



News to Use

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Eastern District of Newfoundland and Labrador Conference
United Church Women Newsletter

President's Report East District UCW October 3rd, 2009

Since the last report, it feels like my life and world have been on a roller-coaster! But, I haven't been there alone – a lot of you have joined me!

In the Spring, I had the privilege of attending four wonderful, well organized, well attended Rallies. At three of those I had been asked to be guest speaker as well as bring greeting from east District. Thank you for the opportunity of being among you for fellowship, food and fun! It's so nice to see women getting together to honour our' reason for being' and our Creator.

We held our AGM in Carbonear this year in May and it saw a host of women attending – the most we've had out for a few years. We still have 2 offices not filled but otherwise, a full slate. Thanks to Carbonear for hosting us and feeding us so well! Thanks also to Rev. Beverley Matthews for being our guest speaker, celebrating and serving Communion, and giving us some great inspiration.

I have attended 3 East district meetings as your representative. It's always an enriching experience to know what's happening in the wider church.

In August, I was fortunate to be able to attend General Council in Kelowna, BC. At this time, I would like to say another big Thank You for the opportunity. It was a marvellous event and, once again, I came away from that time with a sense of pride in our UC of Canada for being a fore-runner in many issues. It also provided an awareness that our Church is still strong even with less membership. We know also that it will have a 'new face and sense of direction' in the near future. It is moving ever closer to becoming an all-inclusive Church. Inter-cultural is certainly the new buzz-word! It left me with a great sense of hope.

UCW was a very evident presence at General Council. Many of our National Executive were present as Commissioners from their Conferences. Pat Edmonds from the Toronto Conference took it upon herself at the last Executive meeting to provide an awareness of UCW presence and activities. She set up a little booth and displayed a back-board which she had prepared with photos of activities from Conferences across the country. She also had prepared a hand-out of statistics about UCW and a little bookmark containing our Purpose and Mission Statement. Oh, the remainder of the 45th Anniversary Pins were on the table for the taking.

Our Past-President, Sandra Dunning, had procured a spot for UCW to do Vespers at one evening session. This worship was prepared by Pat Edmonds and you will find a copy attached to this report. (It will also be going in the next issue of News to Use.)

The Youth ministry is becoming ever stronger and the Youth Forum was extremely well-attended. This part of our generation has a grounded faith and has a big part in the hope for the future. They made a statement which I found very awakening and inspiring - 'they are not only the 'future' of the Church, but very much the 'present'. Isn't that remarkable?! We had two youth attend from East District - Evan Norman from the Brigus/Cupids Pastoral Charge, and Megan Cluett from the Fortune/Frenchman's Cove/Garnish Pastoral Charge.

Some of the Worship services were so inspiring - they were conducted by some team different each day - in more than one language often. The concluding worship saw the installation of the new Moderator, Mardi Tindal. She is a lovely person and will want our prayers to support her throughout her term as have all other Moderators.

There will be a more formal report of General Council from the Commissioners from East & West Districts forthcoming.

From September 9th - 13th , Isabelle and I had the privilege of hosting the National UCW Consultation. We did so at Burry Heights. The women were thrilled to be here in NL. We were served Communion by Rev. Graham Cook to start off the meeting during Opening Worship. We 'screached them in' - consequently, we have a host of honorary Newfoundlanders/Labradorians! I would like to say a special Thank-you to you ladies who so willingly helped out with lunches for Coffee Breaks, NL-flavored favors which were so beautiful for the women to take home (and they were delighted to do so) and transportation. A very special Thanks to the Congregation of First United where we worshiped on Sunday morning and to First United UCW for the beautiful lunch which they prepared and served. Also, the transportation to the airport was much appreciated.

~ A small update was given on the 50th Anniversary to be held in the Hamilton Conference from July 23rd - 27th, 2012. More information will be forthcoming on that.

~ Much discussion was had on international travel by the President. It was deemed a necessary thing and that she be accompanied by someone on that travel for safety reasons.

~ We discussed General Council and the happenings there

~ We talked about future meetings in the decline of finances. No firm resolve was made in asking each local of Conferences to help out with National.

~ Faith March-MacCuish was our guest speaker. She spoke on our theme "What Does the Lord Require of You?" She did a very interesting illustration of 3 women from different parts of the world (one from NL) and how they had carried out their responsibility in that area. Gave us all something to think about. How do we do what the Lord requires of us?

~ Anne Martin did a marvelous Bible Study on the same theme using some of Sandi Harron's paintings of some Biblical characters and how they did their requirements and how it related to us. Very introspective, it made you!

~ On our afternoon off, we did a St. John's Whale-watching tour, except, it was so windy and high seas outside the narrows, all we saw was waves! It was enjoyed by all who didn't get sea-sick. We then had an outing to the Stella Burry Community Services site. A very informative and impressive presentation was made by Jocelyn Greene and a delicious dinner was served by the Hungry Heart Caf,.

~ We began and ended each day with worship by various Conferences, and there was lots of singing.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable meeting, and all left NL satisfied.

As most of you know, I have completed a year of Discernment for ministry, and I seek your prayers for God's will for the next step of the journey.

May God bless us all in our continued ministry in our own small ways.

Remember, we never go alone, God is always present on our journey. Keri K. Wehlander says it best in:

Like a rock, like a rock God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

God bless you all.

Your sister in Christ,

Jocelyn Cook, President

A UCW Lady... UCW Retreat ..see inside...



Schedule for Areas Submitting News for the East District UCW Newsletter			
Edition	Areas	Submission Deadline	Publication Deadline
FALL	Bay Roberts Area Bonavista Area Burin Area	October 15 th	November 15 th
WINTER	Carbonear Area Clarenville Area Norman's Cove Area	January 15 th	February 15 th
SPRING	St. John's Area Sunnyside Area Trinity South Area	April 15 th	May 15 th

Please note that Areas will be asked to submit information for the Edition indicated above; however, the exception will be that any Area can submit DATES OF EVENTS (rallies, special services, etc. to any Edition of the Newsletter. We recommend that individuals, PLEASE, bring articles for inclusion (rally reports, life memberships, local activities, individual accomplishments, notices, etc.) to local meetings which then will be forwarded to the Area President/Vice President. We appreciate worship services, recipes, patterns, humorous stories, program ideas, etc. (please try to have your reports not exceed ½ typed page)

Please note Change is coming.... The Spring edition is going electronic. It will be available online on the conference website.
Cost to you \$0.00!!!!

How you can help prepare your UCW:

When submitting information - **through email** will be the preferred method, using font Arial size 11. This will save a lot of typing time for the preparation team. Check with your local groups to see who is best set up to do this.
For those individuals who do not have access to the internet Presidents please arrange with someone from your UCW or your congregation to have it printed for them. The fee for this will be absorbed by each local.

Upcoming Events:

March 20th, 2010: Executive Meeting
10:30 am: Pouch Cove

May 15th 2010, AGM Registration at 9:00am
Meeting begins at 9:30am
Held at Topsoil

October 2nd, 2010: Executive Meeting
10:30 am: Fortune

October UCW Retreat ...details next newsletter
Burry heights

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Letter from Nora Sanders, General Council Secretary.

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New Moderator...

UCW Facts and Figures – spread throughout newsletter

On the lighter side...

Executive contact Information.

Since 1962 UCW's across Canada have donated more than \$120 Million to the Mission and Service Fund with donations of more than \$2 Million in 2008

Local Reports

Burin Area

Garnish:

The Garnish U.C.W. has had a very busy and successful year so far. Throughout the year, our members have and continue to participate in a variety of events and activities which are highlighted below.

On some occasions, we either held or attended events of fun, food and fellowship. On February 13th, the U.C.W. hosted an appreciation night for U.C.W. members and their spouses or friends that included a meal and various games and skits. On March 7th we attended a time of fun, food and fellowship at Fortune with the Fortune U.C.W. We hosted the U.C.W. rally for the Burin Peninsula at our church on May 2nd with approximately 100 ladies in attendance. We served cold plates for supper and concluded with a worship service and communion. A great time was had by all!

Our members were involved in a couple of church services. We held an Easter sunrise service at 6:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday that included special singing and readings pertaining to the Easter story which was followed by a breakfast prepared by the women. We attended the World Day of Prayer service at the Anglican Church in Garnish on March 6th where some of our members took part in the service. Three of our members have church services in the absence of our minister.

On a number of occasions, we provide outreach services to our members and the community. We visit some of our members who are shut-in and unable to attend our meetings as well as visiting members who are in the hospital. We cooked meals for two of our members who lost family members. We give sandwiches to families in the community who have lost loved ones. Our U.C.W. made donations to Burry Heights Camp, Mission and Service Fund, Chaplaincy Fund, Janeway, and the Stella Burry Foundation. We also give donations to the church in memory of deceased members.

Other events and activities include for our closing meeting for the summer, we had deep fried turkey

and salads followed by a night of fellowship. Two of our members attended the AGM in May in Carbonear. Some of our members volunteer at Jamieson Academy school breakfast program. During the Bakeapple Festival, we partnered with the Salvation Army Church in Garnish and prepared a Jiggs Dinner for 200 people. We also sponsored a craft fair and flea market during the week of the festival. In July, we had a yard sale and soup luncheon which was a very successful fundraiser. The money raised was used to purchase new choir gowns for our church which have arrived and will be worn with great pride. This was a big project for our U.C.W. to take on with such a small membership and we are very proud of our members for this accomplishment! The gowns were dedicated in the morning service on Oct. 4th.

Future events and activities we have planned are a gospel concert on Oct. 9th, a time of fun, food and fellowship with the Fortune U.C.W. on Oct. 28th, a breakfast, yard and bake sale on Oct. 31st, a No Bake sale on Nov. 22nd, loonie plates to be distributed to members of the congregation, and a quilting day in October.

Submitted By:
Gloria Myles
President, Garnish U.C.W.

Grand Bank

Another busy year. Here is a list of things we did in our UCW in the past year: held a Guest night – in hopes of new members, a Loonie Night – plates are returned and a hot meal served followed by a concert, Bake Sale and Afternoon tea, Held a worship service at Blue Crest Home, catered to 90th birthday celebration, little bags were made and passed to congregation as a summer project for donations, Held a pick-up cold plate supper, catered to retired teachers and entertainment, held a Fall Sale and afternoon tea, raised money for daffodil Place, Stella Burry Foundation, Blue Crest Home, Burry Heights and Chaplaincy Fund, had a Christmas dinner with drama worship.

Submitted by:
Mildred

There are approximately 50,000 UCW members across Canada.

Fortune:

Busy is what we do well. But we certainly enjoy our quieter times - there seems to be less "down time" than in days gone by.

We have very successful planned Fund Raisers with the proceeds going to the Board of Stewards; January - Congregational Financial Collection, April - Cold Plate Take Out, September - Soup Lunch with Bake & Rummage Sale and in December a Supper with sale.

We hosted a special Pot Luck Supper during the Summer Festival and will use those proceeds to purchase needed kitchen supplies.

We have supported all recommended areas from the Executive - Chaplaincy, Native Healing, Theology Student, Burry Heights, etc.

We support the Fellowship of the Least Coin in our monthly meetings and ask the congregation to support it once a year.

Our members participated in the World Day of Prayer, the Annual Rally in Garnish and the Fall Retreat. We made a special donation to Daffodil House in May.

We support community and youth events, our Sunday School activities, provide post-funeral lunches, visit the shut-ins, lead worship at the Blue Crest Seniors Home, and assist our minister when requested.

We hosted an Ecumenical Ladies Brunch in March and attended other such events. We have approximately 23 members - we have 4 members residing at the Blue Crest Senior Citizen's Home. We are privileged to have our current District President as one of our members.

One member received her Life Membership pin this year - Gloria Myles - East District Past President

Gloria Myles

Fortune

The organization of UCW parallels the courts of the United Church of Canada – local units, presbyterials or districts, conference and national UCW

Burin

Zion UCW, Burin have had a busy year. Although reduced in number we continue to do the usual things plus a few extra.

Our main fundraisers are our spring and fall Sales. We took part in the World Day of Prayer, and the annual Rally as well. We provided luncheons for families of deceased members of our congregation.

This summer, as part of our Come Home Year Celebrations in August, we provided a luncheon in our church basement.

We also raised money for world Vision to stock a medical clinic, and buy 2 goats for a needy family. We donated kettles to the Stella Burry Complex Apartments, as well as sending boxes of clothes, toilet items etc. To Emmanuel House.

We also remembered the sick and shut-ins with a visit, gift or card.

We quite often do the services in the absence of the minister. *Bev. Shave Burin UCW*

WinterLand

We have 22 members with an average of 14 members attending our meetings. We continue to meet on the first Monday night of the month. This year was another eventful year. We had a fall collection, a bake-less bake sale in April and a roast beef takeout dinner in May.

We catered to two functions: the annual Community Council Volunteer Dinner and the Winterland Heritage Dinner.

For our meeting in February we invited our seniors and we had a valentines party with a pot luck supper. We had gifts for our seniors and our members exchanged gifts. We played games and had a very enjoyable night.

Some of our members attended & participated in different events throughout the year: Visits to Seniors Homes, Visits to Seniors Homes in the community, attended World day of Prayer and our usual two week volunteer to Jamieson Breakfast Program. Seven of our members attended the rally in garnish in May. A very spiritual & enjoyable experience was reported by all.

*Submitted by: Annie Newport
UCW Secretary.*

Burin Bay Arm

Bethany UCW have an average attendance of 9 members. Although few in number we are united in our faith and do much to help in the work of our church. In March we held a Rock-A-Thon with a potluck supper. We held our Annual Spring Sale and made donations of kitchen appliances to Stella Burry Corporation and also donated to Daffodil Place and to the Diabetic Association to help them with their summer camp. We also gave money to the Board of Management to help with the upkeep of the church.

During the Burin Come Home Year Celebration in August we assisted the board of management in preparing and serving a Breakfast and a Meet and Greet Evening Dessert Buffet.

We are active with visitations and worship services as required in the community. We held our first meeting for the season on September 14th and we are presently making plans for our Fall Sale held on November 14th.

*Submitted by:
Bethany UCW*

Creston North

Through the year our group participated in a lot of activities such as: the Fellowship of Least Coin, a sock and mitten tree which was given to the Grace Sparks House,, gave gifts to the Happy Tree and did boxes for Operation Christmas Child

In November we held a luncheon at which time we had our sale of works, crafts and bake goods. In December Christmas Baskets were delivered to our seniors at the home in Myst and St Lawrence, as well as to shut-ins.

Everyone came along and decorated the church for Thanksgiving and Christmas. Enjoyed a great evening with Creston South for our Annual Christmas Party. We enjoy sharing secret pals for the year.

Some of our members attended the World Day of Prayer service that was hosted by the Salvation Army.

In April our group hosted a Fun and Fellowship night with Creston South. Each member invited a friend for the evening. Great Time! Everyone enjoyed the games and the food of course!

To end off the year our group enjoyed going out to Kelly's Fine Dining for a wonderful meal and fun time.

*Submitted by:
Creston North UCW*

Creston South U.C.W. Activities

At Creston South we're busy as bees,
But we're never too busy to go down on our knees.
And thank our Heavenly Father for what He has done.

For all of the blessings and all of the fun.
He's with us in sorrow, He's with us in joy,
His mercy and grace we can never deny.

As leaves are falling we cook and we bake,
And to the church hall our goodies we take.
Soup and dessert is the choice of the day,
There's standing room only and they all have to pay!!

December begins the month of Christ's Birth,
We gather our fruit baskets and visit with mirth
The seniors and shut ins on them we call,
But we're the ones most blessed of all.

For Emmanuel House and Naomi Centre we gather our gifts,
And on a tree in the sanctuary we collect scarves,
socks, hats and mitts.
We'll make someone's Christmas a little more merry,
But the blessings are ours so we never grow weary
Of serving our Master and this you can't beat,
Because in scripture He tells us we are to be His hands and His feet!

At our Christmas party there's lots of fellowship and fun.
With worship, skits and singing the night's just begun,
Because Santa arrives with gifts galore,
Our secret pals are revealed... surprises for sure!

Our pennies we collected, for the Least Coin.
Took part in the Rally at Garnish we're doing just fine!
Attended the A.G.M. of East Dist. U.C.W. in Carbonear,
Served on the Jamieson Breakfast Program the kids are so dear!

With some members of our congregation and our ladies we clean,

our church from top to bottom, 'till it's squeaky clean.
We visited the Retirement Center and Kinsmen's manor as well,
The friendships we've made no language can tell.
We hold worship and fun time and listen to their stories so true.
If you make time to visit they'll tell them to you!
Each on of them is precious (the seniors I mean.)
What makes them so precious? They've all been redeemed!

To top off our year we hosted A Spring tea and sale,
Gave all proceeds to Stella Burry Community Services,
The fellowship was swell!

So this is a summary of some of the things we have done.
We thank our Heavenly Father for making us one!!

Submitted by: Anne Smith

Little Bay East

This year has been pretty routine for our group so far with regular monthly meetings which usually see 10-12 members in attendance.

Our meetings always start with a devotion period followed by the business of paying bills and planning fundraisers. We include a Least Coin offering and prayer in every meeting. We like to dress "appropriately" if our meetings occur on or near a special holiday, and we have a bring and Buy" at each meeting. We always end with a special benediction and finish the evening with a light lunch.

Some of our activities for the year have included Valentine's Day party for all women of the town and surrounding area who wish to attend. Admission is by donation and games are played with small prizes and a buffet lunch is served. This is always an anticipated and well attended event. We had a Bake Sale at Easter, did a community collection for friends from a nearby community who lost their home and all the belongings in a fire, contributed to the local school and hospital fundraiser, completed work on the church bathroom and porch, served the meal at a wedding, donated a number of small appliances to the Stella Burry Corporation, and ended the first half of the year with a Bake sale and Flea Market.

We look forward to starting up in the fall and pray for another successful, blessed year of doing God's work in our church and community.

*Submitted by:
Cora Scott
UCW president*

Red Harbour

We had a busy year again this year. Here is a list of things we did in our UCW: We've had a Potluck Supper, Bake sale, Cold Plate takeout, Soup Supper and a Brunch. We held a Christmas party for Seniors in December with a cold plate supper, games and a sing along. We did a special Christmas service on December 21st with the children taking part. We also collected several boxes of household and personal care items for Stella Burry Foundation in St. John's. We also donated toasters kettles and coffee pots to Stella Burry Foundation.

*Submitted by:
Annie Barrett*

Bay Roberts Area Bay Roberts

Our group meets on the first Tuesday of each month except for June, July and August. There are 15 active members and 5 home members. Our meetings consist of worship, bible study and business. Activities during the year included: visiting the sick and shut-ins, providing food to family members of our congregation upon the death of a loved one, served tea after various church activities, sent birthday, get well, sympathy, anniversary and Christmas cards to present and past members of our congregation and also visiting the elderly with a gift basket during the Christmas season. We took part in the World day of Prayer service. We provided afghans as well as other personal and household items to Stella Burry Foundation. We contributed financially to Burry Heights summer camp, M&S Fund, radio bible Class, Christian Children's Fund, Coley's Point Primary breakfast Program, Bible of the month, Least Coin, Leprosy Fund, our Sunday School and of course we paid our assessments.

Each year we hold an annual Soup Supper and Hot Roast Beef Dinner & bake Sale.

We were saddened by the passing of Enid Kearly on September 18th,09, a Life Member of our group.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to family and friends.

After an enjoyable summer and a much needed brake our group has started meeting again, already planning a Hot Roast Beef Dinner on November 4th.
Submitted by: Bay Roberts UCW

Georgetown

We are a very small UCW with a total of 7 members, 6 of whom are active. One of our members is now residing in a senior citizen's home.

During this past year we held a "Bake-less Bake Sale" which was very successful. Our ability to fundraise or have socials is very limited because there is no facility in which to hold functions. We honoured six of our members with Life membership Pins. All of our members are now life members of the UCW. After special night services we served a lunch in our church. It is cramped but everyone enjoyed their "cup of tea" and time of fellowship.

The highlight of our year was a 90th Birthday Party for Allison Newell. All the UCW's on our Pastoral Charge as well as a couple of close friends were invited to come to Heritage House, Marysvale to share in a turkey dinner and birthday cake. At the party we had three UCW life members who had reached the milestone of 90 years, Wilhelmina Winsor, Cupids, Elsa Whelan, Brigus and Allison Newell, Georgetown. By October 2009 all these ladies will have reached their 91st birthday.

*Bertha Youden
UCW Secretary*

Brigus

We have a relatively small group of 16 members with approximately 10 active members. We have regular monthly meetings. For a small group of ladies, this year we have had an extremely busy one catering and fundraising: from cups of tea after special night services and funerals to suppers and weddings, Targa, the Blueberry Festival and even a "Dry Run Event" in anticipation of catering to a "royal visit".

We have made a special effort this year to honour our members with Life Membership Pins. Through much correspondence with General Council (UCW), we have gone where no other UCW group has. We had a Life Membership Pin presented to a family member on behalf of a deceased very faithful UCW member who died before receiving her pin.

The pin was then transferred to the daughter of the deceased member. We have a 93 year old Life Member living in a senior's home who gave her pin to her daughter-in-law and couldn't understand why she wasn't wearing the pin. With special permission from general Council (UCW) the pin was transferred to the daughter and now worn proudly by a very active UCW member. Three Life Membership Pins and four transfers have taken place to date. By year's end we will have another eight Life Membership Pins presented. All of our group will then have their pins.

Our Community friendship & Visiting Committee is very active in their outreach in our community. For special occasions all UCW Groups on this pastoral work together for the common good.

*Muriel Davis
President*

Cupids

Our group consisted of 20 members. Two of these ladies are over 80 and two are over 90. Starting in January of each year we begin our meetings with a potluck dinner. This has proven to be very successful. We usually have 10-15 members attend our meetings.

This year we honoured four of our members with a Life Membership Pin and we had one transfer. One lady who received a Life Membership was presented with her pin at the Pentecostal Home in Clarke's Beach where she is a resident. A number of our members plus our minister shared a cup of tea with her, her family and friends. We are currently in the process of seven more members receiving their pins in the near future.

Each year our members help the congregation fundraise with a bean and chilli takeout. For the past couple of years we have held an afternoon tea on Victoria day, which has turned out to be a huge success. Also our groups as served refreshments after special services or when we have a guest.

Each UCW member has a secret pal. Throughout the year we exchange greeting cards and we finish up the year at Christmas time exchanging gifts with our pal at our annual Christmas dinner party.

*Submitted by:
Cupids UCW*

Coley's Point

This year our church, Grace United, is celebrating its 100th anniversary. With this in mind we have taken part in several activities. Some highlights include the following:

Three Friendship Nights which took place during the winter, spring and autumn. These consisted of a supper and light entertainment. Our guests were women from other denominations. These gatherings proved to be a special time of fellowship and blessings.

During the Lenten Season we took part in a novel way of fundraising. Each person received a small cloth bag in which we put money according to the luxury items in our homes. For example \$0.10 for each TV. \$0.05 for each coat, etc. All the proceeds went to support the Guatemalan Mission.

We provided a luncheon for the East District executive in March.

We will sponsor an Appreciation Evening for UCW "helpers" on October 26th. These are all the people from our congregation who volunteer their time and talents whenever called upon for support.

Submitted by:
Coley's Point UCW

Clarke's Beach

Another successful Year! All of our meetings this year were held at the homes of various members to whom we are very grateful.

We were the host church this year for the World Day of Prayer service. The theme was God's Wisdom Provides new Understanding honouring the women of Guyana. It was a very informative and inspirational time.

Several members and ladies of our congregation attended a birthday party and potluck supper with the UCW of Cupids on April 1st. Everyone enjoyed a great evening of fun and fellowship.

On September 14th the UCW sponsored a very successful Memorial Hymn Sing. We are very appreciative of the assistance given to us by the Senior Choir, the Men's Fellowship Group and the Craft Group. We would like to thank the choir director, Marcia Brett, for assisting us with the hymn selection. Some of the funds were used to purchase pulpit and altar ware for Advent

We also presented four Voices United hymnbooks to the church this year in memory of departed members.

The UCW led the white gift service this year with the assistance of the Men's Fellowship Choir. Our thanks to the congregation for the gifts of food that were then given to The Helping Hand.

We ended the year with a potluck supper at the home of Ruby Russell. We hold our meetings on the third Wednesday of the month. New members welcome.

Submitted by:
Sylvia Thornhill,
Acting Secretary

Shearstown

Trinity United UCW has had a wonderful year. We meet on a monthly basis except for the summer. There are 13 members in our group and we feel that we like to emphasize on fellowship and service. Some of our activities during the year are visiting our shut-ins, the bereaved and our senior citizen homes. We enjoy sharing secret pals for the year.

2010 will mark the 100th anniversary of our church and we look forward to all events that will take place.

This year we had a Newfie Night where we decorated our church hall with many old Nfld antiques and we invited all the members of the congregation for an evening of food, fun and fellowship. Traditional Nfld cuisine was served right down to the jelly and custard for dessert. We did some skits, had some singing and some of the children performed. It was a wonderful success and we can't wait for the next one. Everyone went home with a full belly and a smile on their face.

During the summer we had a Flea market on three different Saturdays. It raised funds and gave us the opportunity to get together over the summer. We enjoyed it very much. A Fish and Brewis Takeout is scheduled for November 7th and a Bake Sale in December. Every year at our February meeting we have a Jiggs Dinner which all of our members look forward to. We have a great evening.

We try to hold two or three fundraisers a year to help support our church, the M&S fund, and other charities.

We fill in and do Sunday Services when called upon.

We thank God for blessing us.

*Submitted by:
Shearstown UCW*

Bonavista Area

Some locals are small in number and find great difficulty fund raising while other groups have been very busy. Funds were raised by catering to bus tours and organizations. There were hot suppers/dinners, cold plates, afternoon teas, craft and bake sales.

President Mervie Snook held a meeting in Clarendville where representatives from all nine locals were invited to attend keeping everyone up to date. She has also contacted each local by phone from time to time with the latest info.

We support Naomi and Emmanuel House, Burry Heights Camp, our Mission and Service Fund and The Chaplaincy Fund. The Least Coin is another important part of reaching out to women less fortunate. The United Church Women also conduct church services during the absence of the clergy. We did table favours for the National United Church Women Consultation at Burry Heights. We also purchased and donated Bake and Cookware sets for the Stella Burry Foundation.

Some of the ladies attend Rallies, The Annual General Meeting and Retreats. We visit sick and shut-ins in our communities and Nursing Homes and Hospitals. Fruit baskets, Sympathy, Thinking of You and Birthday cards are taken to sick and shut-ins.

We share in the World Day of Prayer Services with ladies from other denominations and each year we see more and more men join with us. A time of worship, fellowship, fun and oh yes, a lunch.

Bonavista catered to Handel Messiah, hosted the annual Christmas Stocking Party and were entertained by the Late Bloomers, held a Christmas Concert on Old Christmas Night, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny "Boomer and Baby Lily", Breakfast with Santa, catered to a dinner where proceeds went to the African Mission to build a school house,

participated in the Elementary School Breakfast Program, supported the Janeway Children's Hospital Foundation and Canadian Diabetes Association Camp Douwana, purchased an auditorium seat at the Garrick Theatre

Another busy, yet rewarding year. We give God thanks for the gifts

*May God Bless Us All.
Marie White,
Vice-President, Bonavista Area*

Sunnyside Area UCW Rally - Report

The theme, "Sharing Peace, Love and laughter" was certainly evident on April 18, 2009, when 67 ladies gathered at the Church in North West Brook. As usual, the responsibilities for the rally were divided up among the participating groups, with registration conducted by the Queen's Cove group, beginning at 5:00 pm.

There is never a shortage of delicious food at these events and the ladies from North West Brook did not disappoint, providing a wonderful Pot Luck Dinner and many delicious desserts. But we cannot forget the entertainment- our groups have no shortage of talent... and many of us will not be able to look at Five Roses Flour the same way again! The perfect way to start our time of fellowship! At 6:30 we started with the official welcome from our hosts, the North West Brook ladies. Sunnyside Area President, Lorraine Giles, extended her greetings, and followed with the United Church Women Purpose and theme song for the evening, "I Am Walking a Path of Peace".

The opening worship by Sunnyside UCW, "My Shepherd and The Sheep", was lead by Clarice Eddy, with a collaborative effort of assistance from Swift Current, North Harbour, Garden Cove, Come By Chance and Sunnyside. Thank you Ladies!

The group from St. Jones Within received the offering. Then Area Vice-President, Lillian Maye, completed the Roll Call and Memoriams. It was wonderful to have our District President, Jocelyn Cook, present to lead our sing along. Lorraine Giles gave an update on all activities in our area and extended a Thank you to the ladies for their support of her efforts. Also at this time Lorraine extended an invitation for ladies to consider the role of Vice-President. Current Vice-President, Lillian Maye, has resigned due to work commitments. At that time, Lorraine once again introduced, guest speaker, Jocelyn Cook, who led a time of sharing through word, music and song. This was Jocelyn's second rally that day and we were

delighted that she could make time in her busy schedule to join us that evening. Thank you Jocelyn!

Next we shared "Baskets of Love", followed by Courtesies offered by Hillview President, Ivy Price.

Then the group gathered in a circle for our closing worship in the form of a drama, titled "Women in God's Likeness", which was led by the ladies from Garden Cove. The "Baskets of Love" that were prepared by our President were then presented to our most senior participant, Mary Lilly Lockyer, from Garden Cove, and the youngest member, Nora Gill, from Hodge's Cove.

On behalf of everyone who was part of the evening in North West Brook, I extend a big THANK YOU to Lorraine for a lovely event and for all that you put into this rally and all events for our Area. We were truly blessed to be brought together in LOVE and LAUGHTER! We are lucky to have your leadership. We also need to extend our thanks to Lillian Maye for her contribution as Vice-President. We appreciate the work that was involved in this role and wish you God's Blessing. The host team from North West Brook deserves our sincere thanks for all their efforts in making our evening so memorable as well.

Good job everyone!
God Bless you all, as we share our Peace, our Love and our Laughter!

*Submitted by
Clarice Eddy
President
Sunnyside UCW*

Burin Peninsula Area Rally – Report

On May 2nd, 2009, a rally was held at the United Church in Garnish to which 94 ladies were present.

The theme of the Rally was "We are Called to Love and Serve Others", the theme hymn selected was "We are Pilgrims on a Journey". Rally opened with a big welcome from Gloria Myles, president of the UCW Garnish. We then said our purpose, followed by a roll call. Burin and Burin Bay Arm did the opening worship. Jocelyn brought greetings from East District. Grand Bank did a bible study followed by a sing along led by the Fortune Ladies and Epworth local did our prayer request time.

Gloria Myles from Fortune welcomed our guest speaker from Epworth charge, Rev. Mary Harris,

she did an inspiring meditation. We then took a supper break. Jocelyn led us in the grace and we all enjoyed a delicious cold plate followed by dessert.

During supper we had our literature display and after supper we returned to the church for a beautiful spiritual drama put off by Creston South and Creston North Ladies.

Garnish conducted the closing worship in which we had our communion service led by Rev. Mary Harris. The thank you and courtesies were done by Susan & Georgina.

*Submitted by:
Susan Senior
Area President*

Trinity South Report

All locals of Trinity South have started up again for the fall and are busy with fall and Thanksgiving activities. I have not yet met with the presidents this fall but we will be in contact and conversation after this meeting. We have not got a date for a rally but I am looking at late winter or early spring.

One great problem for Trinity South at this time is lack of an Area Vice President. When I meet with the presidents this will again be one of our main pieces of business.

Trinity South looks forward to having a busy and active year.

*Respectively Submitted:
Holly L. Smith
Area President*

Letter from Nora Sanders, General Council Secretary.

Dear Colleagues and Friends:

One of the best things about being at Five Oaks is sitting in the big gathering room upstairs, and looking out into the treetops. Today they have been blowing in the wind, sometimes quite wildly, and other times with just the slightest tremor. At times we have heard the rain pelting the leafy canopy, and then just a short time later, there have been birds singing from sunlit branches.

It's the time of changing seasons! We are still partly in summer, yet also experiencing the autumn.

In the church, it's a time for many meetings. This week the "staff leaders", senior staff from the general council office and from the conference offices, are getting together as we do each fall at this time. Because we have just been through the General Council, there is a lot to talk about as we reflect on the events and decisions of that week, and plan ahead for the coming triennium. It is good to hear the perspectives from the different places we sit in the country, and in the church structure..... and also good to hear conversations about the broader interests of our whole Church.

In the past month we have had some kind of meeting, some "first meeting of the triennium" each week. Last week was the orientation for the permanent committee members, followed by initial meetings of the committees themselves. It was a good time of getting to know one another, learning together, and preparing for the work ahead. "Good energy" is the caption that comes to mind.

In one of the meetings recently someone was talking about the need to "shed". I think the reference was to being willing to let go of things that we don't need any more, things that hold us back from grasping new things. Maybe also shedding attitudes or behaviours that prevent us from hearing or understanding others.

Sometimes metaphors send me into reflecting about the literal meanings of words. As I heard the talk about shedding, I couldn't help but think of what is pretty much a morning ritual at my house just now. The big dog, Violet, is shedding like crazy. She is shedding whether she likes it or not. There are clumps of hair all over the house, and she has odd bits hanging from her coat. I try to help the process along with the stripper brush. Violet doesn't enjoy it. When she seems me coming with the brush, she tries to hide under the kitchen table. She looks so much better when she lets me brush her, and I'm sure she must feel better too, but she does all she can to avoid the process. Doesn't she know what's good for her?

Well I guess I shouldn't be too literal.

Peace and blessings to each of you.

Nora

Don't say you don't have enough time. You have exactly the same number of hours per day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa, Leonardo DaVinci, Thomas Jefferson, and Albert Einstein.

The National UCW meets twice annually – In September when the conference presidents and presidents-elect gather and in February when the conference presidents meet at church house in Toronto.

The national UCW Alumni, comprised of past presidents, meets whenever there is a major UCW celebration and hopes to meet more frequently in the future.

UCW units were very large contributors to the "Beads of Hope" campaign and we are now working hard to raise funds for "United for Peace" by organizing events in their congregations, challenging others to do the same and selling dove-shaped cookies and olivewood pins.

Take Time for ten Things

Take time to work, for it is the price of success.
Take time to think, for it is the source of power.
Take time to play, for it is the secret of youth.
Take time to read. For it is the foundation of knowledge.
Take time to worship, for it is the highway of reverence and washes the dust of earth from your eyes.
Take time to help and enjoy friends, for this is the source of happiness.
Take time for love, for this is the one sacrament of life.
Take time to dream, for it hitches the soul to the stars.
Take time to laugh, for it is the singing that helps with life's load.
Take time to plan, for it is the secret of being able to have time for the first nine things.

*Submitted by Doreen Tibbo
Co-coordinator News to Use*

UCW Retreat: October 2009

An **awesome** weekend! 72 members registered and enjoyed a wonderful weekend of food, fun and fellowship. Bryce Hodder gave a presentation on "Making Right Relations" with the aboriginal peoples. A very moving and thought provoking story was shared about a native Labradorean and the residential schools.

Joyce Mackinnon, our National UCW President, was our Theme speaker for the event. She shared some wonderful stories about work being done in Africa. Our M&S Funds are work. Commented on how even across the world the UCW's share in a common concern: How to get new younger women involved? We are certainly not alone. A special activity that was shared and one which she would like the local UCW's to try at a meeting is provided here for you.

UCW Activity (prepared by Anne martin – small group Ministries):

Imagine the UCW as a person.

Now answer the following questions:

How old is she?

What does she look like? (Do this Q last - have a large sheet of paper available to draw her.)

What are her strengths?

What are her weaknesses?

What does she like to do?

What energizes her?

What saps her energy?

What gifts does she have to offer?

If you could give her one piece of advice, what would it be?

What could you say about the person you have described?

Is there anything she needs to let go of to have a fuller life, to let her use her gifts and act more freely for the power of God's spirit?

Who would that effect?

What biblical image or story describes your understanding of this person?

What hymn reflects her?

What is her name?

What a wonderful weekend. Fun Time!- What can I say, so many brave and talented women. I'll never think of cows the same way again (Those of you that were there will know what I mean). The late evening of sharing of stories and jokes long after the lights go out, times to be cherished.

If you were unable to attend this retreat try having a special little fundraiser to help cover the cost and encourage all your members to attend this great rejuvenating event. Wouldn't it be wonderful if space became a problem?

Take care and may God Bless each UCW member in the year ahead.

Submitted by

Doreen Tibbo

Co –coordinator of News to Use

Reminder:

Submissions for the UCW book to be published for the 50th Anniversary may be sent to Pat Edmonds, patedmonds@sympatico.ca or 22 Herrell Ave. Barrie, On L4N 6T5.

Memories. Poems. Stories, songs or testimonials about what UCW has meant personally or to the church are all welcome.



Moderator

Mardi Tindal, 40th Moderator

The United Church of Canada's 40th Moderator is Mardi Tindal of Brantford, Ontario.

Profile

Mardi Tindal believes God is calling the church to engage in "a covenant for healing to reconcile soul, community and creation" during her three-year term as Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

"We are in a church and world of many broken relationships" she says. "Healing begins with deep listening." ...

Read more at... www.united-church.ca/organization/moderator/tindal

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General Council – UCW Vesper Service

Prepared by: Pat Edmonds, Toronto Conference

Opening Hymn: MV 14 “Where Two or Three are Gathered”

Call to Worship – adapted from psalm 129

One: Oh Lord you have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.

All: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

One: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

All: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! I try to count them – they are like sand.

One: Let us worship God!

Opening prayer – (unison)

Creator God, in this time of worship, enter our hearts, guide our thoughts and show us your way. As the potter turns the clay, turn our lives around. From us in your image. Stretch our hearts and hands to enable us to reach out too all in need. Mold us into people eager to serve. Like the potter shapes the clay, renew us and turn us into vessels of your love. Loving and creative god, make us the people you want us to be and help us follow on a path of Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Scripture: Isaiah 64: 4-9 or Jeremiah 18: 1-8
(The theme scripture of GC)

Message

A well known insurance company would have us believe we “are in good hand” with them. Yet the prophet Isaiah tells us we are “clay in the potter’s hands. The image of the potter and the clay is a powerful one. It portrays God as the artist and us the art. Although the artist has an intimate relationship with his art, there are times in every artist’s life when what he or she is hoping to create just doesn’t work out. Often it is necessary to scrap the project and start over. But likely there are also times when the imperfections in a piece are the very thing that makes it unique and beautiful. The artist lives his art, knowing each brush stroke or every nuance of clay molded carefully with imagination and skill. Only the artist knows what was an “unanticipated” mistake and what was true inspiration. God the artist creates us lovingly, knowing that the goal is not perfection, but rather

that the real beauty in each of us emerges from those divine secrets known only to the artist. God is the potter not the Puppeteer. God forms us but that doesn’t mean God pulls the strings. God always gives us humankind a choice. When we fail to choose wisely or refuse to walk in God’s way. God is always there, willing to reshape, remake and renew us. God always forgives and provides an opportunity for us to change. Like a potter at the wheel god created every part of us and like the potter God keeps his hands upon us, reshaping us as seems good. In love, God turns the bits and pieces of unwanted clay from us and shapes us into something beautiful and useful. As the potter adds the water to the clay to make it pliable, so god breathes new life into us so he can transform our lives. As the clay vessel is “fired” in the hot kiln, so we are made stronger by the trials and temptations of daily life. When things don’t go smoothly – perhaps a health issue or unemployment or a discontented family member leaves home – where do you turn? Some burdens are too personal to share with our family and friends. Then we fall back on God. We rant and rave, going through the motions of living while all the time we are dying inside. This is the time we go down to the Potter’s house. There is nothing left in us. We are no more than a lump of clay. God can take us at this stage, remake us, restore our belief and help us see ourselves in a new light. Worldly things lose their attraction. Simple things take on a new beauty. We are reborn, renewed, restored. We become a beautiful, useful vessel. God is often more ready to help us than we are to ask for help. We must learn to go down to the Potter in our time of need. Then we can emerge more beautiful than before, as we allow ourselves to be shaped and reshaped by the Potter’s hands.

Hymn – MV 161 “I Have Called You by Your Name”

Closing – Jean’s Poem

Steady, steady, turns the wheel
Responding to the potter’s feel.
Not a wobble left or right
The ball of clay remains quite tight.
A quiet rhythm the potter keeps
In quietness the clay ball sleeps.
Until the potter wets her hands
Aware of rhythm, speed and plans.

The potter sees in the lump of clay
A vase, a bowl, her hands just play.
They coax an edge that will slowly rise

What it will be is no surprise.
The potter senses, her hands feel,
The clay responds to speed of wheel.

Up, up it rises to desired height,
Oh, no, a bubble breaks into sight,
Am I the master the potter quips
And turns the wheel with a tighter grip.
And vows the vase to be the best.
She adjusts the speed, ignores the rest.
Moisture, clay, they're all just right,
This clay must surely stand the height.

It should respond to the master's plans
An rise with rhythm of wheel and hands.
The potter gives the wheel a spin
But the weakness is hidden deep within.
Not perfect! There's an inner flaw
Not even the one the potter saw.
The vessel crumbles, it's once more clay
A lump of matter, so it will stay.

It has lost its sprit, so for today
It's just a pile of unwieldy clay.
The potter pops it in a pail
She knows the clay's form will prevail.
The potter cannot have her way.
Without the master it remains just clay.
The potter feels she has lost her touch.
She mumbles and frets and says as much.
How can mere clay so stubborn be?
I'm the creator; it must obey me.

But then the potter thinks of God
The freedom of living that is allowed.
The patient potter pulls away
She'll leave creation another day.

Benediction

Go down to the Potter; his tender touch Can mold,
can heal, can change so much.

Closing Hymn – MV 85 “take, O Take Me As I Am”

*Note: If More Voices is not available the following from Voices
United might be used instead: 391, 376, 598*

**Don't say you don't have enough time. You
have exactly the same number of hours per
day that were given to Helen Keller, Louis
Pasteur, Michelangelo, Mother Teresa,
Leonardo DaVinci, Thomas Jefferson, and
Albert Einstein**

Morning prayer

Father God, Thou knowest well
The prayer within my heart,
Thank you for the chance to see
Another day to start

Touch me, Lord, with thy sweet grace
As here I humbly pray,
Keep my loved ones in thy sight
Today and every day.

Guide my mind, my hand, my heart
In everything I do,
Grant me strength to live each day
As You would have me to.

Ask of me what Thou wouldst ask,
I'll try for all I'm worth
To do the things that you expect
With my time here on earth

And when this day is over
Lord bless us that we may
Live within Thy tender care
Tomorrow as today
Thank you Father
Amen

Beatitudes for friends of the aged

Blessed are they who understand my faltering step
and palsied hand.
Blessed are they who know my ears today must
strain to catch the things they say.
Blessed are they who seem to know my eyes are
dim and my wits are slow.
Blessed are they who looked away when coffee
was spilled on the table today.
Blessed are they with cheery smile who stop to
chat for a little while.
Blessed are they who never say, “You've that story
twice today.”
Blessed are they who know the ways to bring back
memories of yesterday.
Blessed are they who make it known I'm loved and
respected and not alone.
Blessed are they who eased the days on my way
home in living ways.

Anonymous

**Something to think about –
“We can complain that the rosebush has
thorns; or we can rejoice that the
thornbush has roses!” Abraham Lincoln**

Recipes:

Irene's Spiced Crabapples

4 lbs (aprox 50 small) apples
8 sticks of cinnamon
10 cups white sugar
4 cups white vinegar
4 cups water
Whole cloves
¼ cup whole allspice

Method:

Tie cinnamon sticks and allspice in cheese cloth.
Leave stems on apples, cut out blossom end and stick with whole clove.

In a large pan combine all ingredients. (except apples) bring to a boil.

Cut a thin band around each apple to prevent cracking.

Add crabapples one layer at a time, simmer for about 20 minutes or until tender.

Pack apples in sterilized bottles, bring syrup to a boil, pour over apples, then seal.

Excellent with pork or as a side vegetable.

Submitted by Clarke's beach UCW

Bible cake:

½ cup	_____	Judges 5:25
3	_____	Isaiah 10:14
2 tsp	_____	Luke 13:21
½ tsp	_____	Leviticus 2:13
1 tbsp	_____	Proverbs 24:13
1 cup	_____	1 samuel 30:12
1 cup	_____	1 Samuel 30:12
1 ½ cups	_____	Jeremiah 6:20
2 cups	_____	1 Kings 4:22
¼ tsp	_____	1 kings 10:10
½ cup	_____	Genesis 43:11
½ cup	_____	Genesis 43:11

Blend butter, sugar, spices and salt. Beat egg yolks and add. Sift in baking powder and flour; add with water and honey. Put fruit and nuts through food chopper and flour well. Add to mixture. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake one hour in 375 degree oven.

Submitted by:

Susan Senior, Burin Area

Pattern



Note: the homespun slippers shrink faster and tighter than the (Noro slippers) Homespun 4 st & 5 rows = 1 inch Noro Kureyon 3.5 st & 4.47 rows = 1 inch Finished measurements: Pre fulling: 11.5 inches long from toe to heel Post fulling 7.5 inches long from toe to heel

Cast on 48 st. divide among 3 needles Join, being careful not to twist work.

Knit 4 rounds

Heel

Divide sts in half Place 24 st on one needle, and 12 on the other two. Work the needle with the 24 stitches in a slip stitch.

R 1: sl 1 p 23

R 2: *sl 1 k1* Repeat till end

work R 1&2 for 12 rows

Turn Heel

Row 1: Sl 1, P12, P2 tog, P1. Turn.

Row 2: Sl 1, K4, K2 tog, K1. Turn.

Row 3: Sl 1, P to one stitch before the turn, P2 tog, P1. Turn.

Row 4: Sl 1, K to one stitch before the turn, K2 tog, K1. Turn.

Repeat rows 3 and 4 until there are no more stitches to be worked. There should be 14 stitches on the needle.

Gusset

Purl & Knit 12 st

Knit 24 across the top

Purl & knit 12

Place 7 of the heel st on right needle and 7 on the left.

Mark this as the beginning of round.

Needle 1 - 19 sts

Needle 2 (top of foot) 24 sts

Needle 3 - 19 sts

Knit to 3 sts of the end of needle 1, K2tog, k1

Knit over needle 2

Needle 3, K1, S1, K1, PSSO

Decrease in this manner every other row for 14 rounds or until 48 st remain.

(12 right needle, 24 middle 12 left)

Foot

Continue working in the round for apx. 8 inches

Note: A good rule of thumb for felted (fulled) work, is the object will shrink 1/3 in size.

Decreases worked out to be 3 inches, which conveniently happens to be 1/3 your total foot size. Therefore, you work the slipper until it reached the top of your toes.

Submitted by Marie White, Bonivista

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