

The Messenger

June 28, 2023

Zion United Church

Sunday worship — 9:30 am

St Andrews United Church

Sunday worship — 11:00 am



New Roof for the Hall

They say we can anticipate a little rain in our lives but we really don't want the rain coming into our hall as it has been recently.

After reviewing the options and quotes received from four roofing companies, at the recommendation of our Property Committee, Council approved a new roof rather than a repair of the 70+ year old existing roof.

The successful bid was Quality Roofing, we do have the \$20,000 required to pay for this in our reserve funds. Zion does not qualify for any grants within the United Church, we are hoping to recoup those funds through donations and fundraising.

Any questions please contact either
Rod Gilmer or Marj Bailey.

If you have announcements to be included here
please email them to: ckooyman@shaw.ca

It would be helpful if announcements for The Messenger
are sent to the above address before Wednesday.

Next Messenger will be
July 5th , 2023

Reflection on Zion United Church Women

Written by Leona Harrison
**For the Service of Appreciation and
Recognition of Zion UCW June 25 2023**

Zion United Church Women,

- a force throughout the decades,
- the catalyst and energy behind many projects,
- but also a circle of friendship extending its arms of care to Zion members as well as working to help those in need in this community and beyond in many parts of the world.

I experienced that friendship and those arms of care when I arrived In Armstrong from Ontario

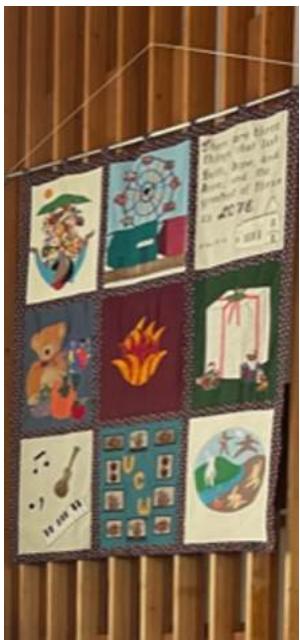
in September of 1988 knowing only my husband and two year old daughter Susie, and expecting a second child in January.

I was "adopted" by the Margaret Fulton unit of the UCW.

- When Robbie arrived they organized a baby shower.
- And often during those first months the phone would ring, and it would be Dot Staples or Ruth Bosomworth just checking in to see how we were doing.
- And when I brought the infant Robbie into the choir with me and he started crying Marg Kirk marched right up there, picked him up, carried him to the middle of the chancel, introduced him to the church family, and said he was welcome to make as much noise as he needed to because



the sound of a baby was a beautiful thing.



People like Maureen, Penny, and Wilma who grew up in this congregation all have memories of these wonderful women and the projects and special events they were involved in that touched



the lives of others in a very positive way.

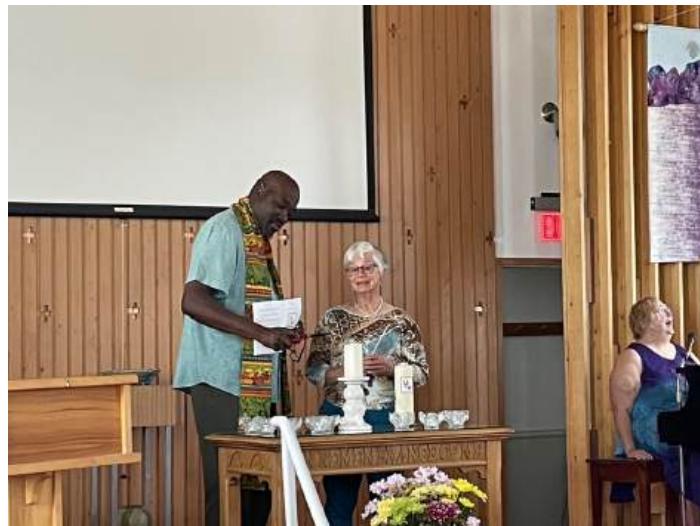
More than that,

these individuals were important mentors to them as girls and young women.

That aspect of the UCW ministry has carried on throughout the years as they provide inspiration and care for those around them.

In the early days of Zion, the women were organized into three groups –

- the Women's Auxiliary (WA) that tended primarily to support of the local congregation,
- and the Women's Missionary Society (WMS) that studied and supported mission work,
- and the Evening Auxiliary an offshoot of WMS but with evening meetings



Zion's women's groups were ahead of their time when in 1948 they formed an umbrella group called the Women's Federation that combined the WA and WMS and Evening Auxiliary and provided the chance for all the church women to meet together as well as still carrying on their separate groups. This happened well before the United Church of Canada officially amalgamated the WA and WMS to form the UCW in 1962. Go Zion women for being on the leading edge!

At that time there were five individual units:

- Found Treasures
- Power House
- Willing Workers
- Good Neighbors
- Margaret Fulton

Gradually, with more women in the work force, these units became smaller and finally in 2000, with just the Good Neighbours and Margaret Fulton units still meeting, they amalgamated into one UCW group.



Last Monday I made a trip to the archives at the Armstrong Museum to look for information on Zion UCW and found lots of inspiring items!



- Serving food at the IPE was a constant all through the years, starting in 1904. In the early days they had a section of Hassan Hall, and served breakfast to the barn people, dinner at noon, tea in the afternoon, and a lighter supper at night. A funny quote “The ladies were admitted to the fair free if they wore an apron and carried a pie”. And an interesting quote “In 1977 we had a very heavy Thursday as we fed a lot of 4H groups”.

- I found a handwritten summary of meal prices 1978-1993, and Gross receipts 1958 to 1990. Meals were sold for \$3.50 in 1958 and gross receipts were \$2,302.10. In 1990 the price was up to \$6 and gross receipts were \$17,453.75.
- In 1949 when the church hall was but a concept drawing from the pencil of Rev. Dr. Frank Runnalls (father of Jean Lockhart), the ladies group turned over \$2000 as a start to raising the \$12000 needed for its construction. Google says that's over \$25,000 in today's dollars! At the hall mortgage burning ceremony in February 1960 two of the women held the silver tray as the crumpled mortgage went up in flames – a testament to their support of that building project.
- From 1974 to 1993 the UCW worked gradually to transform the back part of the church from, in their words, “a bleak room with a so-called kitchen with only cold water” to a much more functional and comfortable minister’s office, lounge, and kitchen. In total just over \$10,000 was raised, primarily by Mary Bradley selling Regal cards and gifts, for the renovations including the addition of the washroom. And the writer of the article quipped “heaven help you if you didn’t buy your Regal cards, gifts and wrapping paper from Mary”. And further the writer (we suspect Jean Lockhart) says “Originally this space was furnished with sofas and easy chairs, hence “The Lounge”, but along the way it has somehow become a Boardroom”



Today a new world of opportunity and responsibility is being entrusted to us, the whole congregation. May God walk with us as we continue to journey on.

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- Providing for the needs of the Church Hall and the Lounge area have continued to be the focus of the UCW fundraising for this congregation, along with regular support to the Mission and Service Fund, Mackenzie Camp, First United in Vancouver, and local church operations
- And then there were the Friendship Teas held each spring – a themed gathering that brought together women from all the churches of Armstrong, and United Church

Women from Vernon, Enderby, Lumby, Salmon Arm & Sicamous for a worship service followed by a tea in the Hall. Even after I was working and not usually available I tried to get time off to attend!

- So many Christmas Teas and Bazaars! Christmas Pot Lucks! Funeral Teas! Cleaning Bees! Cheery visits! So much Thoughtful caring!

And with that we return to the opening statement - Zion United Church women, a force throughout the decades, the catalyst and energy behind many projects, but also a circle of friendship extending its arms of care to Zion members as well as working to help those in need in this community and beyond in many parts of the world.

Zion Finances January to May 2023

Church Operations:

Total Operating Income **\$36,935 (\$9,730 more than 2022!!!)**

Total Operating Expense **\$42,497**

Year to date Deficit (\$5,562) vs. YTD projected Deficit (\$9,619)

Church Building Fund Activity and Projects:

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BUILDING FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1 2023	\$14,910.03
TOTAL YTD INCOME	\$4,393.93
EXPENSES	
Paint Church Sanctuary	\$335.20
Lounge & Office Renovations	\$4,297.12
Church Electrical Service & Panel Upgrade	\$5,665.65
Fence, South of Church	\$1,078.64
TOTAL YTD PROJECT EXPENSES	\$11,376.61

BUILDING FUND BALANCE, MAY 31 2023	\$7,927.35
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These are encouraging results.



Thank you for your faithful support of our operating budget, and for pitching in to buy cans of paint, and boxes of flooring. The paint is all paid for, and just another \$730 to complete that project.

Hopefully we can maintain the momentum, especially with the new challenge of needing to replace the church hall roof at a cost of \$20,000.

Zion Finance Committee



New opportunity

We at Zion are gathering this Sunday to celebrate the many accomplishments of our UCW over the years. One of the many ministries these women have provided over the many, many years is catering of funeral teas, birthday events and special congregational events. As the United church evolves into a new identity we here at Zion are also evolving. Over the past year we have seen new energies emerging. So we have another opportunity for you to share with others in this area of ministry.

Zion is setting up a “Catering Team”

If you are interested in this ministry please contact:

Marj Bailey at chwk67@telus.net or phone 250-503-7359

or

Maureen MacDonald at maureenjmacdonald8@gmail.com or phone 250-550-4573

Thank you for considering this as a ministry you might enjoy.

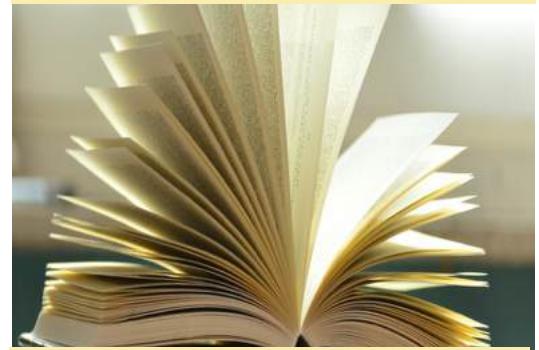


Askew's cards will be sold at St. Andrews, Enderby during the month of July while we are worshipping together.

You can also phone Eleanor to order them at 250-546-8195. Remember you can use them at any of the 5 Askew's stores.

Thanks. Eleanor

BOOK NOOK at Zion



Book Nook will be open on Wednesday mornings from

10 a.m. to noon