



Rideau Park United Church Women - November 2024 Newsletter

ALL UNIT MEETING ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12 AT 1pm in the Parlour

Rev. Steve Moore believes our very active UCW is an important part of Rideau Park, and the Transition Team wants to hear our many voices. The UCW Leadership Team believes it is important that as many of you as possible attend our **All Unit and UCW friends Meeting on Tuesday, November 12 at 1:00 pm in the Parlour.** Join Rev. Steve and Amy Bloom (Neal) of the Transition Team - they want us to share with them stories related to the many facets of the UCW role in congregational life and our outreach to the greater Alta Vista community. They want to learn what we (the UCW) believe to be the strengths of our community of faith and potential opportunities that await exploration...all sides of our ongoing ministry.

Then, plan to attend the Heritage Sunday Special Service on November 17th from 10:00 - 11:30 am.

BAZAAR UPDATE

A huge thank you to Christel Kurz and Peggy Rader - creative and indefatigable co-convenors for 2023 and 2024

The Bazaar is over for another year - thank you to everyone who volunteered by working at the Bazaar, prepping for the Bazaar, baking, crafting, sandwich and tea making, serving, making music, moving furniture, running elevators, cleaning up, ensuring our safety, sorting books and linens and jewelry, kids' toys, plants, Christmas decorations, and every household good and auction item imaginable!

The numbers (for now): \$23,300

THANK YOU!



Now it is time to look for a new Bazaar Convenor(s)

Could you/would you be ready and willing to step into the role? There are many mentors in the church who have held the role before, and an excellent binder with all essential information, with room for innovation!

If you would like some more information about this rewarding enterprise, please contact: ucw@rideaupark.ca

DO YOU KNOW THAT

Almost all of the funds raised throughout the year are distributed to the Rideau Park General Fund, Christmas Cheer, Benevolent Fund, Mission and Service, property projects in the church (e.g., parlour kitchen, generator, new fridge, curtains, etc.), and to local charities such as Heron Emergency Food Centre, Pavilion Food Bank, Centre 507, Dementia Society, Hospice Care Ottawa, Bruyere, Roger Neilson House, Cornerstone, Multifaith Housing Initiative, and several shelters for women, children, First Nations and Harvest House for men.

The UCW Finance Meeting

Takes place on Monday, **November 18 at 1:00 pm** in the Parlour. We begin the process of determining our 2025 budget, our Memorial Fund priorities, our year end charitable donations and the usual motions carrying us forward to the 2025 year. Sharpen your pencils! Light lunch will be available.

Christmas Candlelight Service

Join all UCW members at this traditional service in the Sanctuary on Monday, **December 2nd at 1:30 pm**. Then we move to the Parlour for some financial decision making for 2025, visiting, and more snacking!

Stan Clark Orchestra Christmas Concert & Reception

The UCW Community Building Sub-Committee will be coordinating a reception after this community concert on **Saturday evening, December 21st**. Please join in for some big band/swing band Christmas music in the Sanctuary and then some cookies and punch in Beecroft Hall.

