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## Congregations

- **Bruce Rock Uniting Church** held their final service of worship in their building last Sunday 29 May. The congregation will continue to gather. To view pictures from the service, visit the Uniting Church WA Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/unitingchurchwa>.
- **Kalamunda Uniting Church** is holding the next Market Day this Saturday 4 June from 9.00am–1.00pm with morning tea, lunches, cakes and crafts available. Join them on Kalamunda Village market day.
- **A Granny Raffle and Afternoon Tea** will be held at Kalamunda Uniting Church, on Saturday 18 June, 2.00pm. Cost is \$10 for 10 tickets and afternoon tea; an extra book of tickets is \$5. Prizes galore! Proceeds to YouthCare Chaplaincy, Kalamunda. Enquires to Ailsa on 9293 2398.
- **The annual Women's Weekend Away**, with the theme 'Me and My God', will be held from Friday 17–Sunday 19 June at the Swanleigh Conference Centre, Middle Swan. The all-inclusive cost is \$145.00. This spiritually uplifting and fun weekend is organised by a committee of women from South Perth and Swan View Uniting Churches who invite women from all congregations and denominations. For more information contact Fiona on 0407 771 416 or email [southperthwwa@gmail.com](mailto:southperthwwa@gmail.com).
- **The film, *Chasing Asylum***, will be screening at Grand Cinemas Warwick on Monday 20 June, 6.30pm. Tickets are \$20, a minimum of 56 tickets need to be sold for the screening to go ahead; ask your friends, colleagues, worshipping community and family to come along. Promoted by Trinity North Uniting Church. To book visit <https://www.tugg.com/events/115153>.
- **A Dealing with Grief seminar** will be held on Wednesday 29 June, 7.00pm at Leeming Uniting Church, 66 Farrington Rd, Leeming. Cost is \$10. Space is limited; RSVP to 0412 243 677.

Presbytery and Synod of WA

- **A memorial service for Ailsa Maley** will be held at St George's Church in Dunsborough, on Friday 10 June. All are invited to attend. The service will be followed by morning tea in the Family Centre next to the church.
- **As recommended at the Presbytery of Western Australia meeting** last month, the establishment of a Congress WA Presbytery has been postponed. Therefore, the Inaugural WA Congress Presbytery Meeting and Celebration of WA Congress Presbytery Formation scheduled to be held on Saturday 11 June has been cancelled. Please update your 2016 Planner.
- **A Safe Church Awareness Workshop** will be held at Willetton Uniting Church on Saturday 23 July, 9.30am–3.30pm. All members of congregations, especially those involved in community services, are urged to attend. Cost is \$20 per person. RSVP by Friday 16 July to Cindy Gorton on 9260 9800 or [cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:cindy.gorton@wa.uca.org.au). Additional workshops have been scheduled in other regions throughout 2016, including at Lighthouse Church, Geraldton on Saturday 18 June. Check out the dates at <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/safe-church/safe-church-training>.
- **The Uniting Church WA and UnitingWorld** support the work of our partner church, the Methodist Church of Sri Lanka, as they run interfaith preschools in war-torn areas. Fundraising has already funded nutritious meals for 8 children for a whole year. For more info and to donate visit <https://chuffed.org/project/fulltummieshappylearners>.

#### Schools and Colleges

- **Presbyterian Ladies' colleges' Beth Blackwood Senior School** was officially opened on 25 May 2016 in honour of PLC's immediate past Principal, who left the school last October after 18 years of service. To read more visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/06/01/past-plc-principal-honoured-in-naming-of-new-senior-school/>.

#### From the National Church

- **UnitingWorld** is holding a Sri Lanka Landslides Appeal. Flash floods and landslides have forced more than 200 000 from their homes and killed at least 40 people in Sri Lanka. The death toll is expected to rise. In the worst flooding to hit Sri Lanka in six years, 19 of the country's 25 regions have been inundated. To donate, visit <http://www.unitingworld.org.au/announcements/sri-lanka-landslides-appeal/>.
- **World Environment Day, Sunday 5 June**, aims to raise awareness worldwide of environmental issues and encourage political attention and action. UnitingJustice Australia has prepared a resource, containing theological reflections, worship resources, ideas for action and stories of inspiration and hope to encourage us to think of what changes we could undertake together for a world made whole. Download it at <http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/environment/information-and-action-resources/item/1172-wed2016>.
- **Colleen Geyer, general secretary of the Uniting Church in Australia**, has provided further information for retired members of the Beneficiary Fund. She said that the Federal Government's progress has been slower than desired, but that Assembly will continue to advance the issue. To read more visit <https://assembly.uca.org.au/news/item/2394-beneficiary-fund-retired-member-update>.

#### UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

- **Uniting Church members** are invited to join UnitingCare West CEO Sue Ash AO and the Board, along with Uniting Church WA moderator, Rev Steve Francis,

for the UnitingCare West 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service. It will be held at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth on Sunday 3 July from 2.30–3.30pm. The service will be followed by afternoon tea at the church. RSVP to [events@unitingcarewest.org.au](mailto:events@unitingcarewest.org.au).

- **The largest providers of homelessness services** across Australia joined forces to call on all political parties to make reducing homelessness a national priority. In a joint letter to the four party leaders, the major charities Anglicare, Mission Australia, Salvation Army, St Vincent de Paul, UnitingCare Australia and Wesley Mission demanded a commitment to halving homelessness by 2025. To read more visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/05/25/homeless-charities-call-for-targets-to-halve-homelessness-by-2015/>.

## Ecumenical & International

- **Representatives of the three Abrahamic faiths**, including members of the Uniting Church, discussed their shared and deep commitment to the plight of refugees and asylum seekers at the Australian National Dialogue for Christians, Muslims and Jews (ANDCMJ) meeting. Rev Michael Barnes, convener of the Uniting Church in Australia's Relations with Other Faiths Working Group, shared with other dialogue members the Uniting Church's statement 'Shelter from the Storm' which calls for a more compassionate and positive response to asylum seekers in Australia. To read more visit <http://assembly.uca.org.au/rof/about/news/564-dialogue-highlights-common-concern-for-refugees>.
- **Among the Urban Community (AMUC)** is a unique experience; a mission exposure trip for adults in our own city. It will challenge your faith, lifestyle, priorities and understanding of the Gospel. The AMUC experience invites followers to a deeper faith where there are no easy answers. This is a joint initiative of Scripture Union and TEAR Australia. It will be held from Friday 17–Sunday 19 June at Nedlands Uniting Church. Apply online at [www.suwa.org.au/AMUC](http://www.suwa.org.au/AMUC).
- **The University of Notre Dame, Fremantle**, are holding their 2016 Distinguished Scholars Lecture on 'Art and Devotion'. Presenters include Dr Petra Kayser, Prof Ted Snell and Rev Dr Tom Ellch. They will also be judging the Mandorla Art Award. The lecture will be held on Thursday 14 July, 7.30pm, at the university, Tannock hall of Education, cnr Croke and Cliff Sts, Fremantle. For more info call 9433 0138 or email [fremantle.theology@nd.edu.au](mailto:fremantle.theology@nd.edu.au).

## Community

- **Refugee Week**, 19–25 June, is approaching and there are many ways you can get involved, including hosting a screening of the documentary film, *Freedom Stories*. Share your events and find out what other events are happening around Australia at [www.refugeeweek.org.au](http://www.refugeeweek.org.au).
- **Rosemary Sayer** is a writer, former journalist and a board member of the Edmund Rice Centre in Western Australia, which supports humanitarian programs for refugees and Aboriginal families. She will be presenting a talk on 'More to the Story: Conversations with refugees,' during Refugee Week on Thursday 23 June, 6.00pm, at Willagee Library. Cost is \$5. For more info visit <http://www.refugeeweek.org.au/event/more-to-the-story-conversations-with-refugees-author-talk-by-rosemary-sayer/>.

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([unitingchurchwa.org.au/jobs](http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/jobs))

The Pastoral Relations and Placements Commission (PR&PC) webpage is available to view all vacant placements, by-laws, ministry changes and pastoral and placement updates. Visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/pastoral-relations-and-placements-commission>.

- **Nedlands Uniting Church** is seeking a Youth and Young Adults Co-ordinator for a position up to 0.6 FTE. The position is responsible for assisting and nurturing faith through working with youth and young adults in the congregation and developing outreach in the community, as well as developing leadership in the congregation's ministry with particular reference to youth. Applications close 6 June. For more info phone Rev Stephen Larkin or Rev Emma Matthews on (08) 9386 1770.
- **Hymnfest 2016** is a free event celebrating Christian faith through music and song featuring the Perth Adventist Orchestra and Choir. It will be held on Saturday 18 June, 6.00–7.30pm, at Kennedy Baptist College. Organisers are seeking volunteers to assist with ushering in the venue and to help marshal in the car park outside the venue before and after the event. Please contact Rick Pekan at [rick.pekan@biblesociety.org.au](mailto:rick.pekan@biblesociety.org.au) or at 0447 973 273 for more information.
- **Uniting Church in the City** is seeking a part-time Finance Officer. Responsibilities include the processing and monthly reconciliation of accounts payable and receivable using MYOB. This is a team position requiring strong communication skills and flexibility. A full position description and application requirements is available from [admin@ucic.org.au](mailto:admin@ucic.org.au) or phone 6103 4222.
- **The Mount Louisa House of Praise Uniting Church in Townsville, QLD**, is looking for a Pastoral Leader / Minister of Religion to lead it into an exciting new season of ministry. The Pastoral Leader will team with the Administration Manager and the Outreach Pastor to lead the church in the areas of strategic planning, missional strategies and vision. The church is a member of the Assembly of Confessing Congregations within the Uniting Church. Applications close 30 June. For more info visit [http://ucaqld.com.au/th\\_event/pastoral-leader/](http://ucaqld.com.au/th_event/pastoral-leader/).
- **The Joondalup Health Campus Human Research Ethics Committee (JHC HREC)** is seeking two new members: a male lay member, and a pastoral care member. The role of the HREC is to consider all applications to carry out research projects at JHC in order to ensure that the proposed research meets relevant standards. Meetings are scheduled at 6.00pm on the second Thursday of every month. For more info contact Ann Hammer on 94006404 or at [JHC-Ethics@ramsayhealth.com.au](mailto:JHC-Ethics@ramsayhealth.com.au).

#### Ministry Resourcing Centre

The Ministry Resourcing Centre is located in the Uniting Church Centre, 85-89 Edward Street, Perth and is open Monday to Friday 8.30am–5.00pm. Contact Margaret Johnston on 9260 9800 or email [resource@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:resource@wa.uca.org.au).

***The Becoming of G – d: what the trinitarian nature of God has to do with church and a deep spirituality for the twenty first century***, by Ian Mobsby. Our high speed and technologically advanced times can be confusing, and it can be difficult to appreciate the place of the church in contemporary culture. In this book the implications of the theology behind Emerging and Fresh Expressions of church are explored. **\$24.95**

***Trinity: the God we don't know***, by Jason Byassee, (General Editor, William H Willimon). We are guided into a deeper knowledge of the triune God in a way that is accessible and mysterious, theological and pastoral. Informative and open questions are included at the end of each chapter which also makes it appropriate for study groups and reflection. **\$22.45**

***Messy Prayer: developing the prayer life of your Messy Church***, by Jane Leadbetter. Messy Spirituality is a spirituality of the everyday and the concrete. It celebrates the sacredness of ordinary things that can speak to us about God: creative things that point to God as creator and to God's delight in creating. Messy Church or not, intergenerational

worship calls us to be creative, there are many examples from Messy Churches in this book to encourage prayer for all ages. **\$14.75**

***Dreaming of Home: homecoming as a model for renewal and mission***, by Michael Mitton. “Problematic or pleasurable, the concept of ‘home’ is deeply embedded in most of us. With typically disarming honesty and wisdom, Michael explores this natural icon from personal and theological angles. A warm and welcoming book that will comfort, coax and challenge many readers.” (Adrian Plass) **\$16.95**

***Daily Life at the Time of Jesus***, by Miriam Feinberg Varnosh. Vivid, original illustrations of life in New Testament times, maps, photographs of the Holy Land and the most significant archaeological finds of the past half-century combine to bring alive the times of Jesus in a novel and fascinating way. For all ages. **\$38.45**

## Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 5 June: All Saints Floreat, St Aidan’s Claremont and Swanbourne Uniting Churches. Please also pray for the Evangelical Church of New Caledonia and the Loyalty Islands.

(Please check the calendar for your church, committee or network and email [newsandnotes@wa.uca.org.au](mailto:newsandnotes@wa.uca.org.au) with any specific prayer requests.)

## Events Diary

If you are planning an event for 2016 that you think would be of interest to other people in the Uniting Church community, let us know so we can put it in our calendar. We would also encourage you to contact us during your planning so you can check what other people are doing to avoid diary conflicts.

For more information on these events visit <http://unitingchurchwa.org.au/events>

## This Week

- Thursday 2 June, 10.00am, ***Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea event*** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Friday 3 June–Monday 6 June. ***State Youth Games***
- Saturday 4 June from 9.00am–1.00pm. ***Market Day*** at Kalamunda Uniting Church
- Sunday 5 June. ***World Environment Day***
- Tuesday 7 June, 12.30–1.30pm. ***Alpha in the City*** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth

## Next week

- Friday 10 June. ***Memorial service for Ailsa Maley*** at St George’s Church, Dunsborough
- Sunday 12 June. ***15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration*** at GKI Perth Uniting Church (Indonesian), Mosmon Park
- Monday 13 June. ***General Council***
- Tuesday 14 June. ***PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)***
- Tuesday 14 June, 12.30–1.30pm. ***Alpha in the City*** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 15 June. ***Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting*** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth

## This Month

- Friday 17 June–Sunday 19 June. ***Women’s Weekend Away*** at Swanleigh Conference Centre

- Saturday 18 June, 9.30am – 3.30pm. **Safe Church Awareness Workshop** at the Lighthouse Church, Geraldton
- Saturday 18 June, 10.00am–3.00pm. **Quiet Day** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Saturday 18 June, 2.00pm. **Granny Raffle and Afternoon Tea** at Kalamunda Uniting Church
- Saturday 18–Monday 20 June. **Micah’s Voices for Justice National Gathering** in Canberra
- Saturday 18 June, 9.00am–4.00pm. **TEAR WA State Conference** at Nedlands Uniting Church
- Saturday 18 June, 6.00–7.30pm. **Hymnfest featuring the Perth Adventist Orchestra and Choir** at Kennedy Baptist College
- Sunday 19 June–Saturday 25 June. **Refugee Week**
- Sunday 19–Saturday 25 June. **Act for Peace Ration Challenge**
- Sunday 19 June, 10.00am. **Sea Pictures Service** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Monday 20 June. **World Refugee Day**
- Monday 20 June–Wednesday 22 June. **School of Ministry: Fundamentals for Transitional Ministry** at The Billabong Community Centre, Canning Vale
- Monday 20 June, 6.30pm. **Film screening of Chasing Asylum** at Grand Cinemas Warwick
- Tuesday 21 June, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 22 June. **Uniting Church in Australia 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**
- Friday 24 June. **Closing date for moderatorial nominations**
- Sunday 26 June. **Classical Piano Concert** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Monday 27 June, 7.00–9.30pm. **Safe Church Awareness Workshop** at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church
- Tuesday 28 June, 12.30–1.30pm. **Alpha in the City** at Uniting Church in the City, Trinity Perth
- Wednesday 29 June, 7.00pm. **Dealing with Grief seminar** at Leeming Uniting Church
- Thursday 30 June. **Mission Grants Application Deadline**

## Later

- Friday 1 July. **UnitingCare West’s 10th Anniversary**
- Sunday 3 July–Sunday 10 July. **NAIDOC Week**
- Sunday 3 July from 2.30–3.30pm. **UnitingCare West 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service** at Uniting Church in the City, Ross Memorial West Perth
- Monday 4 July, 7.00–9.30pm. **Safe Church Awareness Workshop** at All Saints Floreat Uniting Church
- Tuesday 5 July, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Kids’ Mandala Workshop** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Wednesday 6 July–Friday 8 July. **Uniting Church Studies Intensive**
- Friday 8 July–Wednesday 13 July. **National Young Adult Leaders Conference ‘Join the Movement’**, on the Gold Coast
- Saturday 9 July, 9.00am–1.00pm. **Metro East Regional Gathering** at Mundijong Uniting Church
- Monday 11 July–Tuesday 12 July. **Uniting Church Studies Intensive**
- Tuesday 12 July. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Wednesday 13 July. **August Revive contribution deadline**

- Saturday 16 July, 10.00am. **Congregational Website Training** at the Uniting Church Centre
- Wednesday 20 July. **WA Synod/Presbyteries Budget Conference**
- Wednesday 20 July. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Saturday 23 July. **Safe Church Training** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Saturday 30 July, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Metro South Regional Gathering** at Rockingham Uniting Church
- Saturday 6 August. **WA Congress Presbytery (yet to be named) Meeting**
- Monday 8 August. **General Council**
- Tuesday 9 August. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Wednesday 10 August. **International Prisoner's Justice Day**
- Friday 12 and Saturday 13 August. **Contemplation on Canvas Retreat** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Wednesday 17 August. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 19 August. **Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Annual Synod Fellowship Day**
- Tuesday 23–Sunday 28 August. **Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21<sup>st</sup> century with John Roberto** in NSW
- Saturday 27 August–Sunday 28 August. **Makes You Wonder Train the Trainer**
- Sunday 28 August. **Refugee & Migrant Sunday**
- Tuesday 30 August– Thursday 1 September. **Uniting Leaders Conference 2016** at Newlife Uniting Church
- Tuesday 30 August–Wednesday 31 August. **Covenanting and Indigenous Awareness Course**
- Wednesday 31 August–Saturday 3 September. **The World Methodist Conference** in Houston, Texas
- Whole Month. **Sustainable September**
- Saturday 3 September–Sunday 4 September. **Makes You Wonder Train the Trainer**
- Saturday 3 September–Sunday 4 September. **First Third Ministry's Deep End Camp**
- Tuesday 6 September. **UnitingCare West Annual Public Meeting**
- Wednesday 7 September. **October Revive contribution deadline**
- Friday 9 September. **Opening Worship of the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia**
- Saturday 10 September–Sunday 11 September. **40<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia**
- Tuesday 13 September. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Friday 16 September–Monday 19 September. **4<sup>th</sup> Common Dreams 'Progressive Spirituality: New Directions' Conference, Brisbane**
- Saturday 17 September, 10.00am–3.00pm. **Quiet Day** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Monday 19 September. **Eco Theology event** at Perth Theological Hall
- Wednesday 21 September. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 23 September–Monday 26 September. **PNEUMA CampFIRE**
- Saturday 24 September. **One Great Multicultural Celebration**
- Sunday 25 September. **Social Justice Sunday**
- Sunday 25 September. **Classical Piano Concert** at Willetton Uniting Church

- Thursday 29–30 September, 9.00am–6.00pm. **Busselton Wildflower Exhibition** at Busselton Uniting Church
- Monday 10 October. **General Council**
- Tuesday 11 October. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Saturday 15 October. **Safe Church Training** at St Peter Emmaus Community Church
- Saturday 15 October, 10.00am. **Congregational Website Training** at the Uniting Church Centre
- Sunday 16 October-Wednesday 19 October. **Moderator's Retreat for Minister's**
- Sunday 16 October. **Freedom Sunday**
- Sunday 16 October-Saturday 22 October. **Anti-Poverty Week**
- Monday 17 October. **International Day for the Eradication of Poverty**
- Wednesday 19 October. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 21 October. **UnitingCare West Fundraising Golf Day** at Royal Perth Golf Club, South Perth
- Friday 21 October-Saturday 22 October. **Selection Panel**
- Saturday 22 October. **MARHABA Multicultural Centre Picnic**
- Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October. **Messy Church Muster** in Bunbury
- Friday 28 October. **Presbyterian Ladies' College Open Garden Day**
- Saturday 29 October. **WA Congress Presbytery (yet to be named) Meeting**
- Tuesday 1 November–Thursday 3 November. **Australian History and Culture Course**
- Tuesday 8 November. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Wednesday 9 November. **December Revive contribution deadline**
- Saturday 12 November, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Metro South Regional Gathering** at The Billabong Uniting Church
- Saturday 12 November, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Going Deeper with Mandalas Workshop** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Wednesday 16 November. **Uniting Church Mission Fellowship Meeting** in the Guild Room, Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Saturday 26 November, 10.00am–3.00pm. **Quiet Day** at Margaret River Uniting Church
- Sunday 27 November. **Variety Concert** at Willetton Uniting Church
- Monday 12 December. **General Council**
- Tuesday 13 December. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Sunday 8–Thursday 12 January. **Yurora NCYC 2017** in Sydney