

UCW Reflections

Cambridge St. United Church UCW Newsletter, March 2026

Hello from Sharon

It was lovely to see a good turnout for our rescheduled AGM in February. Members passed our new budget as well as a motion to provide a special gift to our church of \$12,000 as we have done in the past. This gift was made possible by our successful fund raising events in 2025. Many thanks to all the volunteers who make these events possible. As we heard at our AGM, Helen Keller reminded us of the importance of volunteers through her words “Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.”. As you read this newsletter, you will see that there are a few opportunities for volunteers.

Members asked an important question about how we can grow our membership to support our fund raising efforts and involve more of the women at Cambridge St United. I am going to be looking for a small group of volunteers to explore this idea. If you are interested in this, please reach out to me. My contact information is at the end of this newsletter.

We had a big crowd for International Women’s Day on March 8th which coincided with our good bye to Rev Brian Nicholson. I look forward to building on this event for 2027. I was introduced to Mikayla Andrus owner of Kitchen Among the Trees. Mikayla has agreed to provide our cake for our Volunteer Appreciation Day on April 19th. I have ordered more cake for that event.



Special Projects

As we all know there is no shortage of ways we can help the broader community. Our church participates in many projects. Is it time for our UCW to align with the United Church of Canada's Healing Fund? This is a five year project running from 2023-2028 focused on healing initiatives for Indigenous women, children, and families. The Healing Fund supports healing initiatives for survivors of the residential school system and its ongoing intergenerational impacts. Healing with Horses is an example of one of the programs supposed by this project. I am going to be looking into this – stay tuned. And of course, if you are interested in exploring this with me, please let me know

Joys of Christmas

Brenda DeKoker is finally resigning from her role as Decorator in Chief. Brenda is supported by a large team including Karen Martin to name but one. We have had one meeting with the goal of passing along information and starting to think about the future of this important job. If this seems like a job you would like to take on or you know someone who might be interested, please let me know.

Thank you Brenda for your leadership in turning our church into a Christmas wonderland and to your team as well.

Upcoming Rummage Sale

As hard as it is to believe, the spring rummage sale is fast approaching. Planning is underway. Please keep the sale in mind if you are doing any spring cleaning. We are looking for reusable bags this year. I will be putting a basket in the Bond St Hall if you would have extra reusable bags you want to donate. We are looking for someone to manage the bag sale give Pam's retirement. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please let me know.

Feedback, Questions?

Sharing my contact information with you – shrtracy@gmail.com or 705 928-6818.

*"In the Spring, I have counted 136 different kinds of weather
inside of 24 hours" – Mark Twain*