



Payneham Road Uniting Church



Welcome to our Multicultural Church

September 2022

August Council Report

Council met for the scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday 16th August. In reviewing the year's activities to date we confirmed our support for the Winter Wonderland social and the Garage Sale, thanked Jess and Sharon for the success of the newly configured Newsheet/newsletter and Do Young and Steven for the redesigned webpage and acknowledged the improved signage around the church grounds. An updated 2022/23 Welcome/information Brochure is in process. And will be available next month. Care chains were launched on the 26th July and we urge you all to be active participants in your chain.

A reading table will be set up on Sunday mornings in the Hall where you can browse through the various newsletters and brochures that arrive at the Church and keep yourselves up to date. The National Church Surveys-church census and church leader arrived and will be completed on your behalf. We will keep you posted on any outcomes.

Through Do Young we have agreed to support a Safety Seminar sponsored by the Korean Embassy for Young Korean Students arriving in Adelaide.

We are prayerfully considering how we can manage the congregation's worship experiences most effectively. Any suggestions will be gratefully received.

The garden, complete with weeds is flourishing in this cool wet winter, and is needing continuing attention. Some of us are getting too ancient to dig and some of us are too busy with work and childcare responsibilities.

One way of caring for our garden is to become a PRUC GARDEN SPONSOR. Council is presently working out the details of a sponsorship program. 'Stay Tuned' for more details when the program is finalised.

Lesley Warner, Chair of Council

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Multi Cultural Madonnas

As Uniting Church folk, we do not put the emphasis on Mary the mother of Jesus or on images of Mary and the baby. A recent National Geographic featured Jesus an illustrated life. The images were taken from art and photography across the ages from the 10th to the 21st Century from many different cultures. I was particularly fascinated by the images of Mary and the baby Jesus as depicted by non-European artists. These images encourage us to think beyond cultural boundaries; a reminder that Jesus came bringing God's forgiveness to everyone.

The two images here are copyright free. There are many more on the internet.



Prison Fellowship Australia - a multicultural fellowship

On the 5th Sunday in July we heard an inspiring talk from Ian Townsend, who is the South Australian/Northern Territory manager of Prison Fellowship Australia. In this organisation volunteers walk alongside prisoners, their families and victims of crime. They highlight God's goodness and his desire for reconciliation with Himself and others, aiming to bring restoration healing and wholeness to everyone

affected by crime. This is a multicultural ministry. In the newsletter SET FREE, January issue, there is an article about Pastor Chee Fung who is the Chinese speaking (Cantonese and Mandarin) leader of Prison Fellowship in New South Wales. Many Chinese inmates don't have family in Australia who can visit them but Pastor Chee Fung and his team, (volunteers from Chinese churches in Sydney) visit them regularly; 140 inmates in a year have been given the opportunity to talk to someone they can trust in their own language. Each of the stories in the newsletter was an inspiring story of faith and hope.

Want to find out more? The South Australian address is
sa.office@prisonfellowship.org.au

Future Reflections

Having now given 6 reflections describing how I understand my relationship with Christ and one that introduces that understanding into how we live in society (call it volume 1); it is now time to move into the area which examines that understanding in relation to our current societal interactions.

I have a number of ideas, but I would like to invite members of the congregation to nominate such areas that they would like to hear a reflection on.

Bill Fisher



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UC e-News

Leading Youth Ministry Teams

Join leadership expert Craig Bailey in unpacking and understanding the dynamics of team youth ministry. You will explore: team purpose, mechanics and dynamics, team culture, communication and covenanting.

This event is best experienced with your whole youth ministry team!

Barista Coffee will be available. Saturday, 3rd September, from 9.00 am – 12.00 noon at Westbourne Park Uniting Church, 27 Sussex Terrace, Hawthorn. Registrations details are on UCA SA website.



New opportunities for welcoming refugees in local communities

Uniting Church congregations and faith groups have long been at the forefront of welcoming refugees to Australia. Now your congregation can take the next step and welcome newly arrived Afghan evacuees and other refugees referred by the UNHCR living in our communities. The Community Refugee

Sponsorship Australia (CRSA) allows us to do just that. The CRSA are looking for volunteers, individuals and groups, to be a part of their Group Mentorship and the Community Refugee Integration and Settlement Pilot (CRISP) Programs.

Here's how it works:

- Volunteers are **groups of at least 5 adults** who live near each other.
- The group offers support to a refugee household (The household is on a refugee or humanitarian visa with full access to Centrelink, Medicare, Work Rights etc.)
- The group volunteers **10+ hours of support per week** between them.

Group provides **ongoing practical support** as required e.g. social connection, assist with driving lessons, finding employment.

Please let Synod Refugee Advocacy group know your interest in the program (Contact convenor Rev Paul Turley paulturley@icould.com or Justice Officer Paul Goh pgoh@sa.uca.org.au).

More information on the UCA SA website.



Community Refugee
Sponsorship Australia

Reflection

When our focus is on Church rules, rationale and regulations, we often forget the real person, the intentional reason and the relevancy of why the rules were developed in the first place.

This can 'bend' us and reshape us in a way we may never have intended – in how we love our neighbour, in our own wellbeing, in our thinking and choices, and in how we practice and 'do' our faith.

Our focus on faith is bent by the weight and shape of rules. We see these outcomes in those who are not included, through structural injustice and myopic understanding. It is seen when our practices are not connecting with and supporting those whom we are called to serve.

In Luke 13:10-17 Jesus is drawing the focus away from the human 'rules,' towards the people of God. He offers the 're-shaping' that comes from being present in God's love.

God's Spirit unbends and re-shapes us - to bring the good news; to recover our sight to see where we are to serve, and whom we are to love; to revise our ways of living and doing, so that justice prevails and peace reigns. God's love reshapes us and sets us free.

Rev Anne Hewitt

September Birthdays & Anniversaries

4th - John Bested

5th - Yujeong (turning 10!)

6th - Pam W

7th - Elaine T

7th - Elaine and Brenton's

wedding anniversary

11th - Amir Z

13th - Ray G



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

