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Summer seems to have arrived! I think we have had a number of seasons over the past while. It was very hot, has been very stormy, was chilly for a while, but now seems that once it settles things will be as they ought to be. Or will it? Firstly, I want to thank all those who sent me messages of hope and also condolences on losing my husband of 53 years. I am still struggling with all the fall out from his death, but I find that when I am about to give up and curl up, I find the strength from somewhere to get up and get on with it. I thank the good Lord for all the women of the UCW and for showing me such caring and sending prayers.

Although in Alberta, things have opened up, I think we must all continue to take precautions against contacting this dreadful disease. I was happy to hear that the Churches would not be opening for public worship until September! I think that will give us all a chance to see how or if, we have managed to contain this disease. I think the Church Councils/Church Boards and volunteers have done a wonderful job in the face of such adversity, and a special THANK YOU to all the Clergy who have had to change to different ways of caring for their congregants. It will be so nice to get back to being with other people and sharing our lives once again.

As I sit here at the computer writing my thoughts, I can see more storm clouds gathering to the south. I am sure the farmers are so grateful for the rain, to nourish the crops, and I think the churches are looking forward to the time they can continue to nourish their church participants.

Barbara Davison.



**LETTER
FROM
YOUR
Interim
PRESIDENT**

**WOMEN OF THE UNITED CHURCH
CHINOOK WINDS & NORTHERN SPIRIT REGIONS**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THE BANNER – JUNE 2021

Greetings Everyone:

Time seems to be flying by. It is hard to believe spring and garden seasoning is here. There was some much needed rain here a few days ago, so everything looks fresh and green. At this time, our prayers go out to all the Indigenous and Muslim communities in the country. May they know that they are not alone in their sorrow and grief.

Despite that we are not quite ‘there yet’ as far as meeting in person for meetings or events; many groups and units are carrying on with virtual meetings, fund raisers and other events. Thank You to Barbara Davison, Chinook Winds, for organizing a virtual Bible Study on 11 June. Part of the study was based on the Story of the Good Samaritan. Participants were tasked with rewriting the story, in present time, using different scenarios and changing the male characters to female. As Barbara receives the stories, they will be published in upcoming issues of the Banner. All of our executive meetings have been held via Zoom, and will likely continue that way into the fall. However there is ‘cautious optimism’, that we could be back to normal before 2021 ends, as more people get vaccinated and the covid numbers decrease.

Annual Meeting Report: The Annual Meeting of the Women of the United Church: Chinook Winds & Northern was held, via Zoom on 30th April. Thirty-five women registered. Our Theme was “Caring for our Sisters”. Rev Sharon McRann, opened the meeting using the theme “Caring in a Time of Covid”, incorporating the story of Ruth and Naomi from the Book of Ruth.

The guest speaker was Lumba Siyanga, Executive Director of Women for Change: Zambia. Women for Change works to promote children’s (primarily girls) rights. With the support from UCW, and the United Church of Canada, Women for Change is able to provide education scholarships for girls (and boys) who wish to complete their high school grades and go on to secondary education. Lumba gave a power point presentation which gave an overall view of the work Women for Change organization. (Power Point).. (See **Page 4 for this link**)

Author/Storyteller/Motivational Speaker, Rev Janet Stobie, spoke to us about some of recent books she has written; namely, “Fireweed” and “To Begin Again”. She also has written several children’s books. (For more information regarding her books and her blog the website is: janetstobie.com).

The meeting closed with the Installation of Officers, conducted by Past President, Bev Green; the Memorial Service, conducted by Marilyn Penfound, and Rev McRann conducting communion and worship service.

A note from the Sub-Executive Committee, written by Margery Wright, Past-President: As a Regional women’s group, Women of the United Church, Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit (WUC) has the responsibility to support and strengthen the work of the United Church Women in Communities of Faith by providing opportunities for spiritual growth, Christian fellowship and leadership development. One means of accomplishing this is through our Annual Meeting, which always includes educational, inspirational, and entertainment components. This meeting is paid for partly through registration fees and partly through general funds.

However, we cover a large geographical area, and we realize that one meeting, once a year, in one location, is not enough. Therefore, we encourage “area” gatherings, and the formation of “area” groups, which could be formed just to plan an annual event, or could meet more frequently. The area could be the size of a former Presbyterial, or could involve women from all over Chinook Winds or Northern Spirit. The relationships we formed in our Presbyterials could be the springboard for starting something new.

If you are planning a workshop, gathering or leadership event for the women of your areas, there are funds to help support your event. Please contact our Treasurer, Adrine Giles. (adrine@telus.net)

Information and Announcements:

Keeping In Touch Newsletter: The new email address for KIT is: nu-cwkeepintouch2021@gmail.com Articles for the Newsletter would be very welcome.

Mission & Service: The National UCW total for 2020 donations is \$681,020.70
Chinook Winds - \$17,162.00; Northern Spirit – \$23,093.40

Meet & Greet Event: The Women of the Foothills Presbyterial will be holding a “Meet and Greet on 30th September 2021 at Camp Chestermere for the Women of the Chinook Winds Region. More detailed information will be forthcoming.

60th Anniversary Event: July 11 – 15, 2022, Sydney, NS. Registration will open on 30th September 2021. (Chinook Winds & Northern Spirit regions are allowed 24 delegates, because we are two regions). The Theme of the event is “Continuing in Hope”. Women applying to the Agatha Kaasa or the Dorothy Amos Fund for financial assistance to attend the 60th Anniversary will receive \$400. Deadlines for 60th Anniversary Applications are: Agatha Kaasa Fund: **15 October 2021 and 15 April 2022** ; Dorothy Amos Fund: **2 July 2021**. Application forms for the Agatha Kaasa and Dorothy Amos grants can be found by clicking on the direct link for the 60th Anniversary “bookmark” (and scrolling down to find the forms) <https://ucceast.ca/fsldw-and-region-15-ucw/ucws-60th-anniversary-news/>

God Bless, have a safe and happy summer;

Eleanore, President

“What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us”.....Henry Stanley

Below are the links for the Powerpoint presentation for the Girls For Change programme, which is a project of the National UCW. Click on a link, then watch the bottom left of your screen, and press the arrow to open the presentation . (Barbara)

<https://bit.ly/UCW-CR-2021>

<https://www.epiphanywellbeing.solutions/download/5537/>

Bible Study

On June 11th, a Bible study was held via Zoom for those who signed up after the Annual Meeting. As we were not able to break into groups, each of those in attendance, were asked to rewrite the story of the Good Samaritan. Eleanore mentioned that in her report, and I am hoping to receive these stories over the next while. I am going to be printing these stories in the Banner, and see how many ways we can find out “who is our Sister,” or “who is our Neighbour”. If you have written a story from our Bible Study, please send me your story . I will await your stories.

Barbara.

Report from Alix United Church.

Our Church is closed now, but we have had several Zoom services. Our UCW still has 10 supporters. Each month we deliver 20 plates of baking to the Alix Manor, and to 2 men who are living alone. We have fed Chamber up to January, so the men get lunches too.

We work with the FCSS picking up furniture and delivery it too. There have been 90 deliveries and 87 pick ups, so this work keeps us busy. We get orders for pies and made 400 popcorn balls for the youth, library and Moms and Tots.

We cleaned the road from Mirror to Clive, but up to this point in time are awaiting payment. The workers are in their 70.s and 80's and we have 5 youth. The UCW made Subs and dessert! What a great day! It is very hard to raise funds when things are closed down

Even though our Church is closed, we gathered White Gifts for the Women's Shelter in Red Deer, we have done this for 8 years. Wrapping paper, ribbons, gifts and Pizza, pop, ice-cream, bananas, 3 types of syrup and potato chips. The kids have a party as they wrap gifts for their Mums!! They Love it!!!.

We have sold plants for Kasota and delivered them, all the time wearing our masks.

Submitted by

Jean McDermand.

(My apologies for the lateness of this article. It was received by me in January, but due to circumstances, I am afraid I neglected to publish it then. My sincere apologies. Barbara)

Thank You to Margery Wright.

Margery has been a member of our Robertson-Wesley UCW & Friends for many years now. A cheery, well versed member, she has been a special blessing these Covid-19 months. Because of her talents with Zoom, we have been able to meet regularly on the second Tuesday of each month, 1:30 pm.

We have visited with WICC via flash drive; heard special readings; learned about the workings of our church; we meditate while a member sings to us as part of our devotions; talk about things in general; and there is much more. But the point of this note is to say Thank You to Margery for your love and interest in this UCW and keeping us going cheerfully along the way.

With our Love, respectfully, Donna Krucik

Tribute to Beverley Green

A note to let you all know of the passing of Beverley Green of Vermillion. Bev was the President of Alberta & Northwest Conference UCW from 2010 to 2012. Bev was also President of the National UCW from 2013 to 2015, and it was at that time in office that Bev took the Child Poverty Campaign to a national level, after telling the ladies from across the country how Alberta was working to reduce Child Poverty in our Province.

Rest Well our Faithful Sister!

HOW IS YOUR GROUP COPING WITH THE PANDEMIC?

There is an interest in hearing how groups are coping. Do you meet in open areas,? Do you meet via computer, Write to us and let us know how things are going with you and your group. Let the rest of the ladies know what you are doing about fundraising, and keeping in contact with others.

This is YOUR newsletter, and we would like it to spread the word of your accomplishments.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN
60th ANNIVERSARY
SYDNEY, NOVA SCOTIA
JULY, 2022

The United Church Women of Canada, have been around for many years, and in 2022 will be celebrating their 60th Anniversary. As you can see from the above, the Celebrations in 2022 are being hosted in Sydney, Nova Scotia. This is a time when women from across the country and Bermuda Conference, join together to celebrate all the wonderful things have been accomplished in the past 60 years.

Information will be coming soon, but I wanted to give you information on the Grants that are available to help the women, who need it, to be able to make the trip.

There are two Grants available.

The Agatha Kaasa Fund and the Dorothy Amos Fund.

Application forms for both Funds are available from the Secretary of the Women of the United Church, Northern Spirit and Chinook Winds, or by contacting me and I will forward either or both applications. They are also available on the United Church of Canada Website, in the section on the UCW.

These Grants are available to members of the UCW or recognized Women's Groups in the Church, but any woman in the Church can attend this wonderful celebration and meeting in Nova Scotia.

The speaker/s are from the WOMEN FOR CHANGE , National UCW Project, and there will, hopefully be at least two representatives in attendance.

The deadline for applications are very early, - October 15th or April 15th for the Agatha Kaasa Fund and July 2nd for the Dorothy Amos Fund.

Decisions will be taken by - December 15th for October Applications

June 15th for April Applications.

Barbara Davison (National UCW Grant Committee Member)

A Modern Good Samaritan Story - Joan Greig. (Calgary)

The trusty walker steadied her awkward steps as she neared the street corner. A glimpse of someone following her suddenly became a full vision of a teenaged girl shoving her into a post, tipping her over and off the curb. Hurting and frightened, she saw her grab the purse from the basket, dump it out and dash away with all of the bills and rolls of coins. Autism had already stolen her speech, but not her feelings.

Maybe the car driving close might stop, but no, it only slowed down a bit. The driver was a newly ordained minister, nervously focusing on how to best deliver her sermon tomorrow. The strange sight of the mixed race woman struggling to get up from the curbside was disturbing, but probably not her place to get involved ...plus, now the bluetooth phone was ringing.

Another lady was heading towards a waiting Uber, no time to consider what was going on at the corner, but a bit curious. It could be some poor soul high on meth or fentanyl. Nasty words were whispered under her breath as she quickly got in and they sped away, so relieved to leave it behind and get to the charity dinner to deliver a speech.

Now what? The fallen woman felt so helpless but could only make a slight groan. Finally, getting a grip on the walker with one hand, she felt a gentle hand on her shoulder. It was a woman who wanted to help, but had no words in English; she was new to our country. She reached down, lifted and pulled until the walker held both of them up. Their eyes met, they smiled, they cried and they hugged. She wiped the bloody scratches with her hijab.

Then they heard " Mom, Oh Mom". a young woman came running, "I'm so sorry." She held her Mom tightly and thanked the helper with words of gratitude. Only the gestures were understood. Then the empty purse was discovered. The daughter had left her Mom briefly on the driveway, while going back in the house for a moment. How could she have got away so far? They were going to the bank nearby to deposit the rent money. In her heart she knew it was a blessed miracle that her Mom was OK. The landlady is a kind and generous person; she'll wait awhile for the money.

Thankfully, there's another alimony payment coming soon and the child support. My little girl and my Mom and I can get a hamper again from the food bank.

They walked home together; the helper lived just a few doors away in the housing complex. There was a voicemail message from a friend. I called; the news was sad. A girl we knew from our church has run away angry. Her parents have disowned her because she has come out as bi-sexual, and don't ever want her gay friends around. She's on the street and who knows how she'll survive. The women's group has formed a search party; we'll walk in pairs. Will you take a shift? Of course I will. She will be found and she will get help.

There is Hope because there is forgiveness, compassion and Love.

There are good neighbours.

2021 Version of the Good Samaritan—Sandi Durrell (Edmonton)

A member of the *Proud Boys* was travelling on Highway 2 between Calgary and Edmonton during a winter snowstorm. The road conditions had been declared hazardous but the *Proud Boy* thought that his older pickup truck would be able to make the trip.

Unfortunately, his truck hit an icy patch between Calgary and Red Deer and landed upside down in the ditch. Not having worn his seat belt, he was thrown through the windshield of the truck and lay unconscious in the snow.

The first vehicle to pass this scene was driven by a provincial politician who was travelling back to his home constituency after several weeks of legislative sessions. Being tired and anxious to get home and knowing that this was a dead cell area, he continued on his way believing that the RCMP would be patrolling the highway and respond to the situation.

The next vehicle to pass the scene was a young social media blogger on her way to a photo fashion shoot in Calgary the next day. Thinking that this would be an opportunity to increase her number of followers, she stopped to take digital photos, which she planned to post as soon as possible. But felt that she should not get involved as she did not know First Aid.

Within a few minutes a Suburban SUV driven by a Two Spirited Indigenous person came upon the scene. Realizing that a person was in need, the driver stopped to assess the situation and realized that help was needed immediately. The *Proud Boy* had gained consciousness and was shouting for help. The Two Spirited Indigenous person helped the *Proud Boy* into his vehicle and drove to the closest community, Bowden. As there is not a hospital in Bowden, he continued on to the *Wild Rose Medical Centre* in Olds, Alberta.

Once at the emergency in the Olds hospital, the Two Spirited Indigenous person stayed with the *Proud Boy* and assisted with facilitating the administrative process for admission. Once the Two Spirited Indigenous person was confident that proper medical attention was being provided, they/them contacted the RCMP to alert them of the incident and location of the damaged vehicle.

Later that day photos of the upturned vehicle was posted on social media. In the next session of the provincial legislature the politician sent a memo to the Minister of Infrastructure requesting additional road clearing on provincial highways.

Another Modern Good Samaritan Story— Deb Logan. (Lethbridge)

The parable of the Good Samaritan is told by Jesus in the Gospel of Luke. It is about a traveler who is stripped of clothing, beaten, and left half dead alongside the road. ... Finally, a Samaritan happens upon the traveler. Although Samaritans and Jews despised each other, the Samaritan helps the injured man.

The Good Samaritan... An adaptation for modern times

It was drizzling rain as Atima left the neighborhood 7-11 for the short walk home to her apartment. She was eager to flip through the newest People magazine that she had bought there. As Atima glanced down to ensure that the magazine was tucked safely under her arm, she bumped into a woman walking in the opposite direction. "Sorry", Atima said, stopping and looking back. The woman also stopped, turned and approached Atima. "Stinkin' terrorist! Watch where you're going!" The woman shoved Atima to the sidewalk and walked away. Bruised and bleeding, Atima rose painfully to her feet, peeling the soggy magazine off the pavement. "Are you okay?" called a young girl from the other side of the street. The girl crossed over to Atima's side. "Are you okay?" the girl repeated. "I saw that lady push you down." Atima sighed, "Yeah...I think so." To Atima's surprise, the girl replied, "That lady thinks the same as my dad...that people like you are to blame for all of the crime in our neighborhood." Looking down at her sore knees and rubbing her sore elbow, Atima admitted, "I should have been watching where I was going." The young girl went on, "It was an accident! That lady shouldn't have gotten so mad and said mean things. And I heard you APOLOGIZE! By the way, blow dryers work great to dry out stuff like that!"

I found this Prayer in Voices United. (#525) and thought it was quite appropriate after all the dreadful news these past few weeks. - (Barbara Davison)

Eternal God,

Whose image lies in the hearts of all people,

We live among peoples

whose languages are different from our own,

whose faiths are foreign to us,

whose ways we fail to understand.

Help us to remember

That you embrace all people with your love,

That all religion is a response to you,

That the yearnings of other hearts

Are much like our own, and are known to you.

Help us to recognize you

In words of truth, things of beauty,

And actions of love about us.

We pray in the name of the One who call us

To be neighbour and friend. AMEN.

Why Should We Pay \$1 per Member per Year to National UCW?

A few years ago, we were asked to pay \$1 per member per year to National UCW. Some have done this, and for this National UCW thanks you. To those who have not paid, here is the reason behind asking for this money.

Each September your Conference President and President Elect travel to the National UCW meeting in Toronto. (Your Past President attends if there is no President Elect]. The General Council have given a grant each year to the NUCW To partly cover the cost of the meeting, and the funds have come from the M & S. If each member of the UCW across the country gave \$1 per member per year, the cost of the meeting would be covered, and no M & S funds would be required. Travel is not cheap and it is only once a year that the Presidents of all Conferences across the United Church UCW's meet to co-ordinate work, mingle and learn the work being done by the other UCW Conferences. Please help send your 2 representatives to this Annual September meeting, as it is where the work of the UCW is discussed and where we join forces to work together on a common project.

Please forward your \$1 per member to Treasurer, Adrine Giles (address below) who will forward the total to the National UCW Treasurer.

CHRISTENSON/DRYBURGH MEMORIAL

TRAVEL & EDUCATION FUND.

This fund supports travel to an event within Alberta and Northwest Conference, and at the discretion of the Review Committee, may also be used to attend at places/events outside the borders of ANWC. Events would be of an educational/leadership quality for use within one's home church; events could be of an ecumenical, mission, inter-faith, spiritual, youth or outreach interest. Funding is a 1/3 basis—1/3 personal, 1/3 supporting congregation or committee and 1/3 from the fund to a maximum of \$500.00. Application Forms and brochures are available on the ANWC website, and applications should be forwarded to the Administrator:

Adrine Giles, 413 = 14th Street, East, Drumheller, Alberta , T0J 0Y5.

Donations to the fund should be made out to the Christenson/Dryburgh Fund and

Forwarded to:

Adrine Giles at 413—14th ST. E, Drumheller, Alberta, T0J 0Y5

KEEPING IN TOUCH.

As you probably know, the INFOPAC used to be sent to every United Church. There was a sheet included in that package, that was entitled "Keeping in Touch". This was the information sheet for the women of the United Church, and came from the National UCW. Since the INFOPAC is no longer being sent out, the National UCW decided that the women of the church needed the information that sheet contained, and so a committee was formed to make sure that the Keeping In Touch information was still being sent to the UCW ladies, and those who were interested. The first issue was sent out earlier this year, and a second issue was sent out in June. The distribution is from National UCW to contacts in the various regions, and those contacts are asked for forward to their contacts in the various areas. It should eventually trickle down to each local UCW group, and from their to each member of the UCW. If you have not seen a copy of Keeping in Touch, please contact your local unit, if they have not received it, contact the area contact, and so on up the line. The committee are hoping that eventually all women of the United Church, will be able to read about all the projects etc., for which the UCW is known, and what is going on around the country.

FOOTHILLS UCW PRESBYTERIAL.

Foothills Presbyterial have been trying over the last two years to arrange a Meet & Greet with the ladies of the Foothills Presbyterial, and inviting the ladies from the other areas of the Region (3) to join them. Foothills Presbyterial is the only working or operating Presbyterial in our Region, and as such are hoping to be able to keep this organization going to enable the ladies throughout the Region to keep in touch and to be included as part of our group.

If it is determined that the ladies throughout the Region would like to keep attending and meeting and greeting, then a new committee (Executive) will be formed to work out the ways and means of gathering and distributing information to the ladies of the Region.

Please see the Registration form on the next page.

FOOTHILLS UNITED CHURCH WOMEN PRESBYTERIAL

MEET & GREET

At CAMP CHESTERMERE,

September 30th, 2021

GUEST SPEAKER:

Rev Treena Duncan

Executive Minister for Regions 1 & 3.

Registration & Check In : 9:00 am with coffee and goodies.

Programme: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Cost: \$25 per person, includes lunch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Dietary issues, if any

Make cheques out to Foothills Presbyterial UCW, and mail to Joyce Cook .

Treasurer, at : Box 88, Carmangay, Alberta T0L 0N0, or e-transfer to up-land2009@hotmail.com or telephone 403 646 3641. Sept 16th Deadline.

Please bring an item for the silent auction. Proceeds go to the Foothills Presbyterial Student Bursary Fund.

THE AGATHA KAASA BURSARY FUND.

This is a bursary for Women of the United Church sponsored by the National UCW.

The **Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund** was established by the National UCW in 2003. The fund is fully supported by a bequest left by Agatha Kaasa, for women's work in the church.

You will find more information on this remarkable woman in the National UCW Handbook.

Who can apply?

Any woman who is part of The United Church of Canada and is NOT in paid accountable ministry.

What kind of requests does the fund support?

Leadership training and education.:

Continuing education :

Projects or events that promote education, mission, outreach, spiritual nurture, and ecumenical and inter-faith dialogue, locally or abroad.

(Note: Formal theological education is not funded, for example, M.Div. and D.Min degrees. Centre for Christian Studies programmes or similar programmes.)

How much money does the bursary fund offer?

The recipient can receive up to one third of the total expenses related to the request, with a maximum bursary of \$1,500.

Will all requests be funded?

Requests will be funded at the discretion of the bursary committee, as funds permit.

How often can individuals apply for a bursary?

Applicants can apply once a year,.

Preference will be given to first –time applicants.

Application Procedure:

The applicant must submit **PRIOR TO THE EVENT:**

- A detailed description of the programme, project, or event.
- Total costs related to the request (travel, accommodation, registration, meals etc.
- Other sources of revenue

We encourage women of the church to attend events related to the work and development of the United Church.

See new information regarding deadlines on page 7.

Send applications to:

National UCW staff,

UCW: The Agatha Kaasa Bursary Fund,

The United Church of Canada, 3250 Bloor St. West, Suite 300

Toronto, ON M8X 2Y4.

For more information, please contact:

UCW Representative: 416 231 5931.

Foothills Presbyterial

The Meet & Greet that was planned for April, has been cancelled, and hopefully can take place in September. Camp Chestermere, just east of Calgary had been booked, and the committee is still waiting to hear from the Camp Administrators regarding the change of date.

The speaker for the meeting (the Region 3 Administrative Minister) has agreed to still be our speaker in September. More information will be forthcoming when things are finalized. Please help us keep the communication going among the women in Region 3.

Thank You

Barbara Davison (Foothills Presbyterial President.)

Would you like a copy of the Banner or the EBanner sent to someone else in your group or to your friends?

Have you missed your copy of our UCW Newsletter?

Copies of this newsletter are sent by mail to those who have provided us with an address, or emailed to those who would like a paperless copy.

WE HAVE A PROBLEM!!

The last two issues have seen a number of copies, both paper and electronic, that have been returned. The return of the paper copy tells the sender that the recipient has moved or is no longer at the address provided. In the case of the electronic copy, either the address is not recognized, or the mailbox is full.

If you move, change your email address or service provider, **could you please inform me, Barbara Davison,** I send out the electronic copy. **You can always send an email to : UCWbanner@gmail.com**

Cheques for paper copies (\$10 per year) should be made out to : Women of the United Church, Northern Spirit & Chinook Winds. UCWbanner@gmail.com

The electronic copy of your newsletter is free. It costs ***\$10 per year to receive a printed copy.*** We spent over \$560 on printing and postage in 2019 and received just \$90 for subscriptions. **If your subscription is due this year, please pay the \$10 per year (3 copies).** If you have already paid for this coming year, your increase will show on your renewal. June is the month when these are due.

Please keep sending reports and information about your upcoming events. If you don't send us the information, it cannot be printed and your information will not be circulated.

Scams : if you receive anything (email or see a "link" entitled "UCW BANNER, - DO NOT OPEN IT—this is a SCAM address and not our Banner address. I do not send a "link" unless included in an article. Barbara.

This is your Newsletter! We need information from you and your unit or group, to let the rest of Alberta Northwest Conference know that we are still around and will be around for a good many years. If you have any items for your newsletter, please forward them to:-

ucwbanner@gmail.com

UCW PURPOSE

To unite women of the congregation, for the total mission of the church, and to provide a medium through which we may express our loyalty and devotion to Jesus Christ in Christian witness, study, fellowship and service.

Information on how to obtain this “Newsletter”

To receive a copy of this electronic newsletter, please send your email address to :

ucwbanner@gmail.com

If you wish to have a printed copy, the cost is \$10.00 per year, so send your address and your \$10.00 to:-

**Barbara Davison,
127 Ranchwood Lane,
Strathmore, Alberta,
TIP 1M8**

Cheques should be made out to :

Women of the United Church, Northern Spirit & Chinook Winds (Banner)

Expiry dates are May of each year, Please renew as soon as your expiry date arrives. This is found on the label of your “paper” copy. Remember this is your newsletter, and if you have anything of interest to share with the rest of Alberta Northwest Conference UCW, please forward that information. Your church group may be having a special celebration?

You may have a special member in your group. This is one way to get to know each other. Telling us the story of your Presbyterial, or the story of your UCW or Ladies group. Reading about groups, makes Us realize just how much we are alike, although we are so far apart sometimes.

No matter what we do, we know that we are all special..

We have had a number of the last edition of the EBanner returned, both in the mail, and emails not delivered. If you or anyone you know has not received the requested Newsletter, please let me know, and I will send it by email People move around and we need to be told of a new address or email address.

Thank you.

Barbara Davison.