCW from Gaetz Memorial United Church in Red Deer recently held a successful fundraiser, netting over \$500. Several members out walking together (socially distanced of course!) were tossing around fund-raising ideas when someone suggested baking and selling “Goodies” (“*Squares*” in MB and SK; “*Dainties*” in AB; “*Good*” anywhere). Everyone missed gathering and visiting over coffee and goodies, whether after church on Sunday, at a birthday party, or at a celebration of life reception. Perhaps it could be done virtually? A plan was made. UCW members

baked a total of 36 dozen Goodies. The always popular and delicious lemon squares, brownies, date matrimonial slice, peanut butter marshmallow squares, cherry slice and raspberry squares were boxed and sold to church members. Some were delivered to seniors, some were shared with *Red Deer Rebels* hockey players, some made it onto Easter dessert plates, and some were shared virtually over a cup of coffee with friends. **“We miss working together in the church kitchen, and we especially miss seeing each other at our monthly UCW meetings”**, says **President Shirley Gehman**





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A New video, 'Kids Pray Too' focuses on the World Day of Prayer (WDP) theme 2021, 'Building on Solid Ground'. The video, led by Rev. Stephanie McClellan, President of WICC and a United Church Minister in Nfld and Labrador, is an action/activity packed video by and for children with songs led by Linnea Good. Find the video on **Youtube** https://youtu.be/ivw_SoFav3U
Please check out the WICC web site www.wicc.org for information on WDP, Fellowship Of The Least Coin, Ending Violence. Purchase *Thursdays in Black* pins/\$20.00 for 20 pins. Reminder, the WDP 2021 video continues to be available for viewing on the web site until the end of September. Sign up for the E-newsletter "We Connect". Receive news and updates on WICC.

Blessings, *Win Czum*, UCW Rep. to WICC



Love to Read

Are you an avid reader? Do you love to share your latest reads with your friends and family? Are you interested in nurturing your faith through family? If you answered yes to all three, The United Church Publishing House wants you to be an advance reviewer for our upcoming book '*Adventures in Faith and Family*' by Susan Lukey! **We are seeking five UCW members to receive an advance copy of the book to review. To apply to be an advance reader contact Kim Allin at kallin@united-church.ca**

UCRD store is clearing out its inventory and making room for fresh titles! This means huge markdowns on a wide range of titles, including *Seeking Sabbath: A Personal Journey* (was \$14.95, now \$4.98) and *Faith Travels: Trusting God in Life's Transitions* (was \$14.96, now \$5.98). These books are available in limited quantity, so shop while quantities last! **Don't forget to use the code SALEONSALE** at checkout, for free shipping within Canada on orders over \$80. Shop UCRDstore.ca for incredible deals on progressive Christian resources.

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Send us a photo (JPG) or article (500 words or less)

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