



Welcome to our Multicultural Church



December/January Newsletter



November Council Report

This month Council met on the 4th Tuesday so that Rev Do Young could attend the meeting following his visit as a delegate from SA to the Presbyterian Church of South Korea (PROK).

No new initiatives were raised or discussed at our meeting. Rather we reflected on what had been accomplished since this Council took office last March and began to consider the way forward for 2023.

Through the past month attention has been paid to resolving the ongoing care of the garden and supporting the Property Committee in their efforts to deal with minor handyman repairs. The wall in the church porch has not yet dried out sufficiently for the salt damp repairs to be completed. Because the Hall is being well used we have to be alert to ongoing maintenance requirements. Thanks to our team of handy people (Brenton, Meng, Richard) and our cleaner Amir, who are working behind the scenes to keep our buildings and grounds in good repair.

One highlight of the month was our hosting of the ecumenical service on Christ the King Sunday, 22 November, at 7pm. Fellow Christians from local Anglican, Catholic, Lutheran, Churches of Christ and UC congregations joined with us to celebrate our Lord. Thanks to Dana and Sue who provided a supper. It was a cold wet night

and the hot soup was just what was needed.

It was decided that through January we would continue our usual worship in the Church unless it gets really hot. We have guidelines to follow to help decide when it will be too hot to stay in the Church, in which case we will move into the Hall for the Service.

Matters to be dealt with in planning for 2023 include what kind of social activities we would like to have through the year, how best to improve our care for each other and what outreach initiatives we should focus on.

A full report of Council activities will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on the 6th December.

Our final meeting for the year in December, will be a Christmas celebration.

We thank you for your support throughout 2022. Our next meeting in January will be as a newly elected Council.

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The Celebration of Christmas

At Christmas we commemorate the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ, as both a religious and cultural celebration among billions of people around the world.

For us as Christians the birth of the baby at Christmas and death and resurrection of God as man at Easter are central to our faith. Christmas is preceded by the season of Advent, which we at PRUC celebrate by the lighting of candles.

Advent initiates the season of Christmastide which in the 'West' is a period of 12 days...There is a song the 12 days of Christmas. Christmas Day is a public holiday in many countries celebrated both religiously by us Christians, as well as culturally by many non-Christians, and forms an integral part of the commercial holiday season organized around it.

Here in Australia Christmas is celebrated as a family day, a happy holiday, a family get together with presents. The actual birth day of Jesus, the day we should celebrate with Him and give Him presents isn't known. Historians tell us that He was probably born some where between 7 years and 2 years Before the Christian Era, BCE. The first recorded date of Christmas being celebrated on the 25th December was in 336 during the reign of the first Christian Roman Emperor Constantine. So whatever our plans are on the day for a special Christmas dinner with Christmas fun and Christmas presents don't forget to include Jesus, whose birthday it is.



Organ Concert

The Organ Concert was held on Saturday 26th November with great success.

An appreciative audience listened to a varied program featured our organ, ably played by our Scholar Val and professional organist Kristy Choi, supported by pianists Kelly and Hayeon, trumpeter Andrew and jazz duo Sue and Daniel. Val, who finishes his term as Veta Brown Organ Scholar at the end of the year, was presented with a certificate of appreciation and the winner of next year's scholarship, Casey, was announced. \$920 from the door plus \$364.99 from TryBooking, in total \$1284.99 was raised for the Scholarship fund.

Sincere thanks go to Jess at the door, Jennifer who took photographs, Richard on sound, and Woody who managed the carpark as well as compere Steven without whom the concert could not have been presented.



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International Mission Update



On November 4th, the South Australian delegation were invited to the Presbytery meeting of the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of South Korea. **Rev Sue Ellis**, aided by **Rev Kim Do Young** as translator, presented a formal greeting on behalf of the **Moderator, Bronte Wilson**.

The Uniting Church in South Australia extended an invitation to the Presbyterian Church of the Republic of Korea to attend the June 2023 Synod meeting. With a focus on strengthening international mission and a commitment to continue to pray for each other and for the flourishing of our partnership in the name of Jesus Christ.



Photography Competition

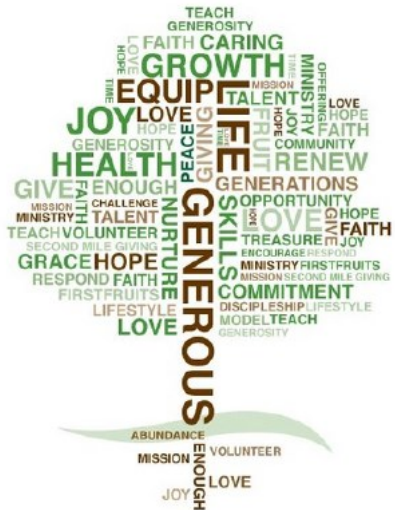
Get your cameras ready for the Summer Photo Competition!

The theme will be **CHRISTMAS/ SUMMER**.

All entries will be featured on our web page and all entries will receive a prize.

New Year Resolutions

Come January we usually think about the year ahead and the things we should or could do and what we shouldn't. We call them New Year Resolutions. This coming January why not think about your Gifts and Talents and how you could best use them in God's service.





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Unexpected Joy - Christmas Appeal 2022

A reminder that 'Unexpected Joy' is a Christmas gift opportunity for SA Synod congregations to contribute to our Uniting Care organisations and congregations with a special toiletry gift for a vulnerable adult. Closing dates for receiving gifts vary and not every Uniting Care congregation participates in gift giving. Check out those who do and the dates they need goods to be delivered by at the Synod website.

Holly Jolly Concert

Hope's Café at Clayton Wesley Uniting Church in Beulah Park is having a 'Holly Jolly Concert' to celebrate the end of the year. Performers from the Hillbilly Hoot will join with Hope's Café Local Vocals group for some light well-known songs and sprinkling of Christmas tunes. Entry by donation, food available for purchase. 6.00 pm on 16th December 2022.



December & January Birthdays and Anniversaries

December

1st Sebastian S (10 years)
11st Arjun B
15th Sadra
16th Beverley J
25th Jesus
28th Bill F
30th Jan C

January

1st Jackie G
10th Sue Y
17th Meng
21st Margaret M
22nd Kelly Y
23rd Heather S
24th Ann M
25th Woody L

January Anniversaries

4th Sharon & Craig
13th Heather & John

This is the final newsletter for
2022.

Wishing you all a joyful and happy
Christmas and a New Year.

