



Maritime UCW NEWS

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Nominating: (past president)**President's Greeting**

At last, the weather is finally warming. The long-range forecast says temps will be warmer than normal and precipitation will be greater than average for the coming months. We will have to trust Mother Nature to manage the warmth and the wet with the precision of a symphony conductor to bring success to gardeners and farmers and to protect our forests.

It was agreed at our June Executive meeting to participate in a letter writing campaign urging greater action on the part of our government to *"uphold its obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law including the Genocide Convention, and to hold the State of Israel accountable to its unique obligations under international law as a military occupying power."*

In a letter to Prime Minister Carney UCC Moderator, The Right Rev. Dr. Carman Lansdowne shared a call *"for women and people of conscience...to end the starvation in Gaza and to speak up for justice and life."*

This letter writing campaign was initiated via a motion at the NUCW annual meeting in September, 2024. Individual UCW and units are encouraged to join their voices to this call for a humanitarian response to the conflict in the region via a hand written letter sent to Rt. Honourable Mark Carney Prime Minister of Canada, and the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs with a copy to your Member of Parliament. For more information on the conflict contact United for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel at <https://unippi.ca/>

If you have not received a copy of the moderator's letter to UCW Presidents or the letter to the Prime Minister, please contact me via email and I will forward a copy to you. You can also sign the petition at [Change.org](https://change.org)

Our Annual General Meeting held at the end of April was not as well attended as I had hoped it might be; nonetheless, several "first timers" reported they enjoyed the event, were inspired and would attend again. Following the business meeting and after dinner we gathered in the sanctuary for an opportunity to hear from our National President Barbara Davison via ZOOM. We heard of Barbara's hopes and ideas for the future of the UCW and were energized by her optimism. It was also an honour to have Barbara install the newest members of our executive: Ann Piper, Vice President, Myra Thiemann, recording and media secretary, Members-at-large, Liz Birch, Heather MacDonald, Pauline Luker, and Anna Peters, Jocelyn Langille, Christian Life and Growth, Sharon Moyse, NUCW Alumni representative, Lois Budd, Chignecto District President, , Lee-Anne Boulet Halifax District President, and Michele Ashby, Social Secretary.

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Regional Councils Report

BNS regional council annual meeting was held on ZOOM over two evenings May 14 and 15. There were 116 participants who took part. Rev. Dr. Mary Taylor was installed as the new BNS regional council president and Donnie Morrison was acclaimed as President-elect. We discussed the financial report and passed the budget for the next year. This took care of the business portion of the annual meeting allowing us to enjoy the joint celebratory gathering with Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional Council in Sackville New Brunswick on May 30, 31, and June 1.

I was excited to take part in a play presentation. These five vignettes were written by Robyn Brown-Hewitt, each part representing 20 years of our church history. I was asked to play the part of Effie Jamieson, one of the few women to be at that first service on June 10, 1925.

The theme speaker this year was Janet Gear. The presentation was called the Theological Banquet where through a series of presentations we learned about different theologies through which each of us approaches our faith. Usually there is one that speaks to each person a little more than others but most of us have a bit of each of them in us.

The music throughout the weekend was uplifting and the youth led us in a very rousing service where we turned on our phone flashlights and waved them while we were singing. Some new songs were learned from the new “Then Let Us Sing” songbook.

On Sunday morning the Tantramar Civic Centre was filled as we celebrated our 100th Anniversary service here in the Maritimes. We recognized 9 ministry candidates that were ordained and 1 recognized as a Designated Lay Minister.

- Submitted by Ann Piper



2025 MUCW Executive (back row) Betty Ann Watts, Sharon Moyse, Myra Thiemann, Heather MacDonald, Anna Peters, Liz Birch, (centre row) Michele Ashby, Phyllis Munroe, Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, Marilyn Bubar, Lois Budd (front row) Jocelyn Langille, Ann Piper, Pauline Luker, Debbie Hawkins, Lee-Anne Boulet, Elaine Burrows



ARE YOU ON OUR MOST WANTED LIST?

Are you Creative? Do you have a computer? Can you cut and paste? If you answer yes to these questions perhaps you are our next **Newsletter Editor**.

If that is not for you, but your UCW is in one of the following areas: South Shore/Valley, Eastern NS, Cape Breton, or Mirimichi consider becoming an **Area Contact Person**.

Perhaps you feel like you want to help but are afraid that you don't know enough about the MUCW. Becoming a **Member at Large** allows you to join the executive, learn about the way we are organized and what position you might to step into in the future.

Do you like numbers? Do you like everything to balance? If so, then give some thought to becoming the **Treasurer** when Phyllis Munroe's term is up in 2026. If you come on board now as a **Member at Large**, you will have the opportunity to learn all that you need to know before taking on the role yourself.

Will you help?

MUCW cannot operate without member participation. It takes many United Church Women to share the workload. The work of the UCW across the Maritimes is important work, and it has been important work since before our United Church was formed. Work is only a small part of the benefit of participating in MUCW, the fellowship, the laughter, the support in times of trouble, the celebrations in times of joy, and simply spending time with other women are all reasons to become involved. (And the food we share is always tasty!)

If you enjoy reading this newsletter, please consider submitting ideas, articles, information, pictures and news of your units. We all know you are busy, and we all know that there is great work happening out there. SHARE it with us. We want to celebrate the work of the UCW far and wide.



If you want happiness for an hour — take a nap.
 If you want happiness for a day — go fishing.
 If you want happiness for a year — inherit a fortune.
 If you want happiness for a lifetime — help somebody.
 - Chinese Proverb



Bermuda-Nova Scotia Region:

Cape Breton: **Contact vacant** contact thru MUCW recording/ media Secretary

Eastern NS: **Contact vacant** contact through MUCW recording/media secretary

Bermuda: contact thru MUCW recording/ media Secretary

South Shore/Valley: **Contact Vacant** Contact through MUCW recording/media Secretary

SAVE THE DATE AND STASH YOUR CASH National UCW 65th Anniversary Celebration July 19-23, 2027 Ottawa, Ontario

Where: Hilton Garden Inn Airport

Guaranteed hotel price \$195 + taxes per night

Theme: "Hear Our Voice"

Theme Hymn: "Draw the Circle Wide"

Theme Scripture: Proverbs 8:1

You may be eligible for a travel bursary.
 More Details to follow

MUCW Annual Meeting April 25 & 26, 2025



2025 AGM Attendees

Our Annual Meeting this year was held at Bedford United Church, which was a lovely facility for our gathering. This was not a business meeting but rather a learning and sharing time with lots of opportunities for conversation and sharing.

We began at 3 pm on Friday with reviewing our Annual report and discussing other brief business issues. There was a slight delay for supper, but we enjoyed time to chat while we waited. It was delicious nevertheless. Some even asked for the dessert recipe. Thanks to the women of Bedford United who did the catering. After supper we were introduced to Natalie Moyes, who was the Program Presenter for the gathering. She led "Ice Breakers" to get us moving around and meeting one another.



Rev. Faith March-MacCuish

We began Saturday morning with worship led by the UCW of our host church followed by a message from Rev. Faith March-MacCuish, the Tri Region Executive Minister. She told us about some of the celebrations happening for the Centennial of our church and issues before our Regional Councils.

Marilyn Bubar did a presentation called "Love Overflowing" which required the use of water with an abundance of blue food coloring. They took great precautions to see that there was no spillage. (details on next page)

Barbara Davison, our National President, was able to join us via Zoom, which was quite amazing. She brought greetings and installed new officers for our Executive all the way from Alberta.



The evening closed with a Memorial and Communion service which was very moving. Natalie Moyes led us in a faith building activity called "The Value Tree". We were all challenged to draw the tree and add various parts to the drawing. Mine was no art piece.



Natalie Moyes and her learning tree.

In the afternoon, Natalie introduced us to "Bible Journaling" and we adjourned to the hall to work at tables with a variety of materials. This was new to me and to all at my table. Several women there had Bible Journals which are fascinating to me but not something I anticipate doing.

Submitted by Anna Peters - Member at Large FSLDW

Love Overflowing – Pebble Exercise.

Marilyn Bubar led us in an exercise to demonstrate God's love overflowing and going out into us. We were all supplied with a small pebble in our package. Marilyn read this little poem by

Oscar Hammerstein.



A bell is no bell 'til you ring it,
A song is no song 'til you sing it
And love in your heart
Wasn't put there to stay –
Love isn't love
'Til you give it away.

Marilyn stood beside the bowl of blue water. She held up a rock that was shaped like a heart. She said, "This rock is going to represent God's love for us.

As she placed the heart shaped rock into the dish of water, it demonstrated God's love is overflowing out and into each of us. Then it was our turn to place our pebble in the water, and we were instructed to notice the ripples on the surface of the water moving outward and overflowing. This symbolizes the outpouring of your love to the world. There are so many ways we "give our love away".

While everyone came up and dropped their pebble into the water, Marilyn read this poem to us.



Thoughtful words from James Foley

**"Drop a pebble in the water: just a splash, and it is gone;
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,
Spreading, spreading from the center,
flowing on out to the sea.
And there is no way of telling where the end is going to be.**

**Drop a pebble in the water: in a minute you forget,
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,
And those little waves a-flowing to a great big wave have grown;
You've disturbed a mighty river just by dropping in a stone.**

**Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute it is gone;
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on.
They keep spreading, spreading, spreading from the center as they go,
And there is no way to stop them, once you've started them to flow.**



**Drop an unkind word, or careless: in a minute you forget,
But there's little waves a-flowing, and there's ripples circling yet,
And perhaps in some sad heart a mighty wave of tears you've stirred,
And disturbed a life was happy ere you dropped that unkind word.**

**Drop a word of cheer and kindness: just a flash and it is gone;
But there's half-a-hundred ripples circling on and on and on,
Bearing hope and joy and comfort on each splashing, dashing wave
Till you wouldn't believe the volume of the one kind word you gave.**

**Drop a word of cheer and kindness: in a minute you forget;
But there's gladness still a-swelling, and there's joy a-circling yet,
And you've rolled a wave of comfort whose sweet music can be heard
Over miles and miles of water just by dropping one kind word.**

Did You Know?

There were Union Churches before there was a United Church of Canada. Broadview magazine mentioned one in Saskatchewan that began around 1907. Well Nova Scotia had some much earlier. Spencer's Island Union Church started in 1882. I have a booklet produced in 1992 on the 110th Anniversary. This is the dedication on the first page:

Dedication:

To the memory of the members of the Women's Organizations who have served faithfully over the years and to whom deep gratitude is extended for their outstanding contribution to the life and work of our church and community.

In 1907 the Sewing Circle became recognized as the first recorded women's group of the church. They were members of the Methodist, Anglican, and Baptist faiths. From this group came the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) of the Maritime Conference of the Methodist Church formed on August 22, 1914.

As you can see from the list of donors, the Sewing Circle gave the largest share of the funds needed to build the church.

In the 30's 40's and 50's The Ladies' Aid and the Junior Ladies Aid were very busy. They raised money for "all church purposes" including maintenance of the church building and contributing towards the ministers' salaries. And through the efforts of the Junior Ladies Aid the church was renovated in 1958.

In 1962 the UCW was organized. The first president of Spencer's Island Union Church was Mrs. Robert J. (Gertrude) Hughes.

In Celebration of the 25th anniversary of UCW the Spencer Island UCW joined with Advocate UCW for a special service entitled, "Called to Respond".

Since 1882 The women of Spencer's Island have served their church and community with faith and trust in the future and, with God's help, they shall continue to do so. This was written in 1992.

Spencer's Island Union Church 1882-1992



APPENDIX

A. Memo of Amounts Collected by Capt. George D. Spicer on account for Building Fund for Church at Spencer's Island, N.S.

We, the undersigned, agree to pay the sums set opposite our names to the Building Committee, to aid in the erection of a Meeting House at Spencer's Island. Spencer's Island, July 6th, 1881

Sewing Circle	\$264.00
J.S. Williams, New York	100.00
Geo.D.Spicer, Spencer's Island	100.00
Dewis Spicer, Spencer's Island	50.00
A Friend	3.00
Simpson & Shaw, New York	25.00
A. Mitchener, New York	5.00
Cash	1.00
H. Bushman, New York	25.00
D.C. Spicer, Spencer's Island	45.00
Stephen D. Horton, New York	5.00
J.F. Whitney, New York	50.00
C.S. Whitney, New York	5.00
George Dick, New York	2.00
Cash	2.62
Cash	3.95
Sailors on Board the Ship "Servia"	37.00
Baxter McLellan, Spencer's Island	5.00
Judson Carey, Spencer's Island	5.00
Oscar Morris, Advocate Harbour	5.00
Havelock Spicer, Advocate Harbour	2.00
Mayford Morris, Spencer's Island	3.00

The final paragraph of this booklet says:

The research, compilation, and writing of this history was carried out through the winter of 1991-1992 by the members of the Spencer's Island United Church Women.

Submitted by Ann Piper



Past MUCW Presidents, Barbara Rafuse and Letha Mowatt relaxing in front of the UCW cookie cottage at Berwick Camp



Sharon Moyes and Letha



Letha with her infectious smile. Here she is in front of her cottage door at Berwick Camp. Many campers enjoyed the Noah's Ark collection



Letha and past president Marilyn Bubar enjoying fun and fellowship at Berwick in 2024

Berwick Camp

Berwick Camp will be from July 25th to August 3rd.

As you enter through the tall white wooden gates, you enter a magical place. A community nestled amongst the hemlocks. Breathe deeply and smell the aroma of hemlocks and pine needles, as you enter one of the oldest hemlock groves in eastern North America. The majestic beauty of the trees, some hundreds of years old, tower above you as you worship and play for the duration of camp.

If you can't come for the whole week, why not come for a few days. UCW day is on July 30th. Come and worship at camp, Ann Piper – MUCW president elect will be leading.

We will celebrate the cookie cottage and will be adding Letha Mowatt's name to the plaque in the cookie cottage.

For more information go to www.berwickcamp.org



100TH ANNIVERSARY

1925-2025

Deep • Bold • Daring

CELEBRATIONS ACROSS THE MARITIMES



St. James UC Antigonish
March 2nd



Visions United Church – Moncton
NB - March 2nd.

Wesley St. Matthew's United
Church – Pugwash NS - March 2nd

Trinity United Church – Oxford NS
– February 9th

Saint Andrews, Fort Massey and
Saint Matthews United Churches –
Halifax NS

June 10th. Joint celebratory service
catered by UCW from all three
Communities of Faith.

St James UC, - Goodwood and
Trinity UC – Timberlea NS Joint
service on June 1.



The UCW of Trinity St. Stephens in Amherst NS decided that
dressing like they were in 1925 would be a part of their UCW
Anniversary Service on March 2.



100TH ANNIVERSARY Deep • Bold • Daring



Trinity United Church Summerside PEI
April 6, 2025
This is the beautiful display set up on the alter by Elaine Burrows.



Keswick Ridge United Church – Keswick Ridge NB – March 2nd.
The UCW hosted a congregational luncheon following the service.

Knox United Church in Brookfield held their Service celebrating the 100th anniversary of the United Church of Canada on Sunday, March 2nd. All current and former UCW members were encouraged to meet in the church hall beforehand and to sit as a group during the service. Approximately 30 attended. The service was led by UCW members and a short history of UCW participation in the UCC was included as a part of the celebration. Due to unforeseen circumstances the Communion celebration was quickly and efficiently moved to the church hall where the service continued. Celebrations continued there after the service with a luncheon enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Jocelyn Langille

The following UCW groups from Western NB also took part in the 100th Anniversary service developed by NUCW

- Two Rivers Pastoral Charge – Long Reach and Westfield
- Kingsley United church
- St. Mark's United Church
- Keswick Ridge United Church
- Saint David's United Church, Rothesay
- Hampton United Church
- Wilmot United Church

*"The best way to find yourself
is to lose yourself in the
service of others."
- Mahatma Gandhi*

Newsletter Editor Needed

The position requires you to:

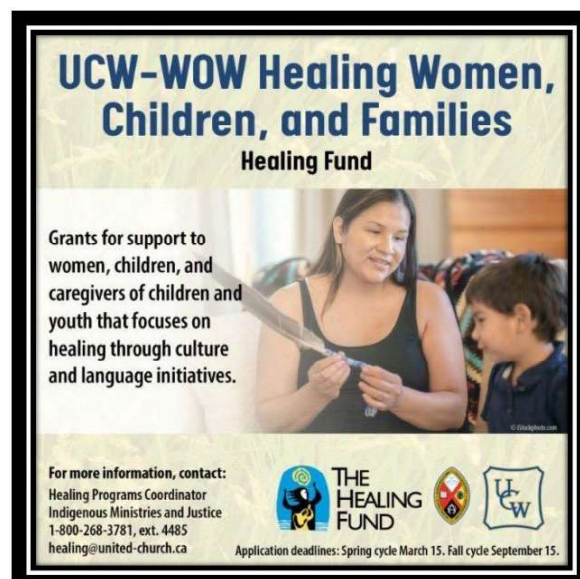
- Generate a Newsletter 3 times per year
- Arrange for printing and mailing of the newsletter
- Maintain the subscription list and subscriptions
- Attend executive meetings
- Submit a written report to executive and annual meeting

You Are Invited

to a **PEI UCW gathering at
Trinity United Church, 90 Spring St.
Summerside** on

Saturday October 4th beginning at 9 a.m.

- Louise Elder, musical director will be with us for some music and worship/memorial service.
- Corina Bolo will be doing a presentation called "Lessons from Elephants."
- Betty Ann Watts, MUCW president will update us on the NUCW meetings held in September
Lunch will be served. Cost \$15.00.
Join us for this time of fellowship.
Elaine Burrows (contact info on pg. 2).



How to gift to the UCW Initiative supported through the Healing Fund

Cheques can be made payable & mailed to:

United Church of Canada
Attn: Healing Fund
Suite 200 - 3250 Bloor Street West,
Toronto, ON
M8X 2Y4

Please write on cheque memo line:
Healing Fund – NUCW/UCW

Or visit:

<https://united-church.ca/donate/healing-fund>

**In the additional information section,
please write**

Healing Fund – NUCW/UCW

We appreciate your generosity and kindness in gift giving.

2025 UCW Healing Fund Healing with Horses

It is my pleasure to share wonderful news with the National United Church Women of the third Healing Fund initiative supported by the NUCW community. The total amount of gifts received from UCW members allows the opportunity to fully fund a Healing Project grant of \$15,000.

Throughout the 2025 spring review, our Healing Fund Working Group focused on our agreement that allows these gifts to support Indigenous Women, Children and Family programming which focuses on the healing of intergenerational trauma affected by Indian Residential Schools.

After carefully reviewing our applicants, our HPWG has selected Reflections Nanaandweijegig Bezhigoogizhiik as the project supported by UCW for their "Healing with Horses: Healing Grief and Families Impacted by Substance Abuse" program. The proposed duration is July 4, 2025 to August 30, 2025

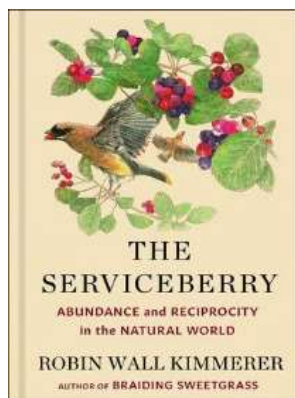
Joni Shawana - Healing Program Coordinator
Indigenous Ministries & Justice - United Church of Canada

**As of May 31, 2025, UCW women have donated a total of
\$68,741.39 to The Healing Fund.**

Thank You Ruth Kennedy

At our 2025 Annual gathering in Bedford NS we celebrated and thanked Ruth Kennedy for her many years of service in various positions with MUCW.

We presented her with a gift certificate from a local garden centre to purchase a service berry bush to plant in her garden. We also gave her this book, "The Serviceberry, Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World".



President Betty Ann Watts thanked Ruth for her many years of service to MUCW as President and most recently Recording /media secretary.

At the end of our presentation to Ruth, we all sang these words to Ruth.

Thank you for giving us your time
Thank you for everything you do,
Thank you for keeping us together
Thanks for being you.

Thank you for keeping our statistics
We know that's not easy to do
Thank you for keeping us in order
Taking minutes too.

Thank you for your years of service
Thank you for travelling far and wide,
Enjoy your well-deserved rest knowing
God is at your side.

Thank you for giving us your time
Thank you for everything you do,
Thank you for keeping us together
Thanks for being you.



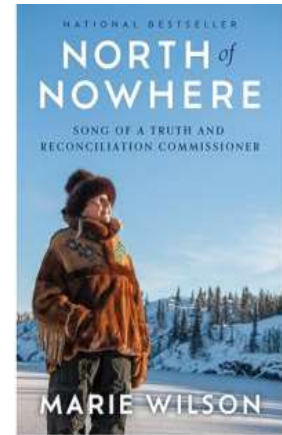
Ruth was also presented with a prayer shawl made by Margaret Embree. Margaret was unable to attend but here is a picture of Ruth with Margaret and the lovely prayer shawl.

Western NB UCW reports

Wilmot United UCW, Fredericton

Gillian Keyser reports that they meet on a regular basis and carry out many activities in addition to their meetings such as a *No-Bake Sale*, *A Yarn & Fabric Sale* as well as supporting the program of *Grandmothers helping Grandmothers*. The group is also kept busy hosting funeral receptions and even a surprise 80th birthday.

An interesting book launch was hosted in May by local author Marie Wilson. The book *North of Nowhere* is the incomparable first-hand account of the historic Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada told by one of the commissioners who led it. This busy group is winding up their season with a closing luncheon catered by Gibson United Church.



Keswick Ridge United Church UCW

They met over Zoom in February and March with interesting speakers, one from a local farm, *Laughing Apple Farm*, spoke about the things they will be offering to the public this coming season. The other speaker was Nick Hawkins, a local *Canadian Wildlife Photographer and Filmmaker* who grew up, and now lives, in Fredericton area. He spoke of his recent work on a documentary on the life of Atlantic Salmon and his upcoming work in NFLD on a Documentary on Icebergs. At the May meeting, their minister Rev. David Luker, who is retiring at the end of June, joined them for Social Hour when they presented him with a “basket of thoughtful items” in recognition and thanks for sharing many times with them over the past twelve years of ministry at Keswick Ridge. On May 31 the group held their Annual Plant Sale which was an astounding success selling over 350 potted plants, mostly perennials, to many enthusiastic customers. On June 4th we plan to join one of our members, who now resides at Shannex in Fredericton, for lunch to celebrate her 90 *something* birthday. Blessings to all for a great summer.

In September we hope to have the Maritime UCW President, Betty Ann Watts join us at Keswick Ridge along with invited UCW members from the surrounding area.

St. Mark's United Church, Saint John, NB

Lynn Kearns reported on having several guest speakers over the past few months who spoke on Lung Cancer, Radon, Living Kidney Donation and services offered at the *Marketplace Wellness Centre*. They have also hosted the *Saint John Chorale Spring Musicale*.

On Mother's Day they hosted a luncheon and launched their new book, “*Treasured Mothers*” which was compiled by their members.

Nashwaaksis United Church, Fredericton, Unit 6

Joan McGee reported they have catered several receptions in the last couple of months, hosted the Spring Bridge luncheon with 21 tables participating, provided the *Pause Table* during UNB exams. The table provides snacks and drinks for the students to enjoy during their busy exam time. In May they held a book exchange and a Bring & Buy Sale. Items for the sale are wrapped so one does not know what they are bidding on and this can provide a lot of fun and excitement.

Quispamsis United Church – “Agnes Allingham” UCW

Gloria Moore reports that this group of four ladies continues to live out the purpose of the UCW by knitting and donating over 100 pairs of mitts last year as well as continuing their card and contact ministry with sick and shut-ins. They look to their Charter Member who is in her nineties as their “historian” with her knowledge of over 60 years as an active member of UCW. As in the song we shared at our annual meeting recently in Bedford, *It Only Takes A Spark to get a fire going*, or in this case, to keep a fire going! They meet twice a month to continue their fellowship and outreach.

St. Andrews UCW, Harvey Sta.

Janet Blair reports that the group held a *Crokinole Party* in February, (what a unique activity for a winter day). The group joined with the Gospel Lighthouse in hosting the *World Day of Prayer Service* in March and in April they created Easter Baskets to be distributed by the local *Lakeland Resource Centre and Food Bank*. In May they hosted a presentation on “Fraud and Scams”, with special speaker Lisa Williams, RCMP J Division Innovation and Crime Reduction Unit. The group was joined with members of the community to attend this very informative talk.

Harvey UCW



Life Members, Marlene Kierstead and Berneice Coburn with Easter Treats Packed for the local Food Bank, pictured here at the Lakeland Resource Centre.



The Harvey UCW lost a long-time member on March 6, 2025, **Rose Blanche (Craig) Wilkin**. A Life Member of UCW, Rose was a strong supporter of all aspects of the United Church and especially UCW.

She was the Treasurer and the church champion for M & S, holding yard sales, fundraisers and was often seen organizing and cleaning in the church kitchen.

Rose's Rummage Sale (named in her memory) was held on June 13, Condolences to members of Harvey United Church and their UCW members from your fellow UCW sisters across the Maritimes.

Has your unit disbanded?

Are you interested in UCW but have no unit in your church or near you?

You have the option of becoming an individual member.

Membership is \$4.00 per year.

- ✓ **Access to the emails and newsletters.**
- ✓ **Eligible to vote at the MUCW Annual meeting.**
- ✓ **Allows you to be eligible for grants and funding from National UCW and attend the 65th Annual celebration.**

You only need to agree with the purpose of the United Church Women and are unable to attend local UCW groups.

WHY MEMBERSHIP FEES?

Only \$4 PER MEMBER PER YEAR

Because it helps to fund and support:

- MUCW annual meeting
- Special missions
- President's work and travel
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A UCW "DRESS LIKE YOUR TEACUP" TEAPARTY At Trinity-St. Stephen's United, Amherst, NS



Unit Four at Trinity-St. Stephen's hosted a "Dress Like Your Teacup" Tea Party to brighten up the month of May. It was a lot of fun for the members and the special guests.



Awarded the prize for 'best matching cup and outfit' went to Jean Henley for her Nova Scotia tartan outfit, complete with pleated skirt, wrap and hat.

Kathy Naylor came looking like her sunflower cup wearing two of her hooked rugs covering front and back and took away the prize for most original.

Leader Carol Boyd asked the women to tell the story of what the cups they brought meant to them. And, of course, the cups were filled with tea or coffee, and a lunch of sandwiches and sweets was enjoyed by all.

Submitted by Jean Smith.



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Michele Ashby then led a moving memorial service followed by communion. After which some members gathered for fellowship in the porch at Bedford UC. Saturday morning worship was an adaptation of the UCW Centennial worship service and was led by the Bedford UCW. The offering of **\$613.85** has been donated to Hospice Halifax.

We then heard from our tri-region Executive Minister Faith March-MacCuish and as always her presentation was informative, motivational and entertaining. The basis of her presentation was the lyrics of the Alicia Keys song "We Are Here" calling for justice, love peace and healing.

I wonder how many women who would never have written in their bibles in the past are now actively doodling in the margins thanks to presenter Natalie Moyes' introduction to the practice of bible journaling as a means of engaging with scripture. Thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2025 AGM a success and thank you all for your comments and suggestions via the evaluation forms. I hope to see everyone at Nashwasskis (Fredericton NB) next year.

I was pleased to be joined by Ann Piper and Elaine Burrows as we presented cards of congratulations to those being ordained and recognized at the joint Bermuda Nova Scotia and Fundy St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Regional meeting held in Sackville May 30 to June 1.

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