



United Church Women



An occasional HamPack mailing designed to keep you informed of news and events for United Church Women in Hamilton Conference.

February, 2010

Waterloo Presbyterial

Our January meeting opened with worship led by Helen Koepke, co-chair of our Leadership Division, and Elaine Merkus, our speaker from Ontario Christian Gleaners, located at 1550 Morrison Road, Cambridge.

“When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field, or gather the gleanings of your harvest. . . . you shall leave them for the poor and the stranger.”
(Leviticus 19:9)

“Gleaning is a biblical concept in which God commanded farmers to allow the poor to gather food from fields already harvested. Today we can feed the hungry through gleaning from the surplus fruit and vegetables from farms, food processing and food distribution companies.”

(Ontario Christian Gleaners brochure)

Many volunteers (seniors, retirees, youth groups, families, or school groups) gather each weekday to process surplus products such as onions, tomatoes, carrots, peas, broccoli, cauliflower, peppers, beans, and lentils into a nutritious dried soup mix. Each 3 lb. bag of soup mix, when 25 litres of water are added, produces 100 servings of soup.

Ontario Christian Gleaners partners with charitable organizations such as the Mennonite Central Committee, Samaritan's Purse, or Feed the Children, to ship the soup mix to destinations in 23 countries.

If your church group is looking for an excellent speaker, contact Elaine Merkus at 6984 Gore Concession, RR2 Puslinch, Ontario, N0B 2J0 or visit the Ontario Christian Gleaners website at www.ontariogleaners.org.

Dorothy Ann Carter
UCW Presbyterial President
Waterloo Presbytery

Mark your calendar!!

United Church Women 50th Anniversary

Theme: "Tapestry of Love"

National celebration---" A golden celebration in the golden horseshoe"

Dates: July 23rd - July 27th 2012

Place: Redeemer College University,
Ancaster, ON

Hosted by Hamilton Conference U.C.W.

Watch this space for more information or contact
Presbyterial or Conference UCW executive

Annual Gatherings

Bruce - Monday, March 29, Palmerston United Church
Guest speaker: Gabriele Delbeanco

Erie - Monday, April 12, Selkirk United Church
Inspirational Speaker, Darlene Erskine

Halton - Saturday, April 10, St. Paul's United Church, Oakville.
Theme: "Be Thou My Vision"
Theme Speaker, Rev. Peter Hartman

Hamilton - Wednesday, April 14, St. Paul's United Church, Dundas.
Theme: "Works of Faith, Labours of Love"
Guest speaker, Rev. Lorna MacQueen

Niagara - Saturday, March 20, Mountainview United Church, St. Catharines,
Theme: "Quilts of Life"
Theme speaker: Deetin Winter "Women of the Bible"
Worship Leader: Roberta Masecar "Road to Freedom Underground"

Waterloo - Monday, April 12, St. James-Rosemount United, Waterloo.
Theme speaker: Angela Schmidt, Director of Health Care Chaplancy, Grey-Bruce Area

Hamilton Conference: Friday-Saturday, April 23,24.
Tansley United Church, Burlington.
Theme: "Celebrate Our Gifts"

For further information contact your Presbyterian President.

Halton Presbyterial Annual Gathering

Saturday, April 10, 2010

8:30—3:30

St. Paul's United Church,
454 Rebecca Street, Oakville

AM: Three workshops
PM: Theme Speaker, Peter Hartmans

Cost: \$15 (including lunch)

