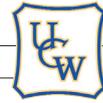




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2017 Annual Meeting for Chignecto Presbyterial to be held in Amherst

Coming out of the October 28 business meeting of UCWs in Chignecto held at Visions United Church, Stilesville NB, are many good ideas to be put in place for the annual meeting that will happen at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church in Amherst on Saturday, March 25, 2017 or on the storm date set for April 1.

This coming 2017 Annual Meeting will be the 50th AGM of Chignecto Presbyterial. We are a few years behind many of our sister Presbyterial groups who will be gathering next spring for the 55th time for annual meetings. And that is easily explained. It is because it wasn't until five years into UCW that Chignecto Presbyterial came into being with the coming together of Cumberland and Moncton Presbyteries.

So between now and the beginning of Spring of 2017 there is work to be done.

First, mark the date on your calendar and reserve it. Presbyterial has never changed its policy on the number of delegates that are to be sent to the annual meeting. Each UCW unit/group is entitled to send four voting delegates, and also present should be our UCW presidents and group leaders, representation from our associate groups, and all others who are interested in the work of UCW are welcome to be there. It has been said that "UCW is the backbone of the church", and as the annual meeting is a good showcase of the work of UCW, it is an excellent time for our churches' ministry personnel to be present if they would like to be. Know you are welcome too, for a drop-in visit if time doesn't permit a longer stay.

The theme of this year's Annual Meeting is Crafts for Caring. This was the suggestion of Presbyterial Chair Judy Jonah and it was accepted with enthusiasm at the Stilesville meeting. Rather than having a guest speaker, program time will be spent at display tables of crafts, watching demonstrations, sharing patterns. The groups are asked to come prepared to share information on the crafts they make for UCW outreach and fundraising.

A noon luncheon will be provided by the host church UCW at a cost of \$8.00.

— *Jean Smith, cjsmith@eastlink.ca*

THERE ARE VACANCIES COMING UP IN PRESBYTERIAL EXECUTIVE SLATE OF OFFICERS

From the Chair of Nomination's report to the presbyterial executive, most of the same officers will be returning, however there are a few spots to be filled to make the slate complete when she presents her report at the annual meeting.

She is looking for a Vice-Chair to follow Jean Marshall, who will be taking Chair. An Area Four Contact Person is needed. Area Four is the UCWs in Cumberland County that are in the Chignecto region. And the Newsletter Editor and Newsletter Treasurer offices will be empty.

If you would like to volunteer to serve the presbyterial in these positions or are interested in nominating or suggesting someone to serve, please contact Carolyn Hansen at 506-383-8812.

CHIGNECTO UCWS INITIATE NEW PROJECT

When we gathered at Camp Ta Wa Si for retreat in September, some among us took note that although the washroom facility in the Meeting House served us, it did not do that well. There is a time for everything under the heavens, and the time is now to do some upgrades to the washroom there.

The Presbyterial is beginning its fundraising to cover the cost of renovations and necessary replacement fixtures. Although we have no estimate of the cost of installing and renovating, the project has been voted a go.

The preliminary planning included an assessable doorway, high-rise toilet, railings, new sink and new flooring. Perhaps the renovations will need to be done bit by bit, but there was much enthusiasm shown for the proposal.

The offering received and the returns that come in from The New To You items for sale at the annual meeting have all been designated to go to this special fund. The UCW groups will be encouraged to consider this with special fundraising events or donations. And of course we need to hear from the plumbers and carpenters in Chignecto who are anxious for a new and very worthwhile project at camp.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS FOR THE WINTER ISSUE OF NOW EVENTS WE SHARE is set at the first week in the new year. Remember the 40th Year Anniversary of N.E.W.S. and for this coming issue the special section will look at UCW in the 1990s. Send pictures and stories of this decade to include in this special section.

N.E.W.S. LOOKING FOR NEW EDITOR/PRODUCER

Chignecto Presbyterial's printed quarterly newsletter "Now Events We Share" is now in its 40th year of production. As the current editor of N.E.W.S., I am realizing it is time—time to hand over its production to someone else. I am now into my 15th year of being its editor and it feels like it is time for the newsletter to get a fresh look under new management. The search is on for that person, and that person or team is out there among us somewhere. Someone with enthusiasm for the printed word and how it comes together to share our thoughts, sometimes in mystical and magical language. If you have an interest in this offer, please let it be known, by contacting our nomination officer Carolyn Hansen, 506-383-8812; Chair Judy Jonah 902-661-0492; or email cjsmith@eastlink.ca.

Even in this age of dwindling interest in newsprinted papers, there is still continuing support for N.E.W.S. with printed subscriptions number 200 and another 80 subscribers receiving it electronically.

Without Jean Miller's help as treasurer of the newsletter, the remaining funds in the N.E.W.S. bank account at Amherst will be transferred to the Presbyterial's General bank account held at the Credit Union in Riverview, NB, following the Annual Meeting until the fate of the newsletter is decided.

I explained to the presbyterial executive that following the Annual Meeting I will no longer be responsible for the banking and cheque writing, collecting subscriptions, looking after the renewal list, picking up the product from the printers, labeling, mailing and distributing. As the printed copy of the newsletter is important to many in the presbytery, it is my hope that someone will take responsibility for at least this part of the newsletter's tasks. The page building is the easier part of producing a newsletter, and if the best solution for its continuing on past its 40th year is not found in a new editor with a fresh approach then I will consider to continue producing issues and sending them electronically, with the probability of Now Events We Share becoming integrated with this monthly Share the News at sometime in the future.

— Jean Smith cjsmith@eastlink.ca



MOVIE NIGHT

The Affirming Committee of Central United Church presents the Movie Concussion, a drama, starring Will Smith in The Community Peace Centre Forum, 22 Church St. Thursday, November 17 at 7 PM. Movie and snacks are free of charge. Come and bring a friend. For more information please go to centralunitedmoncton.com

QUILTING

Do you have a quilt top that you wish to have quilted? Central Hand Quilters of Central United Church in Moncton can make that wish come true. Please call Linda Hodgson at 506-532-5769 for more information.

UCW CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

At Hillsborough United Church, Saturday, November 19th from 11am-2pm. There will be a Bake Table, pickles, jellies and jams, Christmas Gift Baskets and Silent Auction. Enjoy a delicious lunch: Chili or Turkey Soup, rolls, a yummy dessert and beverage will be available for the cost of \$10.00.

HARVEST BAKE & CRAFT SALE

Saturday, Nov 19, 9AM-1PM at Trinity United Church, Old Coach Road, Riverview NB. Enjoy a \$7.00 lunch of soup & roll, tea & coffee. There will be baking, books, preserves and crafts for sale.

BETHLEHEM MARKET

Saturday, Nov 19, 9AM-11:30 PM at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church, 1 Ratchford Street, Amherst NS. Get in the Christmas spirit and enjoy different tables filled with Christmas decorations, crafts, the Shining Star Bakery, silent auction (bidding until 11:00am. Dress in costume and have your picture taken in the Nativity Scene and don't forget to stop in to Martha's Inn Cafe for hot turkey soup, biscuit, tea/coffee and cookies. Everyone is welcome!



**42ND ANNUAL UCW
CANDLELIGHT
COMMUNION SERVICE**

at Mount Royal United Church
106 Mount Royal Blvd., Moncton, NB
Wednesday, December 7 at 7:00 pm
(Alternate date is December 14)

WORSHIP LEADER:
The Rev. Dr. Beverly Daley
THEME: "Shine"

All are welcome as we begin the advent season by worshipping together.

MEN IN BLACK PERFORMANCE

Greetings from Salisbury! I want to remind everyone of the musical concert at Salisbury United on Friday, the 18th of November with Becky and "The Men in Black" at 7:00 PM. There will be a freewill offering and small lunch to follow. Hope to see you there. The first Sunday in December will be our White Gift Sunday with gifts again going to The Helping Hands Caring Centre in Salisbury. Take care. Janet

MUSIC AT TRINITY

Rachel MacLean, a well-known singer who has toured throughout the Maritimes, will perform on Monday, November 28th at 7:30 pm at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church in Amherst, NS. Accompanying Rachel on the piano will be talented and versatile guitarist, James Logan. Rachel's Christmas program includes traditional religious and secular favourites, as well as contemporary and original music. Join us on November 28th as we usher in Advent 2016 with Rachel and James! Tickets for this concert are \$20 for adults; \$5 for students.

CONDOLENCES TO FAMILY & FRIENDS...

- of Della Greeno, UCW Life Member, Lorneville United Church, whose death occurred in Amherst on November 14.
- of Kristine Dawson, who passed away on October 30, a former Lower Coverdale UCW member.
- of Hazel Steeves, member of Sackville NB UCW, who passed away October 22 in Windsor, NS.



*THE OBSERVER'S BOARD
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The Observer is the oldest continuously published magazine in North America.

You ask, my goodness when did it start? 1829 which also makes it the second oldest in the English speaking world! For the last three years it has been voted the 'best denominational' magazine in North America.

The editor David Wilson is celebrating 30 years of dedicated work to challenging our readers.

The articles are meant to keep us current and well informed on the national and global topics that build our knowledge and attitudes. How can we best serve humanity? The content shapes our conversations and influences attitudes.

I have completed my first year of a three-year term on the board; it is a joy-filled and interesting experience! — Pam Harrison

*"EVERY
PURCHASE IS
A GIFT TO
THE WORLD!"*



St. Paul's United Church is hosting a sale of beautiful, fairly-traded gifts benefiting artisans from more than 30 Developing countries. Ten Thousand Villages is a project of Mennonite Central Committee, the outreach arm of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches in North America. The Festival Sale will be held Thursday, November 24th, from 6:00 PM to 9:00PM, Friday, November 25th from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Saturday, November 26th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at St. Paul's United Church, 404 Cleveland Ave., Riverview. Admission is free. The gifts you buy at the Ten Thousand Villages Sales will give the blessings of steady work, fair wages, and a better life for struggling families around the world. Your purchase makes a difference!

*Happy 50th Anniversary
Fred and Ruth!*



Friends and family of Ruth and Fred Gamble gathered on Nov. 12 at Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church in Amherst to celebrate with them on their 50th wedding anniversary. Many best wishes on this special occasion to this couple, who are a blessing in so many ways in the Chignecto regions of the United Church of Canada.

CHEMO CAPS FOR THE MEMORIAL TREE

A decision that formulated at the Chignecto Presbyterial Meeting in Stilesville October 28 was the presentation of chemo caps at the annual meeting's memorial service.

When the names of our deceased members who passed in 2016 are called at the annual meeting in March, these caps, made by UCW members, will be brought forward and placed on the "Remembering Tree". After the service they will go to the area hospitals and auxiliary shops where they will be available for anyone who is going through chemotherapy and would like one.

A picture of a sample cap and pattern is printed here. You might find it useful if you do not have a pattern. This one comes from The Chilly Dog website, with this advice: "The Stitched with Love Chemo Cap is a beautiful and easy way to show someone you care. Choosing the yarn for such a special knit hat is very important because skin can become quite sensitive and tender during treatment. It is best to avoid wool or anything that feels like it could possibly be irritating. Knitting for charity is a great use of your time and talent and this free knitting pattern will work up quickly. The swirls on top of this hat give it an extra special touch."



16 inch circular knitting needles 26 sts or 32 rows = 4 inches	Rnd 3: [K2tog but do not slip off left-hand needle, insert right needle between these two sts and k the first stitch again slipping both sts off the left needle together, p2] around.	Rnd 10 & 12: [K1, p2, k3] around.
Abbreviations	Repeat Rnd 1-4 until piece measures 1 ¼ inches from cast on edge.	Repeat Rnds 6-13 until piece measures 5 ½ inches from cast on edge or two inches less than desired hat height.
CO - cast on	Rnd 5: [K9, k2tog] around. (120 sts remain)	On last rnd, place a marker every 20 sts.
k - knit	Rnd 6 & 8: [K4, p2] around.	[K to 2 sts before the next marker, k2tog] repeat until 6 sts remain.
k2tog - knit two stitches together	Rnd 7, 9, 11, 13: K all sts.	Break yarn and use a yarn or tapestry needle to draw yarn through all 6 remaining sts to fasten off.
p - purl		
Directions		
CO 132.		
Rnd 1, 2, 4: [K2, p2] around.		

ADVENT RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT THE PRAYER BENCH & A CHRISTMAS GIFT

The Advent Exclamations, a personal email retreat over the four weeks of Advent, that the Prayer Bench describes will "recollect four stories. They are familiar. They may have happened long ago and far away but they have soul deepening power. They evoke our memory and illuminate our heart with astonishing freshness. And that's amazing!" These retreats by email are opportunities to create a small space in the busyness of Advent. You can order your retreats at prayerbench.ca or email Janice MacLean <jaml@nbnet.nb.ca>

There is also an Advent Small Group Study resource based on the Isaiah readings. This four session resource is based on the lectionary readings in the Advent Revised Common Lectionary The Prayer Bench describes the study this way: "The mystics say that the

root longing of our soul is for God. In this season of Advent, we listen to the poems written in Isaiah as words for our souls and as guidance for our congregations or small groups. We prepare for the One who is always coming into the world."

And the gift from Prayer Bench: Christmas Day this year is a Sunday. "After a busy Christmas Eve, some of you might be wondering what to do about gathering as 'church' on Sunday. 'The Hours of Christmas Day' will be available to download and can be used during a quiet moment or as part of a family gathering, or used by communities of faith who want to offer it as a way of being together in spirit though, not in the same space. And it is free; a gift from the Prayer Bench. Visit prayerbench.ca.