

UCW Report to WUC Council, June 17th, 2009

Since our last report, members of Woodlawn UCW have continued to work and witness for the church, both here at Woodlawn and in the greater Community. Some of the highlights of our recent activities are as follows:

Hall Painting - The Marion MacDonald Unit, with approval from Trustees, took on the project of painting the Church Hall. The ladies chose the paint colour, stripped the walls of all decoration and hired a painter, using money raised by various means. The project was completed during March Break so as to cause as little disruption to programs as possible. This same group had two classrooms painted and refurbished last year (volunteer labour from a member and her husband), and subsequently issued the challenge to any other group in the Church to “adopt-a-classroom” in the same way. The Martha Unit has plans to do the same to the Nursery and we hope that other organizations will also take up the challenge.

Spring Fling - “*Celebrate New Life*” was the theme of our Annual Spring Fling where we gathered to worship, sing and donate baby items for the IWK and Brunswick St. Mission. This “baby shower” resulted in 26 complete Layettes of items such as clothing, diapers, towels and facecloths, cleansing products, toys, and a wonderful assortment of baby blankets, all to be given to mothers of new babies who might not have the resources to provide such necessities.

The highlight of the afternoon was the presentation of Life Memberships to three deserving women whose lives have exemplified the UCW Purpose. They are Nell Mallett, Nancy Thompson and Norma Higgins.

Spring Rally - Several women from our UCW attended the annual Spring Rally at Stairs Memorial Church on May 25th. Following a Potluck Supper and Worship Service, we were delighted to have the Rev. Sarah Reaburn as our guest speaker for the evening.

Perennial Sale - The Tabitha Unit held its Annual Perennial Sale on June 6th and once again, it proved to be very successful. This year, the buyers were great in number and a profit of over \$900.00 was realized.

F.O.O.D. - On June 10th, members of the UCW Executive prepared 8 very large casseroles and delivered them to Margaret’s Place to be used during the months of July and August. All of the Units take turns preparing food for this very worthy cause during the remaining months of the year, along with other church groups in Dartmouth.

Presbytery Dinner - Plans have been finalized and workers are ready to prepare the evening meal for Presbytery Delegates and members of the congregation on June 16th. Supper will be served in the Hall at 5:30, with Worship and the Installation of Wyman Benjamin as Presbytery Chair for the next two years, in the Sanctuary at 6:30, followed by the Presbytery Meeting back in the Hall at approximately 7:15. We look forward to

helping with this significant event, since Woodlawn has not hosted a Presbytery Full Court Meeting since 2001.

Berwick Cookies - This year, it is the turn of Halifax UCW Presbyterial to provide cookies for the “Refreshment Breaks” at the 10-day Berwick Encampment and workers to stay on site and work in the *Cookie Cottage*. Of the 450 Doz. regular cookies needed, our Units, in true Woodlawn UCW fashion, have pledged 234 doz. The remainder will be provided by other churches of the Presbytery, while gluten free and diabetic cookies are being prepared by the UCW of St. John’s, Fall River. Plans are now being made for their delivery to the Camp on July 24th.

DunGen - Our used clothing store will soon be finishing up for the summer months. We will be closing on June 25th and will re-open on Sept.17th. Once again, we find that we are providing a much-needed service for the Community, while raising a small bit of funds for the church. Our final rag-cutting session for the season will be on June 22nd, at 1:30 in the Heritage Centre.

Funeral Receptions - We have provided several Funeral Receptions during the past few months, of which some were for such dedicated UCW members as Leah Trider, Hope Dunbar and Greta Cross. At the other end of the spectrum, we have continued to provide Baptism Candles and Certificates to those who are newly baptized.

Other - We have begun to develop two new projects: a Prayer Shawl Ministry (Naomi Unit) and a special Christmas Project, “*Come To the Manger*”, of which you will hear more in the Fall. These, along with our Thankoffering Service, with Guest Speaker, Rev. Ian MacLean, and the Turkey Dinner, will help to make our next season a busy one.

We hope all will enjoy some much-needed rest during July and August and return to our tasks, fully refreshed, in September.

Respectfully submitted,

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