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churches on Amherst Island - St. Alban's Anglican, St. Bartholemew's Roman Catholic and St. Paul's Presbyterian - came together for a special service of prayer.

All were warmly welcomed to St. Bartholemew's Church by Ray and Zelma Koenders who made sure intro-

ductions were made, programs were handed out and everybody found a seat.

The service was written by the women of the Churches in Poland. It was appropriate, therefore, that Ula Stief spoke about her native land. She told stories, shared books, described



World Day of Prayer. L-R: Ray Koenders; Cathy Glenn; Zelma Koenders, Ula Stief. Zander Dunn Photo

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

by Zander Dunn

On Friday, March 4, about 25 people, representatives of all the three

her country and made us feel at one with that unique part of the world. She also got us to say "Szczesc Boze" (Shesh-ke Boh-sje) which means "May God Bless You."

God did bless us in the hymns led by Cathy Glenn on her key-board, in the prayers offered by members of the various churches and in Ray Koenders' meditation. Others who took part in the service included Elsie Willard, Barbara Reid, Bonnie Caughey, Joyce Haines, and from the mainland Sister Hammond and Sister Emery.

The blessings continued after the service when we shared all manner of good things to eat and drink.

An offering was received and was dedicated to the various projects supported by World Day of Prayer

grants. Eighteen endeavours abroad and eleven schemes in Canada benefit from the monies received at this service. They range from a Rice Treading, Vegetable and Hog Raising Project in the Philippines to a Learning Centre Literacy Project in Vancouver, from a Female Human Rights Training Project in Kenya to Survivors of Violence Support Group in Ontario.

Next year St. Alban's Anglican congregation will host the event which is celebrated around the world on the first Friday of March.
