

# HORSESHOE FALLS REGION UCW

## NEWSLETTER



### President's Message

Are you looking forward to the Spring Gathering at Five Oaks on April 29? This year it will be a one day affair which will include a shortened Business Meeting and a wonderful speaker; the Rev. Alison Mock who will lead us in worship and insightful meditations on the topic of Joy.

I am hoping that this event will give us a chance to get to know each other a bit better and also give us time to reflect on the joys we have in our lives as United Church Women.

Blessing to all and Happy Spring!

*Marilyn Johnston, President  
Regional UCW , On Eagles Wings...*

### Grace Caledonia UCW

Our unit is starting to get back to normal. We are once again meeting monthly. Through the summer we made fruit pies in season so we have done rhubarb, cherry, blueberry, elderberry and apple. We sell them all year but most will be sold at our Christmas Market. We also make meat pies for sale. The Christmas Market will be November 19 at Grace from 10 am to 2 pm which will have Christmas and home decor, baking and preserves, greenery and swags as well as surprise packages and a Women's boutique.. We have also started back up with catering and have had 2 dinners and a Funeral Tea. Our quilters are still making quilts for missions and we have also made kit bags, back packs and afghans that are sent to be distributed around the world and given to the Women's Shelter in Simcoe. Most women have returned in person to the UCW and Church but some people are still being careful because of Covid.

Bev Layden, Secretary Grace Caledonia UCW.

### St. Paul's UCW

Our UCW members have been very busy since we started back in September. St. Paul's man the gates at the Outdoor Farm Show in Woodstock and many of our members assisted with this church project. We held a Card Party on October 7<sup>th</sup> with desserts, euchre, bridge and 5 Crowns. We cater funeral lunches for both of the funeral parlours in Paris and right now we are doing at least two lunches a week. We are also planning for our major fundraiser on November 5<sup>th</sup> the Christmas Extravaganza. We sell frozen meat pies and soup, jams, many different kinds of crafts a bake table and Treasures from the Attic.

Marian Reid, Co-President



The Healing Fund is the special project that the United Church Women have selected to support for the next 5 years.

The following link in Red is one of the many projects that have been funded by the Healing Fund. This project took place in Toronto.

- **Healing Ourselves - Helping Each Other:** <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table/healing-ourselves-helping-each-other>. Residential school survivors and University of Toronto students gather to build relationships and find pathways to reconciliation.

May we all share in the reconciliation and sacred fire of the First Nations of Turtle Island.



## Springvale UCW

At Springvale we have been meeting for Lunches once a month. Our Oct meeting we invited the other UCW's in our area to come and we would let them know what went on at the conference since we had 5 ladies that went. Cheryl Buckbough had an in-depth presentation about UCW and the conference. She also showed pictures from down there. It was very well attended with 14 visitors. We had tea afterwards and two ladies Cheryl and Norma made dishcloths for the ladies to take home. The decorations on the table were like the tea pots at our tea party at the conference and Cake was served.

In Sept we had our turkey supper only take out style. We served over 200 guest and staff. The extra turkey dinners were frozen and our Pastor takes them to people that can use a good meal.

Every other Tues. from 9:30 to 11 we have coffee for the community. This is usually well attended with the average of about 12 men and 6 ladies. Starting in October we collect hats, mitts and coats and or blankets for Wesley in Hamilton and also Simcoe. Debbie Barry, Springvale UCW President

## Colborne Village United Church

We also started our annual pie bees yesterday. When we finish we will have cherry, apple and elderberry pies in our freezers. At the same time as we were doing cherry pie filling on top of the stove, the ovens were packed with baking squash. We fell heir to 50 lovely buttercup squash and are planning a spring dinner - with squash of course! We are excited about our amalgamation with Mount Zion United. Tomorrow we are receiving most of their kitchen equipment and will sort and reorganize the OW kitchen in a few weeks - (after we finish our pie bees). Because the two churches are going together we had to come up with a new name. Both groups submitted suggestions - a lot of them - which were whittled down to 3 choices. We all voted last Sunday and will now be "Colborne Village United Church". The area we are in was once called Colborne Village but was annexed to Simcoe at the time of Haldimand and Norfolk being made a Regional Government. I am hopeful that this will revitalize our UCW. We are very excited about all the newness and the changes and looking forward to new beginnings. Joan D. , Old Windham

**Is your UCW closing?**

This is such a sad happening after all the fellowship and fun had over the years. If you find yourself in this position, consider joining as an individual member, to receive the updates and keep informed on what is going on. It only costs \$5.00 a year. I have a form for you to fill out. Contact Marilyn Johnston at [mardocam@sympatico.ca](mailto:mardocam@sympatico.ca) A cheque can be mailed to Amy Hill. When you make your cheque out, if you wish, you can also make a special donation to Mission and Service

**Erindale United Church**

To kick off our response to supporting the United Church Healing Fund, Erindale has had a once a month Soup Lunch with a free will offering. We have had such great fun getting together with the congregation after such a long time.

Earlier we held a mini bazaar after church one Sunday before Christmas. Members of the congregation were asked to host a table of craft type stuff and donate what they thought was appropriate to the the UCW fundraising campaign. It actually worked out very well and was positively received

Marilyn Johnston

**Rev Alison Mock, Spring Retreat  
Guest Speaker/leader**

Rev. Alison Mock is an ordained minister in the United Church of Canada, as well as a licensed Class I Funeral Director, working in the GTA. She holds a Master of Divinity from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto, a Bachelor of Music from Queen's University, and a diploma in Funeral Services Education from Humber College. She has served United Church congregations in Toronto, Hamilton, and Yellowknife, and is currently affiliated with Jubilee United Church as a Voluntary Associate Minister. Alison is also a volunteer with PFLAG, a support group for LGBTQ families. In her spare time, you will most likely find her reading a book, but she also loves to crochet, roller skate, play the flute, and attend live music in any form. She lives in Mississauga with her partner and two children, and is the devoted servant of two tortoiseshell cats.