



Payneham Road Uniting Church



Welcome to our Multicultural Church

August Newsletter

July Council Report

In ongoing business Council is pleased to report that James Zolaison has started work as our Children's Program Coordinator and has begun offering his Grow Kids Sunday School Program every Sunday Morning at 10 am. His family; wife Presilla, son Ephriam and daughter Abigail are now worshipping with us so please make them welcome. Abigail and I share a birthday. James has contacted all the families with children or young people and is working in the Church office on Saturdays.

We are in the process of updating the sign board with the new contact phone number for Rev Do Young and arranging for the potholes in the car park driveway to be repaired. The progress on the fence/aircon repairs remains slow.

We thanked Woody for organising the Board games and Pizza night. This will continue to be a regular feature in our social calendar; to be held in the first weekend of the school holidays. We also discussed privacy matters; the need for us to value the privacy of our

congregation members in this digital age. Val Watkinson has volunteered to take on the role of Privacy Officer so please talk to her if you have any concerns. Val is also our Health and Safety Officer and is ready to deal with any problems. Thank you Val.

The membership of our Care Clusters has been updated and your leader has been keeping the information flowing.

The main item of business was to consider our Life & Witness Report and how we need to respond to it. It was agreed that a congregational meeting to discuss the report and decide what action could taken should be the next step. The 23rd July, after the service was agreed on. The outcome of the meeting is reported below.

Lesley Warner, Chair of Council

PRUC Website address: paynehamroaduc.org.au

Editor, Monthly Newsletter: Jess Ryoo (dream82261@hotmail.com)

Report on the Congregational Meeting 11am, 23rd July

The formal minutes of the meeting will be prepared for presentation and confirmation by our congregational chair, Jan Carpenter, at the next Congregational meeting. This informal report is for information and action where appropriate.

Jan spoke to the purpose of the meeting and facilitated the discussion of the 3 items of business listed on the agenda. It was agreed by consensus that the congregation is satisfied with the current leadership.

It was agreed by consensus, after some vigorous debate that we should advise Presbytery that we would wish to have Rev Do Young continue in his role as Minister to PRUC until the end of 2025.

With reference to the suggestions raised by the congregation at the L&W lunch meeting, a call was made to consider the suggestions, suggest priorities and find volunteers to take them forward.

Bill strongly supported studying the relationship between Christianity and the modern world through targeted bible study.

Rose volunteered to assist with improving our social media presence Heather suggested options for improving leadership within the congregation.

These three activities will need our full support.

Jan Carpenter, Chair of Congregation

About James

With a rich Christian family heritage, James grew up in East Asia and completed his Bible College studies with a passion for mission and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. After completing his studies in Bible College, James served in different ministries; Sunday School Teacher, Youth Pastor and missionary in Australia.

After moving to Australia, God ministered through James to reach out new arrival students, migrants and others in need from different faiths. With his wife Presilla, James moved to Adelaide and completed his degree in International Relation Studies and now have a son, Ephriam and a daughter Abby. During his studies, God opened many opportunities for James to reach out and witness with students from different cultures and faith with support of Serving In Mission Australia (SIM) since 2018.

James will be working as a Children Program Coordinator with Payneham Road Uniting Church with a passion of reaching and bringing up new generations. James believed that God is a generational God, He has great plans for our generation and generations to come.

Farewell to Wee Han

Wee Han will be moving to Brisbane to be nearer to his son. He will be greatly missed and we wish him all the best.

Brian Headland

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of our beloved friend, Brian Headland. On the 21st of July, Brian left us to join heaven's embrace, free from pain and suffering. Though we are deeply saddened by his departure, we find solace in knowing that he is now at peace.

Brian was a cherished member of our congregation, and his presence and contributions will be greatly missed. He touched the lives of many with his kindness, compassion, and unwavering faith. Let us remember the joy he brought to our lives and the positive impact he had on those around him.

We will keep you informed once the arrangements are made for the Thanksgiving Service. In the meantime, please keep Brian's family in your thoughts and prayers.

Do Young



The Uniting Church in Australia
Synod of South Australia

UC e-News

hopeFULL State Youth Conference 2023

What is there to hope in? It's a question we are finding teenagers asking in Uniting Church youth ministries. On 9th of September 2023 we (local youth ministries in collaboration with Mission Resourcing) are running 'hopeFULL', a State Youth Conference for high school years 7-12.

Please contact James if you are interested.

What's new at college?



The Uniting College for Leadership and Theology is now part of a national university, the University of Divinity (UD). Together with Pilgrim College, the UCAs College in Melbourne, we are experiencing the benefits of a broader ecumenical setting and a Higher Education Provider in close touch with national university sector trends and opportunities. The twelve Colleges that are part of the UD include Lutheran, Anglican, Baptist, Catholic, Salvation Army and Orthodox Colleges. For students, there is a greater range of awards and units, and a much bigger electronic library at their fingertips.

Trinity Sessions: Concert and Art Exhibition for The Voice

Trinity Sessions is hosting the Meiwi Aboriginal Art Exhibition from 24th - 27th August with the official opening taking place on 24th August at 6.30 pm. A concert for The Voice is also scheduled for Sunday, 27th August at 3.00 pm. The concert features Nancy Bates, Glenn Skuthorpe, Jungaji, Kyarna Rose and Scott Rathman Jnr. More information is available at the Synod website.

Reflection

A sermon preached at Atonement Lutheran Church, Florissant, MO on July 23, 2017, on Matthew 13:24-30, 36-40; Romans 8:12-25

This parable of the wheat and the weeds, like the parable of the sheep and goats, are parables of judgement which only appear in the Gospel of Matthew. The Christians to whom Matthew writes in the late first century, are less concerned about their own sin, as they are about those who are not true believers, who do not believe that Jesus is the promised Messiah. Matthew's audience is also struggling against the power and oppression of the Roman empire—the Temple in Jerusalem had been destroyed, and their safety, livelihood and faith were all threatened. They wanted God's judgement on these evil doers in their community and in these larger structures of society.

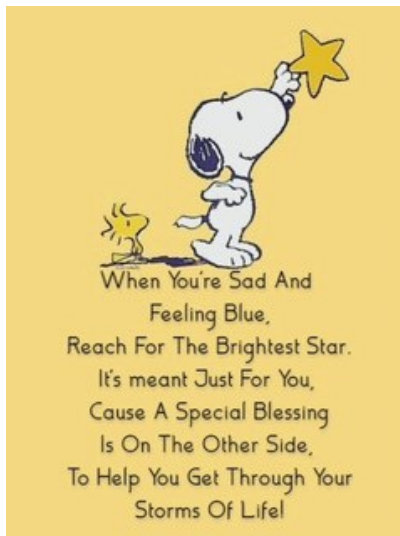
Paul says, 'There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.'

Forgiveness sets us free—free to continue to love and serve! Forgiveness waters and feeds the good seed that God has planted in us, helping us to bear the life-giving fruit of forgiveness, love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, and self-control.

These fruits of the Spirit enable us to participate with the good wheat in others, in our society and world, all the while trusting that Jesus will return. At the end of the age, the Son of Man will defeat all causes of sin in us and the whole universe, including death itself,

restoring us, with all of creation, back to God.

Through Christ, we all will return to God, the very source of love and all that is good—who doesn't even remember our sin—and instead, makes us shine like the sun!



August Birthdays

2nd - Val W

5th - Sharon M

14th - Dennis H

21st - Jennifer K

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