

MARCH UCW MEETING

At the March meeting, 21 participants created suncatchers. Under the guidance of the glass artist Wendy Daly, we learned how to cut glass, arrange and attach the glass pieces onto the bottom solid glass pane. The results were outstanding as spring flowers took shape. The variety of colours, shapes and types of glass used to make the flowers were as unique as the individuals making the suncatchers. Looking ahead we may have an opportunity to do something using fused glass again in the fall.

UCW AT WORK

Thank you to the many people who donated articles and money for the Blessing Bags, who sewed the bags, who gathered to sort and pack the bags and who delivered the bags to the shelters.

We made **39 bags** stuffed with hygiene products, socks, underwear, snacks, activities and warm hats and gloves. Even then, there was still enough product leftover that products were donated to the food bank, the shelters and Herizon House.

IN THE FUTURE

Saturday, March 28 from 10:30-12:30 and Sunday morning March 29 will be the Easter Food Drive. Donations can be dropped off at the drive thru on Saturday or placed in the bins in the narthex on Sunday morning.

Thursday, April 2 —Maundy Thursday celebrations begin at 5:30pm with a Taizé service in the chapel conducted by Rev. Kaitlyn followed by a community potluck dinner with communion at 6:00pm.

Friday, April 3— Rev. Kaitlyn will be conducting a Good Friday service at 10:30 that will lead us to the foot of the cross.

Sunday, April 5 —Easter Morning Service at 10:30. Come and celebrate the resurrection of our Lord.

Sunday, April 12—The choir presents the cantata 'No Stone Could Hold Him' during the morning service.

Happy April Birthdays to our UCW members: Wendy Rothman, Rosemary Marsh, Rowena Dunlop, Linda Hearn, Sue Porter, Marg McCulla

(If we have missed your birthday, we apologize and ask you to let us know)

SNEAK PREVIEW

Saturday, May 2—AFTERNOON HIGH TEA— We will once again set the tables in the fellowship room, get out the good dishes and serve high tea. Ticket information coming in the next In the Loop.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

On April 8, our UCW meetings switch back to 7:00pm. The program on April 8th will be prepared by Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander and Doreen Hallé.

On May 6 at 7:00pm we will be having a team trivia night so gather your team of friends, family or neighbours for a fun-filled evening of trivia. Yes, there will be prizes!

Our final meeting of the year will be our annual potluck dinner on June 3 at 7:00pm.

CHOCOLATE EGGS AND EASTER CARDS

The hat-capped chocolate Easter eggs will be on sale for \$5 and hand-made Easter cards will be on sale for \$3 following the services on March 22 and March 29 (while supplies last).

EASTER LILIES

There are many symbols associated with Easter—eggs, butterflies, bunnies, flowers—all symbolizing new birth. The Easter lily has become the symbol of life after death. Emerging from a bulb buried in darkness, it reflects the journey from the tomb to new life and the hope of Easter morning. The lily's white colouring symbolizes the purity of Jesus Christ and the joy of the resurrection, while the trumpet-like shape signifies Gabriel's trumpet call to new life. Its history is based in the legend that says that after Jesus' death and resurrection, these flowers were found growing in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus had prayed the night before the crucifixion.

Jesus' words in Matthew 6:28 tells us to "*Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin.*" The Easter lily stands as a quiet witness that God brings life, beauty, and hope. Each spring it proclaims that life can emerge from what seems dark and lost, reminding us that through Christ, the light and promise of resurrection continues to bloom throughout the world.

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: The only Commandment I ever obeyed — 'Consider the
: Lilies'.
: - Emily Dickenson
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