

UCW LIGHTHOUSE March 20th 2023

7pm choir room

Attendees brought a foodbank item and the cart was at the entry for collection. The meeting began with the recitation of the SERENITY PRAYER followed by the UCW purpose. These passages were printed on a bookmark for each member and guest to take home.

Jackie Clements and Krista Ritchie introduced Galina whom we have met through the DROP IN. Specifically "the Ukrainian Open Door" which meet at the Drop in every second Friday. Jackie read a story which was written by Galina's friend who, like Galina also was from Ukraine. It spoke of the early hours of the war on Ukraine with the airspace being shut down and the final flights that struggled to make their way out. Galina translated this story from Ukraine to English and her host helped her edit it.

Next Dona and Gabriele shared with us what happens at "drop in at the bridge". Many at the meeting had been curious and now have an overview of the programs which include a Monday drop in and lunch for any and all community member, a frozen meal program, a hot meal sharing at Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving (including home delivery), Thursday your lunch, and Saturday movie nights. IF YOU ARE A FACEBOOK USER, PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE THEIR PAGE TO HELP INCREASE AWARENESS!

Gifts of chocolate were distributed to our three guests as a thank you.

Galina can be added to our mailing list to be notified of meetings. Please remove Marion Boyd and Margie Austman from email. Please do not use old email for making new ones as this causes these addresses to get back into use!

Business:

Joan Norris shared the survey results of December

April meeting hosts: Donna Mowry and Diane Henkenhaf

Soup sale in February raised \$470 deposited to UCW

Treasurer report: Bank balance \$220

A "Framework for meetings" was presented by Pat as another suggestion for UCW moving forward and is attached to these meetings to add to next months discussion.

Pat closed with scripture and a prayer at 8:45 and lunch was enjoyed.

\*\*\*NOTE: Business next month Motion by Pat Porter that we donate \$50 to "drop in at the Bridge" seconded by Krista Ritchie.

OPTIONAL UCW PLAN....."MEETINGS MADE EASY" CHOOSE A PARTNER AND A MONTH IN THE FRAMEWORK BELOW

January: book club month! (bring a snack and a good read—all for sharing)

February: no cooking tonight! Dinner at the Bruce

March: regular meeting perhaps with a guest

April donation to silver lake camp (check website for their wish list) "through the years at Silverlake camp" potential guest speaker Dawn Wiseman (long time board member)

May Memories with/of our Mother's (show and tell) a recipe, a photo, a story, or even your Mom!

June: PICNIC at Dunsmoor Park/weather plan at the church.

July no meeting

August no meeting

September Apple and pumpkin pie prayer meeting. bring your appetite and your thanksgivings and hopes.

October: Travel Diaries: Maybe you have travelled and would like to share?

November Regular Meeting perhaps with a guest speaker (take feedback from the year of meetings and gather ideas....Pat and Krista are willing to create another framework) Determine where to direct our givings at this meeting

December: turkey dinner out or catered (Ainsdale/the Bruce?)