

## Throughout the Year

There are opportunities to meet people, volunteer, attend programs, and fundraise for charities of our choice as a UCW member. At TMUC, the UCW is involved with organizing Memorial Teas; after Sunday service refreshment; participating in church work bees and special events. Our 2 major fund raising events are our Spring Plant and Bake sale, and our Christmas Sale. Women are invited to join in where they are interested.



A sample of the plants sold at the Spring Sale along with baked goods, cards, puzzles, garden décor, and decorations.



In previous years, a “Poinsettia Tree” was erected before Christmas, and Poinsettia Cards were sold.



Trinity Memorial United Church sign paid for by UCW

**If you would like information about UCW or  
contact someone to join, call the Church Office  
at 604-853-2591**

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## United Church Women (UCW) at Trinity Memorial UC



The United Church Women (UCW) is a national organization under the United Church of Canada. The UCW's Mission is to love God; foster Christian commitment, faithfulness, and spirituality; and promote respect and love for all God's creation.

## How do you become a UCW member?

Any woman, or individual who identifies as a woman, "willing to contribute her prayers, gifts, and services for the work of the Church" may join the United Church Women (UCW). Along with making women feel welcome in the church, the UCW nurtures spirituality by promoting truth, justice, peace, caring, and respect for all in the community and wider world.

Since 1962, when 2 women's groups in the United Church of Canada joined together, the UCW has been an integral part of the church. The UCW are independent in their planning, handle their own money, and have their own executive.



Many local, national and international charities have benefited from the fund-raising done by UCW, ranging from hosting garden parties to a variety of tasty bake sales.

## We have 3 UCW units (or groups) within Trinity Memorial United Church

1. **Harmony** is the largest group meeting on the last Wednesday of each month. Meetings are from 1:30 pm-4 pm at church or at a unit member's home. Members take turns hosting, chairing and providing refreshments. A member often offers a program, recently, highlighting an indigenous woman of note.

2. **Grace-Sunshine Unit** has many long-time UCW members. They meet at the church on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 pm, except during summer, or by ZOOM. They support local charities and have knit Prayer Shawls for congregation members facing challenges.

3. **Friendship Unit**, has infrequent meetings but when they do meet, it is at someone's home or garden. They have hosted Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper and participate in fund raising activities. They annually support a student in Africa.

You are welcome to come to any unit meeting, and there is no obligation to join, if you want some camaraderie. We do not levy any Membership Fees.



Christmas Sale—lovely cards sold

Throughout the year, the UCW Executive meet to hear about each group, plan fund raising events, or joint functions. They plan and invite UCW Members and interested others to attend our Annual General Meeting to celebrate accomplishments, plan for the upcoming year and listen to a guest speaker. Our UCW is part of the Fraser UCW area, which in turn is a member of the Provincial UCW. The latter represents BC at the National UCW level.

See our UCW Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/TrinityUCWAbbotsford/>, to see what is going on. At times, UCW sends out an email to UCW members regarding events or request for help. Friends of UCW, are those who do not belong to a specific unit but are interested in helping. If being on either of these lists is of interest, contact the UCW President through the church office.