



Payneham Road Uniting Church



Welcome to our Multicultural Church

June Newsletter

May Council Report

Council met as usual on the third Tuesday in May under rather cold conditions. We have not been told by the insurance company when the repair work on the fence will actually be done and until then the air con can't be repaired. As a result the Marj Fooks room can be slightly chilly.

Our main concern at this time is to get ready to continue working through the Life & Witness Consultation. We had a very successful Sunday Lunch with open discussion in small groups which was brought together by Geoff Tiller with Christine Secombe, our other leader from Presbytery, in support. Geoff & Christine took away all the discussion notes and are presently working on a Report to present to us. Council agreed that the way forward will be to have a thorough look at the report and then to make decisions as to what we need to follow up on. Council will be relying on your responses to the report to guide the direction we take. Thanks are due to the hard working team who organised the lunch and also to ourselves for entering into the discussion in a whole hearted way.

Another concern of Council is to move towards a balanced budget. Towards

that end we have been working towards minimising electronic communication costs. To achieve this we are investigating the possibility of less costly internet and mobile phone packages. This may result in changes to mobile phone numbers. If so we will keep you informed.

You will notice when you come to Church that finally the last stage of the salt damp repairs is underway. You may not remember but we initiated the project way back in 2018. We will be using the vestry entrance to the church until the plastering and painting are completed.

Our project to repurpose the shed is also progressing. Thanks to Sue who has been the driving force behind the initiative. The cycle of garage sales is complete and several charities have taken clothing and household items for their clients. The next step, to make the large shed space into 2 rentable storage spaces, has been agreed to and should happen soon.

As always if you have any bright ideas or complaints or want to share some information please approach your friendly Council members.

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BIOGRAPHY - MENG

I was born in Melaka in 1947, just after the WWII. There were 6 of us, my four sisters and my brother and I. I am the 2nd in the family. We all attended school; my sisters at Methodist Girls' school, and brother and I in Anglo Chinese school (Methodist Boys School).

In 1965, I left school after passing my university of Cambridge School certificate exams. As going to the university was too difficult for all of us, we had to find work immediately in order to help our family financially. I took the job of temporary teacher in a primary school for only 9 months.

While teaching, I applied for various government jobs. In Sept, 1967, I was offered a job in Telecom Department in Malaysia as an Assistant Traffic officer. In early 1974, I was promoted to Traffic Officer in Melaka Office. Thanks and praise God, I was not transferred to other states.

In 1990s, I resigned from Telecom Malaysia and moved to Adelaide on 10th August 1990, and we never regretted!

I came to know Florence through her sister who worked in the same office with me. Florence did her nursing training through RAH in 1968 under Rotary Club, Murray Bridge. She came back to Malaysia and worked for a while, and then went to England for further training. We stayed connected as friends and later on it became more than friendship! We got married on the 17 December 1977 at the Wesley Methodist Church, Melaka. This was one of my best and happy days.

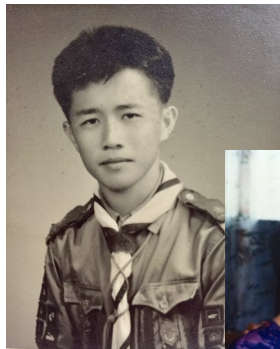
When we left Melaka in 1990, Joanne was 10, Melvin was 9, and Jessica was

3. They are all married and have children of their own. We are blessed and always thank our good Lord! In September 1990, Florence was offered a job as a Registered Nurse at RAH and worked there until retirement. As for me, finding a job was hard; so I decided to be trained as a housekeeper. I worked at West End All Suite Hotel, and later at Adelaide Regent Apartment as a Head of Housekeeping Department where I worked until I retired.

We first attended PRUC when Rev. John Magner was the minister and we are still here today. We wish to thank our church community for all their support and prayers during our times at PRUC. I was admitted to ICU in 2012 for 2 weeks, suspecting of having "pancreatitis". It came out to be negative, and the diagnosis is still a question. Florence had her triple bypass heart surgery done in 2016. By the grace of God, all went well for us. Yes, we do have our ups and downs, but always trust God our maker. We both retired in April 2013.

"Faith, Hope and Love"

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NATIONAL PRAYER CHAIN

An event has been planned to unite the Uniting Church through a **National Prayer Chain**.

We are invited to participate by praying for 2 communities and we will be held in prayer by 2 other communities. The communities we are invited to pray for are Greenacre UC and Gunnedah UC (part of the Quirindi Gunnedah Werris Creek Cluster).

It is suggested that we contact them to ask for prayer points and that we name the communities in our Prayers for the People and at any other gatherings we might have.

The Prayer Chain will be set in motion on Pentecost Sunday, 28th May, the Sunday you will get this newsletter, and is planned to be active for 26 days.

The information came to me after our meeting so we have not discussed it at Council. However I think it will be a very positive action for us to take; to uphold each other in prayer.

I will be trying to contact Greenacre and Gunnedah this week to ask them for prayer points.

Lesley



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COVID REMINDER

Mask wearing will still be required in high risk health settings which include hospitals, residential aged care, disability services and correctional services.

Please continue to practice social distancing wherever possible, hand sanitising, and frequent cleaning. Current arrangements for Communion should remain in place until further notice.

AFTER VISITING WIMALA PRESBYTERY MEETING

I attended the Wimala Presbytery representing PRUC at Broadview Uniting Church on Saturday, April 29th. Unfortunately, Heather and George were unable to attend due to health issues and overseas travel. The Wimala Presbytery is a regional council consisting of 79 Uniting Church congregations located in the eastern and northern regions of South Australia. Our presbytery's name, Wimala, reflects our values of gathering, nurturing, discipleship, outreach, and social justice.

The day began with members gathering at 9 o'clock, and ministers and leaders representing each church engaged in casual conversations over coffee. Following that, Rev. Ruthmary Bond, the minister at Broadview UC, led a creative and passionate worship service. The focal point of the meeting was the introduction of the Act-2

movement, which was promoted at the Assembly, and a time dedicated to encouraging participation from each church. Additionally, a digital media consultant was appointed within our Presbytery, with Rev. Geoff Hurst planning to provide support in this role.

Before and after lunch, we formed small groups and shared our experiences, both highs, and lows, with others from our regions and churches, guided by the theme 'A time to share your highs and lows with others from your regions and church.' This provided a meaningful opportunity for me to gain a broader perspective on ministry and share the similar challenges our Church faces.

During the council meeting, we evaluated the direction of PRUC and experienced the deep significance of working together as brothers and sisters, utilizing our individual gifts and resources for the kingdom of God and our neighbours, all within the unity of the denomination. Finally, we concluded with praise, prayer, and blessings for one another, eagerly looking forward to the next meeting.

You may ask, 'Why is Presbytery important to the life of the Church?' Presbytery provides resources and support to local churches, aiding in their mission and ministry. It ensures the integrity and unity of the community by assisting ministers and leaders in navigating challenges, developing their skills, and growing in their ministries. It strengthens the church's mission and fosters connections among churches. There are many other responsibilities that the presbytery carries out. I would like to request your prayers for the leaders who volunteer their services to run the presbytery, as well as for the churches within the presbytery to be able to

grow and nurture in ministries.

One regrettable aspect was that I attended the PRUC meeting alone as the representative. If you have an interest in the Wider Church or a passion to learn more about what a united church is, I would be grateful if you could inform the Church Council or reach out to me.

Blessings.

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Wimala Presbytery

June Birthdays

4th - John S & Brian H

22nd - Ray W



Please send any photos or stories/events that you would like to share with the congregation. Looking forward to hearing from many of you!