

Uniting Church News & Notes

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Congregations

- **About 50 people were present** at the Sunday morning worship service at Rowethorpe Uniting Church on 15 May, to celebrate the day of Pentecost, together with holy communion and two adult baptisms. Many of the congregation wore red in special recognition of Pentecost. To read more visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/06/14/rowethorpe-celebrates-baptisms-and-pentecost/>.
- **The film, *Chasing Asylum***, will be screening at Grand Cinemas Warwick on Monday 20 June, 6.30pm. Tickets are \$20. Promoted by Trinity North Uniting Church. To book visit <https://www.tugg.com/events/115153>.
- **Uniting Church in the City's Lunchtime Recital** will feature the 2016 Wesley Music Scholars alongside Caroline Badnall on piano. It will be held on Friday 17 June, 1.00pm, at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth. For more info email Angela Currie at angelac@ucic.org.au.
- **Afternoon Tea for Australian Aid:** Victoria Park and Districts Star St Uniting Church have invited candidates from the seat of Swan in the up-coming federal election to join with local church leaders and supporters to hear of their Australian aid and humanitarian concerns. This event is held in conjunction with Micah Australia, a coalition of churches and Christian organisations raising a voice for justice. It will be held on Sunday 19 June, 3.30pm at the church, 43 Star Street, Carlisle. All are invited to attend. For more information contact Gordon Scantlebury on 9470 3218.
- **Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth**, are also holding an Afternoon Tea for Australian Aid on Wednesday 22 June, 3.30–5.00pm. For more info and to RSVP email jennygillett@oxfam.org.au.
- **Gingin Uniting Church** will be celebrating 162 years of worship on Saturday 10 July, 10.00am. For more info email Marian at crewcm28@bigpond.com.

Presbytery and Synod of WA

- **Rev David de Kock, general secretary of the Uniting Church WA** has announced that Rev Dr Ian Tozer has been appointed to the new position of deputy general secretary of the Uniting Church WA from Friday 1 July. Ian will be working with the general secretary to ensure that the core areas of worship, witness and service support the ministry, mission and planning directions of the whole church.
- **A Metro East Regional Gathering** will be held on Saturday 9 July, 9.00am until lunch-time with a sausage sizzle. It will be held at Mundijong Heritage Uniting Church, 18 Paterson St Mundijong. This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet folk from the Byford and Mundijong congregations and to hear their story. Members from all metro east congregations are very welcome to attend. For more info contact Margaret Johnston at Margaret.johnston@wa.uca.org.au.
- **The Explore Ministry Day**, which was to be held on Saturday 18 June, has been cancelled. For information on ministry in the Uniting Church WA contact Rev Craig Collas at craigc@ucic.org.au.
- **The moderator-elect** will be someone, lay or ordained, who is equipped to provide pastoral and visionary faith leadership to the Uniting Church WA when they take-up their moderatorial term in 2017. The closing date for nominations to the Moderatorial Nomination Committee is Friday 24 June. For more info visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/06/12/a-discernment-process-for-all/>.

From the National Church

- **Stuart McMillan, president of the Uniting Church in Australia**, has issued a statement, in the wake of the recent shooting in a gay club in Orlando, USA. "For our own part, Uniting Church members must reflect on our commitment to accept LGBTIQ people as full members of our church; confess and repent our own failures to accept people equally; and recommit ourselves to rejecting homophobia in all its forms," he wrote. To read more visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/06/15/uca-president-speaks-out-on-orlando-hate-attacks/>.
- **A national appeal to assist communities hit by recent storms** has been launched by Stuart McMillan, president of the Uniting Church in Australia. An intense low pressure system off Australia's east coast has led to a number of deaths and widespread damage to property. Residents across New South Wales are facing a massive clean-up while Tasmanians have experienced the worst floods in 90 years. For more info visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/06/09/president-launches-storm-relief-appeal/>.
- **Stuart McMillan, president of the Uniting Church in Australia**, has released a video celebrating the 39th anniversary of the Uniting Church, which will be held on Wednesday 22 June. To view his video [click here](#).
- **UnitingJustice Australia's Refugee Week Resource**, 'Searching for Freedom', is online now. This resource is a reminder of what people are doing when they flee situations of persecution and grave danger. To download the resource visit <http://www.unitingjustice.org.au/refugees-and-asylum-seekers/information-and-action-resources/item/1200-refugee-week-2016>.

UnitingCare and Congregational Community Services

- **Joan Stevenson, multi-skilled carer with Juniper**, has been named WA's top aged care employee in this year's prestigious Excellence in Care Awards announced by the sector's peak body, Aged and Community Services WA. Juniper is an agency

of the Uniting Church WA providing community and residential aged care. To read more visit <https://revivemagazine.org.au/2016/06/15/joans-dedication-rewarded-as-aged-cares-finest/>.

- **UnitingCare Australia** has joined other community service providers in a campaign for the development of a national homelessness strategy that will halve Australia's homelessness by 2025. They invite you to read and sign their petition at <https://www.change.org/p/homelessness-has-no-place-in-australia-i-votehome>.

Ecumenical & International

- **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. Parking at the venue is limited, however free parking is available at Murdoch University Carpark 7, and a shuttle to and from the venue will be provided. A love offering will be taken for the work of the Bible Society Australia. For more info contact Rick Pekan on 1300 242 537 or email rick.pekan@biblesociety.org.au.
- **Forty years after the Soweto uprising**, leaders of churches in conflict-torn countries gathered in South Africa to study the ways of peace and reconciliation. The World Council of Churches (WCC) reports, at <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/gathering-envisions-new-day-of-truth-and-reconciliation-in-south-africa-and-beyond>.

Community

- **Food Rescue, Taste Budds Cooking Studio and Slow Food Perth** will be making and selling soup from rescued food and vegetables otherwise headed for landfill on Friday 17 June, from 12noon–3.00pm, next to the Greenhouse on St Georges Tce, Perth. Funds raised will be sent to Barbara Massaad, author and Slow Food member in Lebanon, towards Syrian refugees. For more info visit <http://www.tastebudds.com.au/soup-for-syria/>.

Jobs: Paid and Volunteer (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>.

- **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 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 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/.

- **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.
- **Nedlands Uniting Church** is seeking a 0.6 FTE English as a Second Language (ESL) Co-ordinator to work within an ESL environment, in particular with Mandarin speaking individuals, at Nedlands Uniting Church. The purpose of this role is to equip and train Mandarin speaking leaders and new Christians, provide pastoral care and to promote and lead small group Bible studies. Applications close 4 July. For more information call Rev Stephen Larkin on 0417 930 257.

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.

Managing Transitions: Making the most of change, by William Bridges. While the changes we are facing differ from any we've experienced before, it is people who have to embrace a new situation and carry out the corresponding change. The transition process by which people get through change does not alter and is outlined in this book. *Recommended for School of Ministry: limited copies* **\$30.00**

Built For Change: A practical theology of innovation and collaboration in leadership, by Rev Dr Steve Taylor. "Innovation is not the mysterious pursuit of what is new and hip by a heroic leader. Rather, innovation grows out of a set of collaborative, practical actions shaped by the Biblical story and Christian traditions of innovation." **\$23.75**

A Faith for the Future: Church's teachings for a changing world, Volume 3, by Jesse Zink. Written for the Episcopal Church, but relevant ecumenically, this compact publication introduces the essentials of theology: what's the story of God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, creation and humanity, church, Eucharist, mission and the life after death. For the individual or group, the points 'to ponder' in each chapter encourage deeper thought, discussion and prayer. **\$24.75**

Grounded: Finding God in the world, by Diana Butler Bass. "Where is God?" is one of the most consequential questions of our time. People believe, but they believe differently than they once did. The theological ground is moving; a spiritual revolution is afoot." People are finding new spiritual ground through a God who resides in the world with us – in the soil, the water, the sky, in our homes and neighbourhoods, and in the global commons. **\$45.00**

Messy Togetherness: Being intergenerational in Messy Church, by Martyn Payne. Messy Church as an intergenerational expression of church is discussed, highlighting the benefits to the church community. Current thinking about faith development and a biblical rationale for the all-age approach is explored. Three complete outlines for Messy Church sessions based on the Old Testament, the Gospels and the Epistles, are included. **\$18.95**

Prayer Calendar

For the week commencing Sunday 19 June: Wembley and Wembley Downs Uniting Churches. Please also pray for the president of the Uniting Church in Australia and the National Assembly staff.

(Please check the calendar for your church, committee or network and email 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

- Friday 17 June, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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
- Sunday 19 June, 3.30pm. **Afternoon Tea for Australian Aid** at Victoria Park and Districts Star St Uniting Church
- 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 39th Anniversary**
- Wednesday 22 June, 3.30–5.00pm. **Afternoon Tea for Australian Aid** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth

Next week

- 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

Next Month

- Thursday 30 June. **Mission Grants Application Deadline**
- Friday 1 July. **UnitingCare West's 10th Anniversary**
- Friday 1 July, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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
- Sunday 10 July, 10.00am. **Celebrating 162 years of worship** at Gingin 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**
- Friday 15 July, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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
- Friday 29 July, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Saturday 30 July, 9.30am–12.30pm. **Metro South Regional Gathering** at Rockingham Uniting Church

Later

- Friday 5 August, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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**
- Friday 19 August, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Tuesday 23–Sunday 28 August. **Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st 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**
- Friday 2 September, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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 40th Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia**
- Saturday 10 September–Sunday 11 September. **40th Annual Meeting of the Synod of Western Australia**
- Tuesday 13 September. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Friday 16 September, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Friday 16 September–Monday 19 September. **4th 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
- Friday 7 October, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley 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**
- Tuesday 1 November–Thursday 3 November. **Australian History and Culture Course**
- Friday 4 November, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- 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
- Friday 18 November, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at 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
- Friday 2 December, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Monday 12 December. **General Council**
- Tuesday 13 December. **PR&PC meeting (to be confirmed)**
- Friday 16 December, 1.00pm. **Free music recital** at Uniting Church in the City, Wesley Perth
- Sunday 8–Thursday 12 January. **Yurora NCYC 2017** in Sydney