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THE LAST TIME

From the moment you hold your baby in your arms,
You will never be the same.
You might long for the person you were before,
When you had freedom and time,
And nothing in particular to worry about.
You will know tiredness like you never knew it before,
And days will run into days that are exactly the same,
Full of feedings and burping,
Nappy changes and crying,
Whining and fighting,
Naps or a lack of naps,
It might seem like a never-ending cycle.
But don't forget...
There is a last time for everything.
There will come a time when you will feed
Your baby for the very last time.
They will fall asleep on you after a long day
And it will be the last time you ever hold your sleeping child.
One day you will carry them on your hip and set them down,
And never pick them up that way again.
You will scrub their hair in the bath one night
And from that day on they will want to bathe alone.
They will hold your hand to cross the road,
Then never reach for it again.
They will creep into your room at midnight for cuddles,
And it will be the last night you will ever wake to this.
One afternoon you will sing "the wheels on the bus"
And do all the actions,
Then never sing them that song again.
They will kiss you goodbye at the school gate,
The next day they will ask to walk to the gate alone.
You will read a final bedtime story and wipe your last dirty face.
They will run to you with arms raised for the very last time.
The thing is, you won't even know it's the last time.
Until there are no more times.
And even then, it will take you a while to realize.
So while you are living in these times,
Remember there are only so many of them
And when they are gone, you will yearn for just one more of them,
For the last time. — Author Unknown



Jean Smith Photo

Happy November "Spread" readers:

There has not been a lot of input for this issue of "Spread the News", so I'm just going to make the best of it, filling with an offering that surfaced on Facebook this week. It touched me, and I think it will touch you as you read "The Last Time". Intended for young parents perhaps, but this writing got me thinking about how true it was then—when I was a young mother—and true now for us of a more senior-age, too, perhaps in a different way. (Assuming most who read this e-zine, is near-to, just moving into, or well there in senior years).

Some changes and 'last times' are well defined—the date, the time, the exact details — all intact in memory and perhaps in written records; other 'last times' are more subtle... "you won't even know its the last time, until there are no more times."

Only a few years past, it was a given. Saturday night, our friends would come, or we would go to them to play our games of dominoes. Then, came the night we watched as she took too long to make a move, as she made mistakes, as she showed no will to win and it was always her way to play—competitively and with good sportsmanship—and we watched as she left the game table saying 'finish without me'. It was the last time we played dominoes with our good friend... "and when they are gone, you will yearn for just one more of them for the last time." So perhaps the message is we need to really cherish what we have.

The swing in the photo above called me many times this past summer to 'come sit a spell'. Now covered with the first snow of the season, it may be a while until I'm back there again, and I can't even remember that last time I was there waiting, watching, swinging, thinking and swatting at mosquitoes. — Jean Smith

NEWS FROM SALISBURY

Greetings from Salisbury! This past month has been exiting for our Church. We had a great bazaar on November 5th and on the 13th held an awesome evening of "Song and Praise" with many very talented local people, and one from Nova Scotia.

At the close of the music, Rev. Sim Rushton, brought our retired minister, Rev. Danny Compton to the stage and with the blessings of the Salisbury Pastoral Charge and the huge gathering of friends from the Village of Salisbury and surrounding areas, bestowed the honorary title of Minister Emeritus to Danny.

After his retirement in 2013, he and wife, Debbie purchased a house in the Village. We are so fortunate to now have both Danny and Sim in our charge.

We will have our Christmas meeting at the home of our president, December 7th and on the 14th will lead a "Carol Sing" around the Village of Salisbury.

— Janet Colpitts

MOVIE NIGHT AT CENTRAL

Central United Church, Partner in The Community Peace Centre, 22 Church St., Moncton will be hosting a movie night on November 20th in the Community Peace Centre Forum at 7:00 with the movie *Still Mine*. Snacks and drinks will be provided, and there is no charge. Plan to attend and bring a friend.

Still Mine is based on a true story. Filmed in New Brunswick and Ontario. Director Michael McGowan and many of the cast members are Canadian.

Craig Morrison (James Cromwell), a farmer in rural St. Martins, New Brunswick, is used to doing things for himself. Somewhat cantankerous and stubborn, with the help of his wife, Irene (Geneviève Bujold), he's managed to keep his farm going using traditional methods despite the domination of industrial agriculture in the marketplace. When Irene's health begins to fail, Craig, a skilled carpenter, realizes he has to build a new home for them to live in, to make it easier for her to get around. But when a government inspector makes it his personal mission to halt construction on the new house, Craig has to fight for his right to build their final home.

A LETTER FROM CAMP

Hello fellow UCW ladies, it was a delightful day in Port Elgin on November 8th. Your Camp Ta-Wa-Si Board of directors held a brainstorming day at the United Church manse with Lynne Wells, our Chairperson, leading our meeting and Camp Board member Wayne Jarvis, DLM, cooking and serving our delicious lunch.

We will have a lot of exciting news to pass on in the coming months as we go forth with plans for celebrating our 75th anniversary of our beautiful Camp Ta-Wa-Si. We are pleased to announce that Kourtney Logan has accepted the position of Camp Director for the camping year of 2015. Dr. Allison Russell and Daniel Bernardi have been welcomed to your Camp Board of Directors with Allison taking the lead in promoting our 75th anniversary celebrations. Daniel is the talented webmaster of our Face book page and Camp Web Site. More to follow as the New Year approaches.

—Your UCW Presbyterial Camp representative, Lois Budd



CAMP BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 8 PORT ELGIN

Lois Budd Photos

ADVENT CANDLELIGHT SERVICE...

Plan now and mark your calendar for the 40th Annual Candlelight and Communion Service at Mount Royal United Church Moncton, 106 Mount Royal Blvd., Moncton on Wednesday, December 3. Carol sing begins at 7 pm.

Special guest speaker is the Rev. Janice MacLean, Christian Nurture & Enrichment Minister from Maritime Conference. Her theme message is "The Visit" and she will lead in Advent Worship as we celebrate our 40th, going forward with "Faith for Tomorrow".

All are welcome to attend, please bring a non-perishable food item as your offering and plan to stay for a time of fellowship after the service. — Ellen Close

A WORD FROM FRIENDSHIP...

Timmy Howatt has one UCW 50th anniversary pins left in her stock. If anyone is interested in owning this, please contact her at 902-667-7478 or email timmyhowatt@eastlink.ca

Timmy believes the turkey dinner at Trinity-St. Stephen's on November 9, warrants a mention. We prepared for 500 guests, and fell short of that number by a few. Timmy commented this one was the 'best ever'. With a lot of work by many UCW and other church folk, and a great deal of worry by a few who headed it up, we named it another successful event.

Another success story, worth mentioning, Timmy stated is our year-round Thursday Games Afternoon, The Open Circle, asking that the message carry with it the hopes that other churches would try something similar to this, as it proved to be a wonderful time of fellowship. "I really think that for a lot of people it has become a time of joy, laughter and friendship!" Timmy noted.

COVENANTING SERVICE...

During a wonderful service on Thursday evening past at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church in Amherst, Rev. Nigel Weaver was covenanted for ministry with the congregation there and with Chignecto Presbytery. We heard the vows of the intentional interim ministry transition team and the church staff also, so we are well on our way now, continuing in this new journey as a congregation. The service was directed by Arthur Buck, Past President of the Presbytery, and the reflection message was brought to us by the Rev. Lynda MacCulloch, who was recently covenanted with the Cumberland Pastoral Charge. Several from Nigel's previous PEI charge were in attendance, as well as special visitors from Presbytery and Nigel's wife, the Rev. Jean Ward. — Jean Smith

BETHLEHEM MARKET...

If you have never visited at the Bethlehem Market in Amherst, you have an opportunity this Saturday, November 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. when it will be happening at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church, corner of Ratchford and Havelock. There will be many booths to browse through, a book display from UCRD, the UCW will be offering a bake table, as well as an accessory shop...The Shining Star Bakery and Deborah's Deals. And, there will be a turkey soup and biscuit luncheon to finish your shopping venture. Don't miss it. — Jean Smith

PICTURES TO SHARE...

Not all of the retreaters to Camp Ta Wa Si on Sept. 20 had the opportunity to witness the beautiful sunrise that Saturday morning at Johnston's Point. As far as I know, it was only two — our Camp Rep Lois Budd and myself. I hope you enjoy looking at these two photos taken early morning from the outside worship site, showing (if you look closely) the Bridge heading to PEI in the distance (and I understand it is visible from there only if the light is right). The other photo shows the orange/red morning sky reflected on the rocky cliff below the wooden cross. — Jean Smith



Jean Smith Photos