

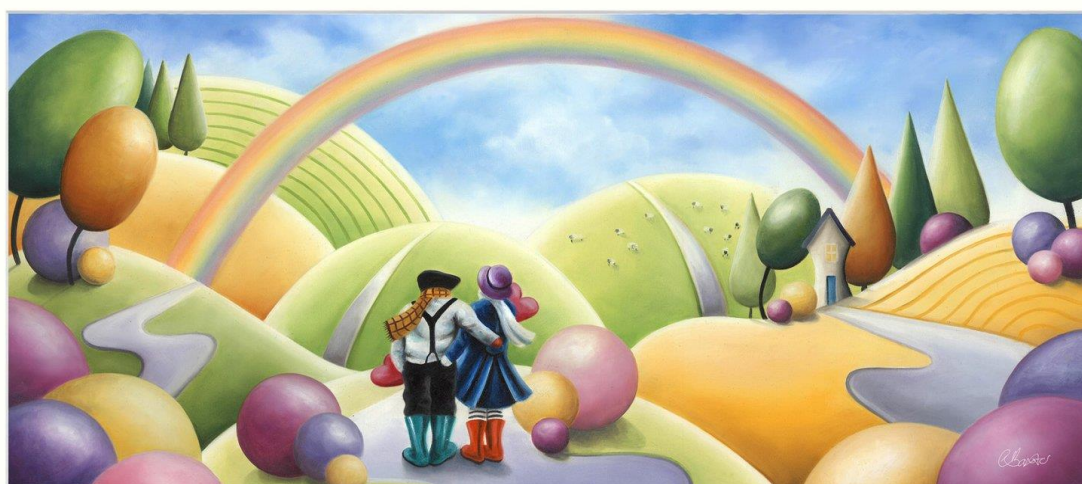
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Chairperson's Corner



Welcome to the Spring edition of Newslink.

I hope it finds most of our friends and readers keeping warm in our cold temperatures and avoiding the various ills which are affecting some in the community.

Just when we thought COVID may be decreasing, we are being warned there are differing strains and more people being admitted to hospital. While masks are not mandatory in the general community, hospitals, aged care, and medical facilities require all people entering their premises to wear a mask, as well as public transport and planes.

Sadly some people are still nervous about gathering in groups and attending worship. It is heartening to see many people taking sensible precautions when out and about.

Let us remember the verse from Romans 15:13 which our Moderator Susy Thomas is using as her theme for the triennium and encouraging us to meditate upon in these challenging times:

May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace

As I was writing some words for this edition of Newslink, a news item on TV raised the issue about the rise in visual problems in Australia for both children and adults by the amount of screen time we spend each day.

In my mail on the same day was 'The Impact Report' from CBM Australia (Christian Blind Mission Australia) sharing stories of people they have assisted.

There was Vincent and his family who have been given antibiotics to protect their eyesight from the parasites which cause River Blindness. Through medication River Blindness has been eliminated from countries in South America; antibiotics are now being used in African countries to eradicate this disease.

Trachoma is another disease robbing people of their sight which is being tackled by CBM and other aid agencies with the provision of medication and wells to provide safe, clean water to communities. Good hygiene is essential in the battle to stop this infection; a luxury few people in the developing world enjoy.

Cataract blindness affects many people living in poor communities in the world who are unaware this condition is treatable. A mother and her three sons were all suffering from various stages of blindness due to cataracts. Following surgery she said "I am so happy,... we never thought we would see again!" For many of us in the developed world cataract surgery is readily available and we have known the joy of improved vision.

CBM is trying to raise the issue of blindness through their 'Miracles Day' on 18 August with Christian radio stations broadcasting special programs. In WA 98five is a participating station.

We give thanks for the many people and agencies, including some Governments, throughout the world, who are seeking to save sight and improve the lives of others. It is good Revive is again available in both hard copy and online. Do get your latest copy to read about the life of our Uniting Church in WA.

*God Bless and keep you.
Helen McMillan.*



It is with great sadness we have to tell you that our great friend, Rev Betty Matthews passed away peacefully on Tuesday 19th July. She was a great supporter of all Uniting Church activities and will be sadly missed. Condolences to Alan and family. Her life's journey story was told last year in our June 2021 episode of "Fellowship Newslink"

Rest in Peace, dear Betty



MISSION FELLOWSHIP

BY ANNE STEED

COVID and declining health issues with our elderly members, has certainly taken a toll on our little Mission Fellowship group. We are still unable to meet as a fellowship, and we miss the times we have shared together in the past and enjoyed listening to a large variety of interesting speakers.



However, the stamp group has continued, but with its own problems as well. Although bundles have been sent away, we have had no contact from the people in Victoria for a very long time. Thankfully, we now seem to be back in business with two cheques being received recently: one for \$430 in May and another for \$480 in June. This means that together with an amount that was sitting in our account, we have now been able to send our first \$1,000 amount since August 2020, to Frontier Services, towards the work of our WA patrol Padres..... and we received a very grateful letter back from them. Hopefully this will see us returning to similar amounts that we have been able to forward on in previous years.

Stamps continue to be trimmed and sorted, every Wednesday from 10.00 – 2.00pm at Bicton UC, at the corner of Carrington Street and Canning Highway. Bring your own lunch box, but tea/coffee and good fellowship is always available. You are more than welcome to join this group....just bring a pair of comfortable scissors with you.

We are constantly amazed that our supply of stamps continues to grow, and we thank God for his faithfulness in that provision. Albums are appreciated and accepted too, but, please keep them intact as they are taken to auction locally.

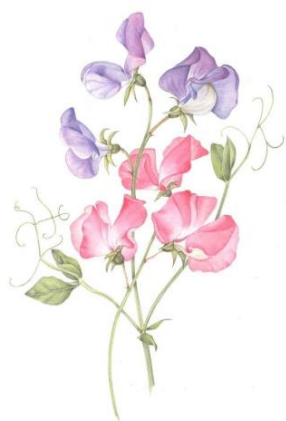
Blessings to you all.

Anne Steed



Pinjarra Adult Fellowship "At Home"

By Adalina Foster



Each year the Pinjarra Uniting church Fellowship invite folk from the other churches and community groups in Pinjarra and nearby districts and Uniting Churches in nearby towns for a day of building relationships and enjoying one another's company. We had about 80 present this year.

Our guest speaker was retired minister Rev Lesley deGrussa, who kept us fascinated and entertained with her stories of ministering in central Australia and other remote communities. She shared the fun, the hardship, and the satisfaction.

Our day was made very pleasurable by three brackets of songs from "Voices in Harmony", a lovely community choir from Mandurah who made such a beautiful contribution to the day.

We finished with a delicious soup and bread lunch plus a few other things. Pinjarra folk have a reputation for providing a great table of food. This was no exception.

All round a great day with messages of appreciation.

Good Fellowship is such a blessing.

Following our June edition, we have more news from the Pinjarra UCAF Queen's Birthday Celebrations by Heather Hunter:

On 5 June 2022, after our service, ably led by Rev Ray Foster, we were treated to a jubilee morning tea. Karen Burke made a beautiful “Crown Cake” and looked online for the recipe for the trifle which was created for the Queen. This was the result of a competition in England to find the best Jubilee cake, it was delicious. June Morrell, a member of the congregation who has been worshipping at Pinjarra for many years, had her 98th birthday on Monday of that week, so she was our “queen for the day”. This special lady is our pianist and drives down from Brentwood each Sunday morning for the service. The Morrell family have been living, farming, and worshipping in the Pinjarra area since the 1020’s. All in all, it was a very happy day.





CHRISTIAN CHAPLAINS CONTINUE UNDER LABOR, BUT FACE COMPETITION

Some Christians have rushed to call it the “death of chaplaincy”, but the changes to the National School Chaplaincy Program introduced by the Albanese Government mean religious chaplains face competition.

“The government will open up the program to give schools the option to choose either a chaplain or a professionally qualified student welfare officer,” Federal Education Minister Jason Clare told NewsCorp..

It is a “back to the future” move, returning the chaplaincy program to how the last Labor government ran it. The program retains its \$60m annual budget.

Family First Party National Director Lyle Shelton takes a pessimistic view. “It’s been less than a month and Labor is dismantling faith-based chaplaincy in schools,” he tells his Twitter followers. “They didn’t talk about this in the lead-up to the election because Christian chaplains do a great job & are popular in school communities.”

However, [Vision Christian media](#) ran a story in April that covered Family Voice’s Greg Bondar receiving an assurance that Labor would keep chaplains while making this change.

A more favourable response comes from Peter James, CEO of SU Australia, on behalf of the National School Chaplaincy Association. He regards Jason Clare’s announcement as good news.

“The National School Chaplaincy Association (NSCA) thanks both sides of politics for supporting the program over many years. We also acknowledge comments from Federal Education Minister Jason Clare that schools will now be able to choose a student welfare worker or a chaplain.

“This is not new and was the policy of the previous federal Labor government. At that time, approximately 3,000 schools chose to continue employing trusted and trained school chaplains to support their school communities. We expect the majority of schools to do the same this time.

“Chaplains are well trained and are required to hold a Certificate IV in youth work, community work or equivalent. However, 74 per cent of NSCA chaplains exceed this minimum qualification and hold diplomas, bachelor’s degrees or higher in related fields, such as human services, education, social science and pastoral care.”

JOHN SANDEMAN,
20 JUNE 2022,
ETERNITY NEWSLETTER
WWW.ETERNITYNEWS.COM.AU



Faiths4Climate



Over six hundred people of faith from around Australia have penned hand-written letters calling on the Prime Minister to do more to protect the climate.

After the recent high profile scientific warnings and before the United Nations Climate Summit in Glasgow, people of faith are pleading with the Prime Minister to act now and act vigorously on a plan to reduce our climate pollution. The letters were collected and sent this week by the Australian Religious Response to Climate Change ([ARRCC](#)). They are calling on the Morrison Government to submit higher emissions reduction targets to negotiations in Glasgow, re-start contributions to the United Nations Green Climate Fund and abandon a “gas-led recovery” in favour of job creation in low carbon industries. One of the letter-writers and Pentecostal Pastor at the large and influential Bayside Church in Melbourne, Pastor Rob Buckingham, said “Our faith teaches us that we should care for God’s creation. I appeal to the Prime Minister as a man of faith and ask him to carefully consider his government’s responsibility to ensure the earth’s environment is protected for the generations to come.’

“The earth’s climate is no longer changing incrementally but it is changing at an accelerating pace,” Pastor Buckingham said. “The intensity of climate-fuelled disasters is increasing world-wide, causing extreme human suffering. We Christians cannot walk on the other side, worried about the cost of taking action. The costs of *not* taking action are being paid by the world’s poor and younger generations.”

“Australia has a moral responsibility to urgently wind back our coal and gas exports and scale up our use of renewables. To do this compassionately, communities currently dependent on coal and gas should receive public support for locally developed plans to diversify their local economies,” he said.

“Just as individuals are called to live ethical lives, as a nation we should do what is right, not what suits the short-term political or economic advantage of particular groups. Australia should aim for *at least* two-thirds emissions reduction in the next decade in order to keep global warming to under 2°C.”

Letter-writer and Co-President of the Muslim Collective, Fahimah Badrulhisham, said, “The world needs to act urgently and swiftly at COP26 but fairness suggests that Australia, one of the world’s biggest coal producers, should do much more to pull our weight. We have both the economic capacity and moral responsibility to drive down our emissions.

Therefore, Australia must re-start contributions to the Green Climate Fund to assist our neighbouring countries to adapt to the climate impacts that they are already experiencing. They have emitted far less greenhouse gases than us, but they are the first to bear the brunt of this crisis. This is a question of basic justice.”

Another letter-writer, the Rev. Meredith Williams, Minister of Wentworthville Uniting Church, said, “People in Western Sydney are very vulnerable to heatwaves, especially those living in poverty. More generally, Australians are very vulnerable to droughts, fires and floods and climate change will make these much worse for our children and grandchildren. Our governments are failing in their primary duty to keep people safe.”

South Sydney Herald, 20 May 2020



10 WAYS TO LIVE YOUR LIFE MORE ETHICALLY

1. To reduce the use of plastic containers, don't buy items that are frequently packaged in plastic sealed containers from supermarkets, visit the butcher, fish mongers etc, that wrap only in paper or even better take your own container along to be filled.
2. Try to reduce your use of plastic film roll at home, use grease proof paper instead, or wax wrapping. Most rubbish bins contain many pieces of plastic film, that probably only gets used once.
3. Try to cut down how many trips a week you go to the shops, try to limit your use of the car. Try to do a few errands at once, or even better, walk to the shops sometimes, it will benefit your body and soul.
4. Please don't idle the engine in your car while you scroll through your messages, the fumes from your car, even from 5 minutes idling is adding to the worlds pollution and smells horrible to anybody nearby.
5. Don't leave taps running or dripping, it is surprising how much water is lost in a few minutes and try to save the water that runs off the roof, it is very valuable for watering your green sustainable vegetable garden, which should be mulched to retain as much moisture as possible. And by the way swap vegs with your neighbours, it's a good way to make friends.
6. Try to make yourself a compost heap, it's a great way to save money on commercial fertilisers.
7. Use plants that attract bees, birds, or insects, you will be surprised how your garden will benefit, or better still keep a beehive, there is lots of help on the internet to get you set up.
8. Be careful what cleaning fluids you use around the home, many of the proprietary brands are quite toxic. White vinegar and bicarbonate of soda do the job just as well, and of course, a good scrubbing brush.
9. Try to recycle old clothes, what you might consider outdated is like gold dust to someone else. Take a trip to the recycling shop, they will make you most welcome. Do some donating with someone who has children who are younger than yours, they will be eternally grateful to you.
10. Make it a habit to take your own container along for a cup of coffee, the waste from coffee containers we are told, if laid end to end in a week would stretch halfway around the world.





Frontier Services
Standing with people in the bush

A Community's Heartache and Joy

This story is every parent's worst nightmare. Little Cleo Smith's disappearance sent shockwaves around Australia and the world. As a mother, I was personally feeling the anguish of not knowing where poor Cleo was.



We all breathed a sigh of relief when she was returned to her family but the 18 long days she was missing were excruciating, especially for Cleo's tiny and tightknit community. Our Bush Chaplain John Tomkins was at the frontline in Carnarvon WA, providing support as people struggled with their sadness and shock.

Speaking with John about his role, his matter-of-fact words are humbling. He remembers the morning of October 16, 2021, as "just another Saturday morning in Carnarvon". Then he overheard people at a local growers' market talking about a missing child.

The child was four-year-old Cleo who, unbelievably, was snatched from her parents' tent in the middle of the night at a campsite outside Carnarvon. John's first instinct was to spring into action. He knew he needed to help the community come to terms with the distress that had quickly started to spread.

John, who is also the Police Chaplain for Carnarvon, says, "At the local officer-in-charge's request, I went up straight to the camping ground. I made myself available at the local Blowholes from where Cleo had gone missing. I also briefly met her parents."

“Everyone was in shock. It’s a small town and we all know each other. Those who are close to the family were really emotional. In the crisis we all just needed to pitch in and help. The presence of a Bush Chaplain can be very reassuring to people that are looking for a chat or simply some help to deal with their emotions.”

Over the next few weeks, John extended significant crisis support to all those on the ground looking for Cleo. There were countless members of the public, the police, members of the State Emergency Service (SES) and ambulance staff at the scene.

“The incredible wave of relief when little Cleo was found not only alive but well was something the whole town celebrated,” John adds. “We could feel in Carnarvon how much the country rejoiced in that moment. It was only then I let myself feel the exhaustion.”

This was one of those times where it’s easy to see the necessity of having Bush Chaplains in remote communities. They are so critical to the health and wellbeing of those around them.

John, who has spent many years in Carnarvon, tells me that feelings of isolation go hand-in-hand with living in remote corners of the country. He explains, “It is very important that we are available to those who seek our help, and to build connections with the community.”

“People regard Bush Chaplains as someone they can trust when tragedies and hardships inevitably arise. Sometimes people are forced to think the worst under trying circumstances, but hope is never lost.”

To keep just one Bush Chaplain on the road for 12 months, we need to raise an average of \$130,000 per year. This provides them with a safe vehicle, fuel, rent and a basic salary. A gift from you today will support our Bush Chaplains as they continue to provide practical, pastoral and spiritual care to people in the most remote parts of Australia.

<https://frontierservices.org/donate>

Extract from 03 Feb 2022 In Frontier News Web By Michelle McLeod



Eternal God,

We praise you for this world and every sign of your presence in it. Today we especially thank you for the UCAF. We thank you for those who had the courage to believe you could use it.

We acknowledge that at no time has the task been an easy one - and while we seek to serve you, never will be. So, we praise you for every person whose perseverance has brought us to this day.

*For every person who has given mind, skill, and money.
For every person who has donated energy, time, and imagination.*

We thank you that in spite of our failures, disappointments and loss, you have been among us.

*We thank you for the present in which we live and work.
That from it we can look back, reflect, and with a deeper understanding of ourselves and you, be better prepared for the road before us.*

We thank you for those people in our UCAFs with whom we share a special relationship. For those who are an inspiration and an example to us. For those who encourage us and give new strength for the journey. We praise you also God, for the future which you are opening out before us, and where you will surprise us with the unexpected. We thank you that the future belongs to you, so that, come what may, we are met by your grace and can journey in hope and with the promise that Christ shares the way with us.

So we praise you, God, that you have given us a beginning and will be with us at the end.

Amen

by Ann Cannan, UCAF VicTas Synod President



Recipe Page

BREAD PASTRY QUICHE

Preparation time: 25 min

Cooking time: 35 min

Serves 6

Ingredients

- *10 left-over slices of white bread*
- *100g margarine*
- *4 rashers bacon, cut into fine strips*
- *1 brown onion, very finely sliced*
- *4 cloves garlic, crushed*
- *2 tsp mixed dried herbs*
- *300ml pure cream*
- *6 free-range eggs*
- *1 ¼ cup grated cheese*
- *½ cup flat-leaf parsley leaves, very finely chopped, plus extra, roughly chopped for garnish.*
- *Sea Salt flakes and freshly ground black pepper to season.*



Method

STEP 1

Preheat oven to 180°C fan-forced (200°C conventional) and put an oven tray on middle shelf. Cut off bread crusts, then flatten with a rolling pin. Spread both sides with margarine.

STEP 2

Line a fluted 22cm tart tin with bread, overlapping slices and pressing firmly to seal. Refrigerate for 10 minutes.

STEP 3

Cook bacon, onion, garlic, and herbs in remaining margarine in a frying pan on medium heat for 5 minutes., until softened. Pour in cream, then remove from heat. Whisk in eggs, then fold in cheese and parsley. Season.

STEP 4

Pour mixture into tart tin, put on preheated oven tray and bake for 30 minutes, until just firm to touch, then serve warm, topped with the extra parsley.

UC Adult Fellowship Registration

Adult Fellowship invites congregations and groups to register with Adult Fellowship, so copies of Newslink and other mailings can be personally addressed to you. All congregations receive one unaddressed copy of Newslink in the synod mailout. All registered groups receive an addressed copy/copies of Newslink.

We ask you to REGISTER so your group is on our contact list.

Group Name

Contact Person for Group

Or Individual person's name

Postal Address

Email Address

Phone

Adult Fellowship would appreciate **DONATIONS** to assist with the running expenses. We need to cover the cost of the Certificates of Appreciation for 80year old's and Greeting Cards sent to 90 year old's and general running expenses.

Please send your REGISTRATION and DONATION to

the Treasurer Mr. Bob Nicholls. UC Adult Fellowship GPO Box M952 Perth WA 6843
Cheques payable to **Uniting Church Adult Fellowship WA**
Please attach the form below.

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Want NEWSLINK POSTED to YOUR ADDRESS?

For \$8.00 per year, Newslink can be posted.

Recipients Name

Congregation

Postal address P/code

No of copies.....	Postage	\$8
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Payment detail for Treasurer as for Registration above.

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CELEBRATING MILESTONES OF OUR SENIORS

The UCAF WA Committee offers you the opportunity to recognise the contribution your seniors have made and to celebrate with them and show appreciation when they reach their important milestones.

EIGHTY-YEAR-OLDS: at the UCAF Annual Synod Fellowship Day 2022, Certificates of Appreciation will be presented, on behalf of the WA Uniting Church, to octogenarians nominated by their church or fellowship group. All who reach their 80th year during 2021 or have missed out are eligible.

Application forms accompanied the June 2022 issue of Newslink.

NINETY-YEAR-OLDS: the WA Uniting Church Adult Fellowship Committee, will send an especially designed greeting card, on behalf of the WA Uniting Church, to any person celebrating their 90th birthday and who has been nominated by their group or congregation. The Greeting Card is sent out as applications are received. We meet on the 1st Friday of each month (except January and December). If the application is received before the first Friday, the greeting will be sent the following week. **See application form below.**

ONE HUNDRED-YEAR-OLDS: The Synod looks after these. A letter to the Moderator requesting a greeting to those turning one hundred years will be responded to. If you have any questions, please contact WA UCAF Newslink Editor Gill Muir on 0408 232 047. Email muirj@inet.net.au

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APPLICATION FORM FOR GREETING TO 90-YEAR-OLDS

SEND TO: Kay Lockley, Email: kaylockl@bigpond.net.au, 20 Roediger Drive, Northam WA 6401 or phone: (08)9622 1152.

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Congregation..... Date of Birth

Name of 90-YEAR-OLD:

If there is more than one please photocopy this form or list on blank paper and be sure to give all details.

CHECK SPELLING PLEASE

To whom shall we SEND THE CARD? Please (✓) tick

- Congregation so it can be suitably presented.
- Nominator: The person who wishes to deliver card personally or arrange a special time for presentation?
- The 90year old person nominated. To their personal address? Please supply the following:

CONTACT PERSON:

Name: Phone No.....

ADDRESS TO WHICH TO SEND THE GREETING CARD:

Name:

Address..... Post Code:

Together

South Australia



UCFAMS

Uniting Church
Fellowship and
Mission Support

Why are our stories important?

Do you remember any of the stories your parents or grandparents told you? Have you passed any of them on to your children or grandchildren? Such stories may be tales of suffering or resilience, of loss or achievement, of amusement or amazement. They may be told in words, or passed on in the form of treasured memorabilia, recipes, traditions, or music. They are foundational in giving us a sense of belonging and a deeper understanding of who we are.



Even without books or writing, the indigenous peoples of these lands now called Australia built their cultures around storytelling and teaching, embedding their social principles and knowledge of country in stories, song, movement, and art. They passed values and information from one generation to the next through their stories.

We, too, can express our stories in various ways, not only using words that are spoken or written but through music, movement, or visual media. We share them with a friend over a cuppa. We write them in emails and post them on social media, or we record them in journals. We can express ourselves by making something, by creating something new or fixing something old.

Some of these communications may seem to say little about us, but some of them go to the heart of who we are.

The flip side of telling our stories is listening to them and responding to them in some way. The connection between storyteller and audience is a special one, which involves vulnerability and trust. In the particular act of two people telling and listening to each other's stories, the choice to convey a particular story confirms how important it is, and each time we make such a choice we reveal a little of ourselves. And each time we listen openly to someone else's story we acknowledge that person and accept their presence in our lives.

Picture this. A van is parked in a location where people who are sleeping rough can access it. It's equipped with washing machines and a shower so they can launder their clothes and clean themselves up. When someone comes there's a volunteer to help them load up the washing machine, and once it's working away, the volunteer brings out a couple of orange-coloured folding chairs and they both sit down and have a chat. Orange Sky offers an opportunity for people experiencing homelessness to tell their stories and be listened to without judgment.

As we get older we accumulate experiences and memories. It can sometimes seem difficult to find a listening ear for all these stories! We often feel the need to say them out loud, share them with friends and family, or maybe write them down even if nobody reads them. We also need to listen to each other, without judgment but with compassion and understanding, recognizing ourselves in each other.

By Dr Lyn Bray



Devotions

By Dr Lyn Bray – Mt Baker (SA)



“Lamentations 3:22-23”

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning’ great is your faithfulness.

“I don’t take kindly to change. “Change” The one thing in life we can be sure of. The sun rises and sets, the seasons come and go we all get older. You’d think we’d get used to constant change, but we often cling to the certainties of youth and childhood. Somehow, we need to let go of the sense that we are entitled to secure and predictable lifestyle; we need to embrace the changes we face and find the good in them.

These times we live in seem to be particularly challenging. We see rapid changes in technology, generational change, climate change, political change, and viral mutations leading to changes in lifestyle. It can be wearying to face change on so many fronts.

Too often we lie down and refuse to take action in the face of injustice, we criticise other people because we don’t understand them, or we fail to offer a helping hand to someone who needs us. We think it’s all too hard.

But every morning offers us a chance of renewal, and each new year gives us an opportunity to reset ourselves and refresh our enthusiasm for living. Because God's steadfast love for us means that we are forgiven our many shortcomings, so we can shed the weight of guilt and move forward with confidence and hope.

So let us go out into this New Year as we would a new day, throwing open the front door to the world outside, rejoicing in fresh possibilities and keenly sensitive to the many blessings God gives us.

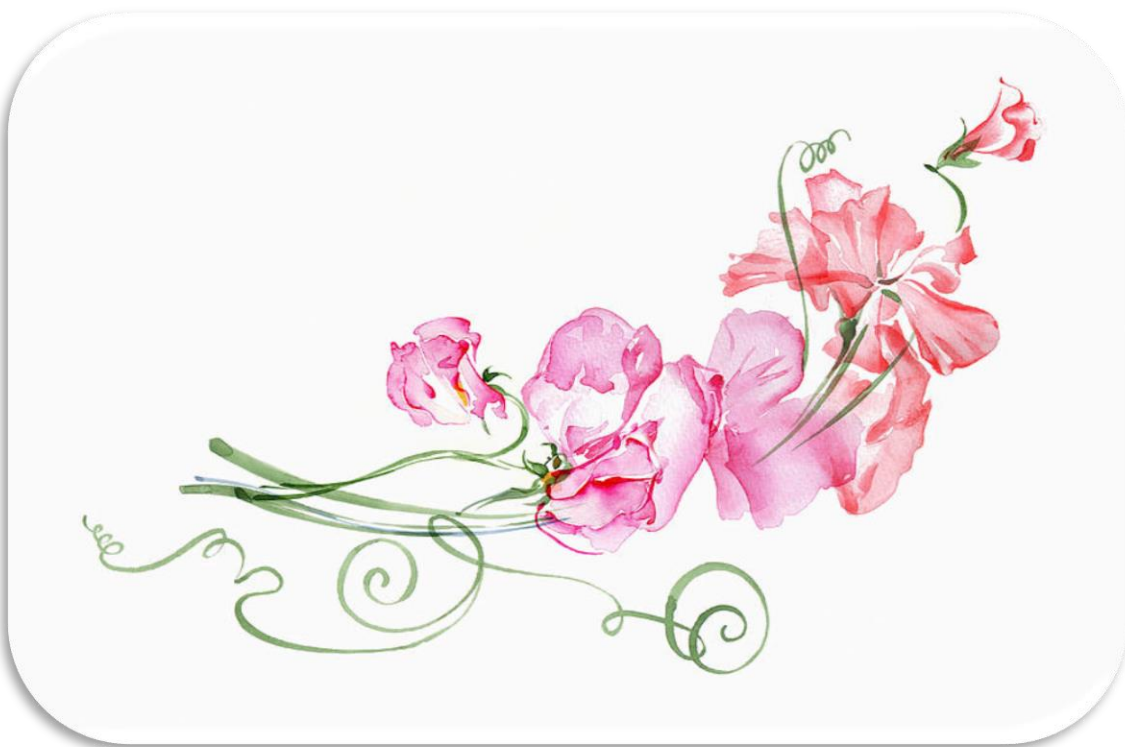
This the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it (Psalm 118 :24).

TiS 154: Great is your faithfulness, O God my Father,

TiS 156: Morning has broken.

Prayer

*Loving God, Breath of Life,
Breathe in me. Loving God,
Breath of Life, Grant us peace.*



EVENT REMINDER

UCAF Annual Synod Fellowship Day 2022

21 October 2022 @ 10am

EIGHTY-YEAR-OLDS: Certificates of Appreciation will be presented, on behalf of the WA Uniting Church, to octogenarians nominated by their church or fellowship group. All who reached their 80th year during 2021 or have missed out, are eligible.

We look so forward to celebrating this precious time with you all at Maylands/Mt Lawley Uniting Church.



Uniting Care Australia is the national body for the Uniting Church's community services network and an agency of the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia.

UCA President joined UFA in August

Uniting Church President Rev Sharon Hollis was scheduled to join the Uniting Friends of Ageing (UFA) for their August conversation. UFA is a national network for members of the Uniting Church interested in ageing and aged care, auspiced by Uniting- Care Australia and endorsed at the recent 16th Assembly.

On the back of the Royal Commission into Aged Care Quantity and Safety, UnitingCare Australia, in collaboration with the wider Uniting Church, has established a grassroots network of Uniting Church members to contribute to making the 148 recommendations made a reality.

Uniting Friends of Ageing is a national network of engaged Uniting Church members, passionate about the future of every Australian, determined to contribute to giving our older citizens the rights and care that they deserve.

Become a Uniting Friend of Ageing and stay abreast of relevant and timely information to do with ageing and aged care. Help shape UnitingCare Australia's community response to how we, as a nation, care for our older citizens and share prayers for older people, aged care programs, residents, and staff.

Unfortunately, we received the notification of this conversation, which was scheduled for Tuesday, 2 August 2022, too late to share the zoom link details with you. However, you are most welcome to contact Warren Talbot at wsirrent@nat.unitingcare.org.au for feedback or inquiries on this conversation held. He may be able to forward you some helpful information.

Extract taken from Pinjarra Vine (Pinjarra Uniting Church News of 24 July 2022 (Aladina Foster)



Diary Dates

September 2022

9-10 Sept: 2022 Annual Meeting of WA Synod – Scotch College

October 2022

21 October: UCAF Fellowship Day – Maylands/Mt Lawley UC-10am

***You are welcome to have your activities listed. Send to
UCAF NEWSLINK GPO M952 Perth 6843***



USED STAMPS PLEASE!

We want ALL your used stamps! Don't wash them off the envelope, paper or whatever they come on. Trim with a 10 cm border (pencil width) around the stamp/s. They can be dropped at the Church Centre, or Pinjarra UC.

SHARE A STORY!

*We would love to hear your Stories! See your pics!
Achievements, inspiring events, projects, interesting people, visits you
have enjoyed etc. etc.*

*Write a short description or a longer piece we will share it with our
readers. And a photo or two will make it come to life.*

*Next Newslink Deadline: 21 October 2022
Send to: Fellowship Newslink, GPO Box M952
Perth 6843 (Attention: Gill Muir)*



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