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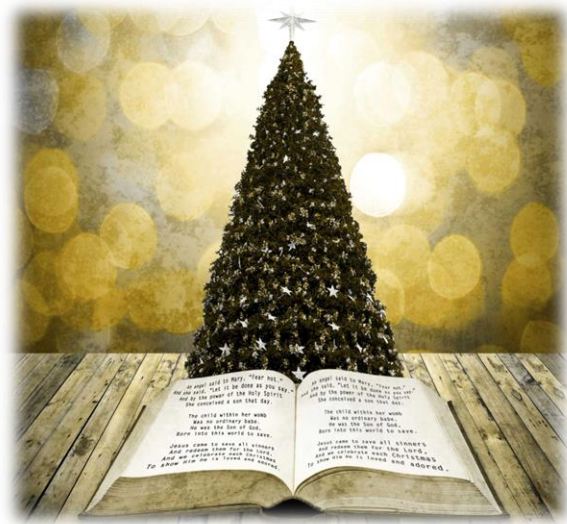
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Chairperson's Corner



Welcome to our 2022 Christmas and Last Edition of Newslink.

While this report is a little late, I want to share with you some news of the first face to face meeting of members of the National UCAF Committee that WA has been able to attend. At the end of July, Marcia Nicholls and I travelled to Melbourne to spend time meeting and in discussion with the members from the other States. As Marcia reported to the Annual meeting "I was delighted to finally meet my fellow Corresponding members". We had a full agenda which included some changes and additions to the Working Procedures, the distribution of information about the Joan Stott Bursary to Theological Colleges and Synods, and a National Gathering in 2023. A valuable time of sharing was spent with the President of the Assembly, Rev Sharon Hollis, regarding the UCAF relationship with the Assembly both now and

It was a very enjoyable meeting which the Chairperson, Margaret Pedler, and Secretary Pam Grant had arranged with the staff of the Victorian/Tasmanian Synod in their new, high tech. offices. Marcia and I managed to negotiate the everchanging bookings with Qantas, having left Perth on Tuesday and returned Thursday evening.

The National Committee was disappointed we received no applications for the Joan Stott Bursary for 2022 which is awarded to students studying theology or leadership who are aged 35 or younger.

There are copies of the UCAF WA Annual Report available. If you would like to receive one, please contact me or via the Synod Centre.

As our year is fast drawing to a close, the chorus of the Hymn says 'Christmas is coming' the church is glad to sing and let the Advent candles brightly burn in a ring' (TIS 289). On behalf of our Committee I [ray it will be a blessed time as we prepare during Advent and celebrate Christmas with families and friends. Hopefully it will enable more 'get togethers' than we could arrange during the COVID restrictions. While we are mindful COVID is still with us, we can celebrate the hope, joy, peace, and love which is the message of Christmas for the world.

While we celebrate, we remember those parts of the world where war, famine, floods, and other disasters are disrupting the lives of many. As the hymn concludes 'Christ is among us'. We pray that in the midst of these tragic situations, and as we celebrate, we too will know 'Christ is among us'.

May the blessings of this Christmas season be yours and go with you into 2023.

*Helen McMillan
Chairperson*



SAD NEWS

It is with much sadness we inform you of the recent death of Marcia Nicholls on 27 October 2022 at St John of God Hospital, Midland WA.

Marcia joined the Uniting Church Adult Fellowship WA Committee in 2017 and was our Corresponding member with other State UCAF Committees, as well as a WA member of the UCAF National Committee.

Marcia was a member of the Swan View Uniting Church and former Chairperson of the Church Council.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Bob, our Secretary/Treasurer, and with Marcia's family and friends at this time.



UCAF FELLOWSHIP DAY 2022

By Gill Muir – Newslink Editor

On Friday, 2 October 2022, the UCAF had its Fellowship Day at Maylands/Mt Lawley Uniting Church. It was a great day, with the renewing of lots of friendships. The occasion was marked with the giving out of the 80-year-old certificates, a great milestone for many who have been workers in the Uniting Church for many years, and others who have come to form the other churches and states. We congratulate them all.

We were very blessed to have Rev Dr Andrew Williams (General Secretary of WA Synod) as our speaker, and he told us of the vision he has for the future and linked it to a message from Luke Chapter 8:9-14.

After we had a beautiful lunch in the courtyard in the sunshine. We retired for the Annual General Meeting and Rev Dr Andrew Williams took the chair, and elections took place. All positions were filled, with Helen McMillan as Chairperson for the coming year. We hope it will be a fruitful year, although many of our members are struggling with ill health. We look forward to receiving items from all the fellowship groups in the state, it's nice for all our members to hear about what others are doing. We trust that God will lead us and support us in all our ventures.



A Letter to Santa – from Mum



Dear Santa,

I've been a good mom all year. I've fed, cleaned, and cuddled my two children on demand, visited the doctor's office more than my doctor, sold sixty-two cases of candy bars to raise money to plant a shade tree on the school playground and figured out how to attach nine patches onto my daughter's Girl Scout sash with staples and a glue gun. I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my son's red crayon, on the back of a receipt in the laundry room between cycles, and who knows when I'll find any more free time in the next 18 years.

Here are my Christmas wishes:

I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache after a day of chasing kids (in any color, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't flap in the breeze but are strong enough to carry a screaming toddler out of the candy aisle in the grocery store. I'd also like a waist since I lost mine somewhere in the seventh month of my last pregnancy. If you're hauling big ticket items, this year I'd like a car with fingerprint resistant windows and a radio that only plays adult music; a television that doesn't broadcast any programs containing talking animals; and a refrigerator with a secret compartment behind the crisper where I can hide to talk on the phone.

On the practical side, I could use a potty-trained toddler, two kids who don't fight and three pairs of jeans that will zip up effortlessly. Also a recording of Tibetan monks chanting, "Don't eat in the living room" and "Stop fighting" because my voice seems to only be heard by the dog. And please don't forget the Play-dough travel pack, the hottest stocking filler this year. It comes in three fluorescent colours and is guaranteed to crumble on any carpet, making the in-laws' house seem just like mine.

May I have a few Christmas miracles too? Can you declare tomato sauce a vegetable? It will clear my conscience immensely. It would also be helpful if you could coerce my children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organised crime family.

Well, Santa, the buzzer on the dryer is ringing and my son has seen my feet under the laundry door. He wants his crayon back, have a safe trip and please help yourself to the milk and biscuits the kids left for you on the table.

Yours truly... Mum



Network Magazine, December 2021

THE TRAIN OF LIFE – This is quite beautiful

At birth we boarded the train and met our parents, and we believe they will always travel at our side. However, at some stations our parents will step down from the train, leaving us on this journey alone.

As time goes by, other people will board the train; and they will be significant i.e., our siblings, friends, children, and even the love of our life. Many step down and leave a permanent vacuum. Others will go so unnoticed that we don't realize they vacated their seats.

This train ride will be full of joy, sorrow, fantasy, expectations, hellos, goodbyes and farewells. Success consists of having a good relationship with all passengers requiring that we give the best of ourselves.

So, you must live the best way, love, forgive, and offer the best of who you are. It is important to do this because when the time comes for us to step down and leave our seat empty, we should leave behind beautiful memories for those who will continue to travel the train of life.

I wish you a joyful journey on the train of life. Reap success and give lots of love. More thank God for the journey. Thank you for being one of the passengers on my train.

Contributed by Heather Hunter.
Thank you, Heather,





WORLD COFFEE DAY

It's coffee time! World Coffee Day was just last weekend (1 October) and the Fairtrade team in Australia and New Zealand have also been talking all things coffee recently at the Melbourne International Coffee Expo. That means we've decided to dedicate this Fairtrade 5 to the humble brew. So, hold on to your hats, you'll be coffee experts before you know it.



1. Who do you reckon drink the most coffee in the world? Espresso loving Italians or Starbucks-crazy yanks? Nope, it's actually the Finns! The average Finn drinks nearly four cups a day. Coffee is so popular in Finland that two 10-minute coffee breaks are legally mandated for Finnish workers.



2. Just three countries – Brazil, Vietnam, and Colombia – account for 63% of the world production. That's not a problem unless these countries are affected by weather events or political instability (pretty common occurrences nowadays) and then coffee supply gets badly interrupted. The increase in your coffee prices lately was largely the result of drought followed by intense frost in Brazil in the last few years.



3. We all know that the climate is changing (heads up Tony Abbott) and this means that farmers have to adapt with it. One example of this recently is Fairtrade farmers in PNG starting to keep their own bees so they can release them when the coffee flowers need pollination. This is necessary because the number of native bees has decreased and the times that they need to come has also changed.



4. Coffee is Fairtrade's biggest commodity worldwide and that's partly because many of the farmers who produce it have tiny plots and struggle to make ends meet without a bit of intervention. In 2020 the value of Fairtrade Premium (that's the extra money that goes to the communal fund for farmer producer organisations) delivered over \$127 million AUD to coffee farmers worldwide. Nearly a quarter of that money was spent on facilities and infrastructure to enable farmers to farm more effectively and 12% was spent on providing farmers with better tools.



5. We are proud of our new partnership with 7-Eleven which means all the coffee sold at 7-Eleven stores in Australia is Fairtrade coffee. We're excited because that's 80 million cups a year (truly really!) and the benefits for Fairtrade farmers and their communities will be huge!



On Sunday, 18 September 2022, a special barbeque was held for Frontier services for members and friends of the Pinjarra Uniting Church. As usual, it was held on a farm belonging to one of the members of the congregation. It was a great setting in the midst of the countryside, a lovely sunny day and unusually warm for September.

About 20 members of the congregation were there' and some old friends' who always love to join in. Our special friend, Rev John Dihm from the Pilbara area was there to represent frontier services. He told us of his work and witness, but sadly, he will be retiring this year, but we know he will still keep in contact with us and will be working for the Lord wherever he goes.

We had a great gathering, and the sausages and chops went down a treat, all donated by Church folks. After lunch, we were subjected to a general knowledge quiz, which caused light-hearted banter and arguments. The winning table was rewarded by a mars bar each for their superior intelligence and contribution. It was a great day, for a very worthwhile cause.

GREAT OUTBACK BARBEQUE - Maylands Uniting Church. To celebrate Frontier Services, barbeque this year, Maylands uniting church held a sausage sizzle on 11 September 2022. It was held in the courtyard of the church' in the sunshine on a lovely day. All funds raised were towards Frontier services outback work and a willing team of volunteers kept the sausages sizzling. There was lots of fun and fellowship, a great witness for the church in a city area, where people pass by, and many flat dwellers live nearby. Ps John Tompkins from Carnarvon attended to encourage giving to the good work Frontier Services does in the outback.



Giving Hope After Disasters

Rev. David Jackson has a new assignment giving hope after disasters to people and communities that have been left devastated. After finally deciding to hang up his boots and retire as a church Minister, he was hoping to enjoy some downtime with his wife where they live in the Margaret River wine region outside Perth. But there was a calling he needed to follow. Formerly patrol padre in Tasmania in 1989, David is returning to Frontier Services as the new Disaster Recovery Chaplain, Mid-West in WA. He'll be doing what he does best – helping communities struggling to recover from the deadly impact of natural disasters. While the entire country has been grappling with extreme weather, WA has faced drought, bushfires and in April 2021, the [unspeakable destruction of Cyclone Seroja](#). Critical infrastructure was damaged including roads, telecommunications and many properties in the central west which hadn't been built to withstand this rare Category 3 cyclone. Farmers were left to pick up the pieces of what little remained, having lost their homes, cattle and equipment.

Recovering From Disaster Takes Time

We know that recovering from any disaster doesn't happen overnight. It takes years, especially in rural and remote Australia, where labour and materials are in short supply. One person slowly battling back onto her feet is Erika, [whose story](#) you might remember from our [February Frontier News](#). Erika's sheep farm was devastated by the cyclone. Our Outback Links volunteers have assisted her with some of the extensive repair work. This was invaluable practical help. However, she still lives in a campervan because her home remains unsafe. Much more needs to be done to get her farm up and running again. Today, many farmers like Erika are waiting for practical and pastoral support to tide them through these difficult times and prepare for future disasters. David understands their plight from his own experiences. When he moved on from his role as Frontier Services patrol padre, he relocated to Karratha just after Cyclone Orson wreaked havoc across WA. "It very much set the tone for all the disasters I was to witness during my time in WA," he recalls. "Eventually I got used to the cyclones, knowing that they brought much-needed rain for the farmers." In his subsequent work as an Army Reserve Chaplain, David supported personnel after the 1996 Black Hawk crash near Townsville, QLD. He also comforted people after Sydney's hailstorms in 1999, and helped survivors of the horrific Bali bombings in 2002 who were flown to Darwin.

Soon after that, the WA Synod of the Uniting Church started looking for a Convenor for their Disaster Relief and Community Recovery Working Group, and David became involved. This began his association with Rev. Dr. Stephen Robinson, Frontier Services National Disaster Recovery Officer.

From A Broken Heart To Giving Hope

David's heart broke for the communities he saw struggling after Cyclone Seroja and the 2021 Wooroloo bushfires, which ravaged suburbs in the Perth Hills. It drew him out of retirement, to help and care for people once again, giving hope after disasters. In Cyclone Seroja "many homes were destroyed, and pastoral properties turned upside down," David says. "People's businesses were ruined and their livelihood severely impacted. This brought a great deal of pain and anguish." As Frontier Services Disaster Recovery Chaplain, David will walk beside those dealing with trauma and suffering. He hopes to encourage them and impart the skills they need to cope. "My job is to make people feel listened to and cared for, as they put their lives back together." A big thank you to Rev. Erica Payne who stepped into the role of the Frontier Services Disaster Recovery Chaplain in WA, as David prepared to return to active service from July 1.

<https://frontierservices.org/donate>

Extract from Aug 2022 In Frontier News Web By By Farooq Umar





Let us Pray...



*Gracious God When war and violence
Surround Your people,
When death is on every side
And man has ceased to be his brother's keeper,*

Our times are in Your hands.

*When disease stalks the land,
A pestilence that strikes without warning,
When sickness and sorrow fill the air,*

Our times are in Your hands.

*When disaster has descended upon us,
Storm, tempest, and earthquake,
Floods, drought, and locusts,*

Our times are in Your hands.

*When famine ravages the barren earth,
When food is gone and children cry for bread,
When hunger and starvation are all they know.*

Our times are in Your hands.

*When persecution is on every side,
When family and friends reject and betray,
When authorities punish even to death,*

***Gracious Lord,
keep Your people faithful.***

*When Your hand of judgment is heavy upon us
For our many sins, which we acknowledge and repent,
Then, in your Wrath, remember mercy*

Gracious Lord, forgive us.

Amen

@ Patrick Sooldrdeo 2022

Our Missionaries in the Congo

Hi Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Firstly, thank you for your many prayers for us. We are strongly held in God's hands because of them. The best way to describe these past six weeks is 'We are growing our faith in God to fit our assignment here.' We didn't have the right shape and size of faith when we arrived here, but God is at work in us, moulding us to His will for His purpose here.



We have dealt with stealing, lying, infidelity and pornography amongst our workers in the past six weeks. We have used the Bible, God's Word which speaks into every and any culture as the correction manual for these scenarios. We do devotions and pray together with our staff most mornings before we go out to the farm. Our farm workers enjoy Bill bringing them a topical sermonette during the day. They all say 'Amen' to our prayers. However, 'Christianity is a mile wide and an inch deep in Africa' the saying goes. We have sat with individuals on our team and shared the scriptures with them, that they can't expect to go to heaven if they are involved in sinful practices. Bill was able to lead one in a repentance prayer and this man took communion with Bill and brought his sin under the finished work of the Cross. We have tried to be discrete in dealing with these issues, and as you can imagine it has taken us time and prayers for wisdom (James 3) to approach each scenario. We have forgiven each man and told them so, because Jesus has forgiven them (and us), even when they have not acknowledged the sin, nor repented. Where we have needed to, we have let workers go, prayerfully.

We have become friends with a Jewish couple in their late 70's. They are employed at a large vegetable farm 30 minutes away.

They have set up a granny flat next to their home for us to stay in on the weekend and enjoy their electricity and hot water. These Jewish people appear to have no faith in Yahweh, so we have begun praying secretly for them.

Our agronomist on staff, Jeancy, experienced a physical demonic attack whilst he was staying in a Rwandan hotel recently. Jeancy was thrown out of his bed and against the window by a tall demon. He suffered physical injuries and called out the name of Jesus and the demon disappeared into thin air. Thankfully he had been attending church in Rwanda and he was able to call the local Anglican pastor the following morning to come and pray with him. In DRC the Anglicans and the Baptist pastors are very aware of demonic activity and the finished work of the cross of Jesus for deliverance and healing. This is a first experience like this for him. Neither Bill nor I have experienced this sort of physical attack ourselves, but we have encouraged him that God would not allow this experience unless He needed Jeancy to learn more about spiritual warfare.

We know that our assignment in DRC is significant, and that Satan does not want us here. There has been setback after setback, but we keep praying and growing our faith to fit the job we are sent here to do. This month, we hosted thirty Agricultural Students from the University of Kinshasa at the farm. We have visitors every weekend as the word is getting out that we are farming in a different way.



A neighboring farm has offered its land for free for us to set up a 'Farm Centre' where local Congolese people can learn how to farm on 10 ha lots, using our machinery and being guided by our agronomy, before they go to their own land and experience the challenges and rewards of farming. This is an exciting development, and we will charge a small management fee so that we can cover some of our living expenses here in Congo. We started Maize harvest last week, and watermelon harvest begins in 2 weeks' time.



An amazing thing occurred last weekend. The maize that was harvested and drying on a tarp got covered with thousands of ants. They carried away all the caterpillars that were eating the maize cobs. We stood in awe for 15 minutes and watched them at work. It takes a few ants to carry a caterpillar! We have been giving thanks to God ever since. Our maize crop got attacked by European Corn borer when the ears started to mature even though we sprayed three times for Fall Armyworm. But there were numerous caterpillars ruining the maize cobs.



Thank you to everyone who has sent us financial gifts. This has encouraged us greatly. The money has been used to purchase a second sea container that we will live in out on the demo farm. The money has also been used to purchase air tickets back to Perth for a rest in the month of August. Bill is drained emotionally after being in this crazy culture for over 18 months. We look forward to having a cuppa with all of you and hearing your news.

I'll finish this letter with some dot point observations and experiences of living with the poor. Prayer points following.

- Nobody bats an eyelid when you turn up in dirty clothes
- Clothes don't need to match
- We have lost weight because the thought of overeating or eating extravagantly is convicting when you think of your workers sitting in their little huts at night-time.
- These people share their food with whoever is present at mealtime. Everyone just eats less.
- Recycling in the small town we live (Menkao) is a big thing: rusty bolts, rusty wire, used containers.
- A new shopping bag is a treasured item.
- Offering a cup of water is received gratefully
- Giving an African Mama a lift in the car to town makes them feel like a Princess. They usually have no idea of how to use the door handle to exit the car at the end of the journey.

They understand the phrase "Jehovah Jireh, my Provider", because they depend on His provision every day. If they don't find food, they don't eat.



PRAYER POINTS

1. Praise God for Him bringing what is in the dark out into the light so workers can be freer
2. For Idit and Aaron, our new Jewish friends, to know and worship Yahweh and their Messiah, Jesu.
3. Wisdom for us as we guide our workers through the sanctification process of living in Christ.
4. Humility for us so that we are quick to confess our own sin and not appear self-righteous to our team.
5. Pray for God's financial provision for our assignment through harvesting and marketing our maize, watermelons, and haricot beans.
6. Grace, peace and strength for Bill daily as he finishes his 'tour of duty' here.

Love from Bill and Monique in Menkao, Congo.





Recipe Page

Turkey/Chicken Risoni Salad

Ingredients

- 400 g risoni pasta
- 1 Litre Campbell's Real Stock chicken
- 3 tbs olive oil
- 1 garlic clove crushed
- 1 tsp caster sugar
- 1 1/2 tbs lemon juice
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 200 g tomato medley halved
- 50 g spinach
- 2 cups cooked turkey or chicken chopped



Method

1. *Add stock to a medium-sized saucepan and bring to the boil. Add risoni and cook for 10 minutes or until all the stock is absorbed.*
2. *Transfer to a large bowl to cool.*
3. *In a small bowl, combine olive oil, garlic, lemon juice and mustard.*
4. *Add tomatoes, spinach, and turkey/chicken to risoni.*
5. *Stir well to combine.*



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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Congregation
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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: Info on the UCAF Annual Synod Fellowship Day 2023, will be shared soon. All who reach their 80th year during 2023 or have missed out are eligible.

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@iinet.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:

Devotions

An Interfaith Litany of Wholeness



Let us pray for all God's people.

For people who are blind and cannot see, and for those who can see but are blind to people around them, **God, in your mercy, help us touch each other.**

For people who move slowly because of accident, illness or disability, and For those who move too fast to be aware of the world in which they live, **God, in your mercy, help us work together.**

For people who are deaf and cannot hear, and for those who can hear but who ignore the cries of others, **God, in your mercy, help us to respond to each other.**

For people who learn slowly, for people who learn in different ways, and for people who learn quickly and easily but often choose ignorance, **God, in your mercy, help us grow in your wisdom.**

For families, friends and caregivers who serve people with disabilities, and for those who feel awkward in their presence, **God, in your mercy, help us to see each other with your eyes.**

For people who feel isolated by their disabilities, and for people who contribute to that sense of isolation, **God, in your mercy, change our lives.**

For all people in your creation, that we may learn to respect each other and learn how to live together in your peace,
God, in your mercy, bind us together. Amen

*Written by the Rev. Kate Chipps and adapted by Ginny Thornburgh.
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Welcome To People with Disabilities".*



Diary Dates



November 2022

- 5 Nov Kalamunda Market Day
- 9 Nov Taize Service - UCIC
- 10 Nov Music Recital – Ross Memorial UC
- 12 Nov Garage Sale (8am-1pm) – Star Street UC
- 12 Nov Treasure Market (9am-12pm) – Maylands/Mt Lawley UC
- 13 Nov Rev Mark Bell Induction @ Willetton UC – 3pm
- 15 Nov Community Twilight Fair – 4pm – Trinity North UC
- 15 Nov Uniting WA Annual Public Meeting – 5 Aberdeen Street (4-6pm)
- 16 Nov Taize Service - UCIC
- 19 Nov Presbytery Meeting – All Saints Floreat UC
- 19 Nov Community Spring Fair – NorthWay UC
- 26 Nov Safe Church Workshop at Christian Impact Centre (NorthWay UC)
- 26 Nov Lay Leader Training Workshop – South Perth UC

December 2022

- 3 Dec International Day for People with Disabilities
- 11 Dec A Christmas Story of Love & Worship 5-7pm BYO drinks and BBQ – Wesley College
- 11 Dec 100-year Celebration Service with Morning Tea (9am) Nedlands UC

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





Christmas A Story of Love

An evening to celebrate Christmas and Worship Together
~ All Welcome ~

Wesley College

Sunday, 11 December 2022

Cnr Coode & Angelo Streets, South Perth

Gates open 4:00pm to 7:00pm,
Christmas Carols start at 5:00pm

Your Host: Susy Thomas
Moderator, Uniting Church WA

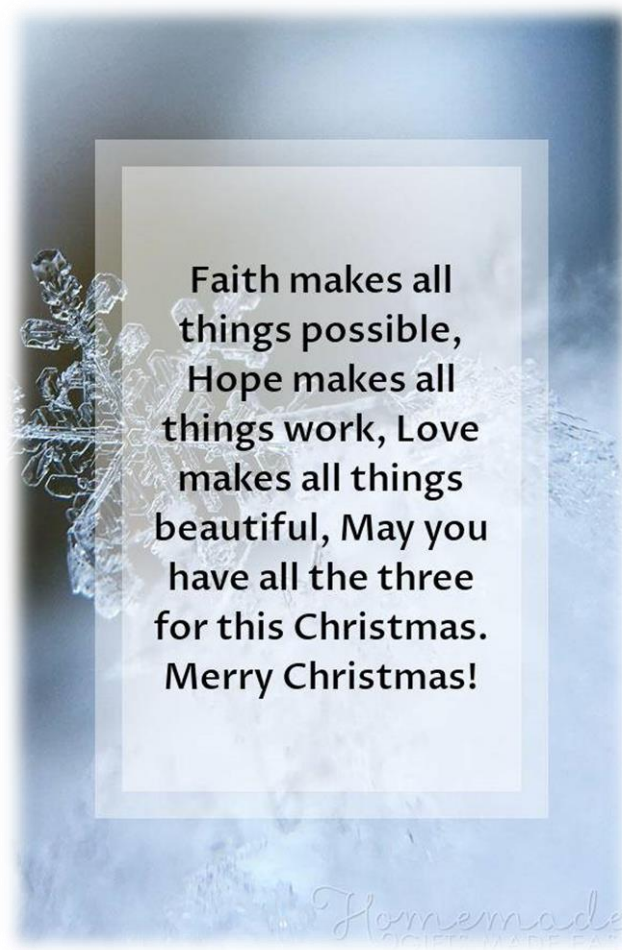
- Music by the Victoria Park Brass Band and Uniting Church musicians
- BYO picnic, water, rug and/or chairs
- An ice-cream and coffee van will be available
- On-site and street parking available

Worship Leader: Chris Lock
Church & Community Partnership
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