



SHUT-IN COMMUNION CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

On Tuesday 4th Dec we sat down to a delicious Christmas lunch of sandwiches, little quiches, asparagus rolls, plates of fruit. Also homemade slices and chocolate cake. We enjoyed a lovely Christmas cake donated by Barb Trewartha of which Barb donates every year.

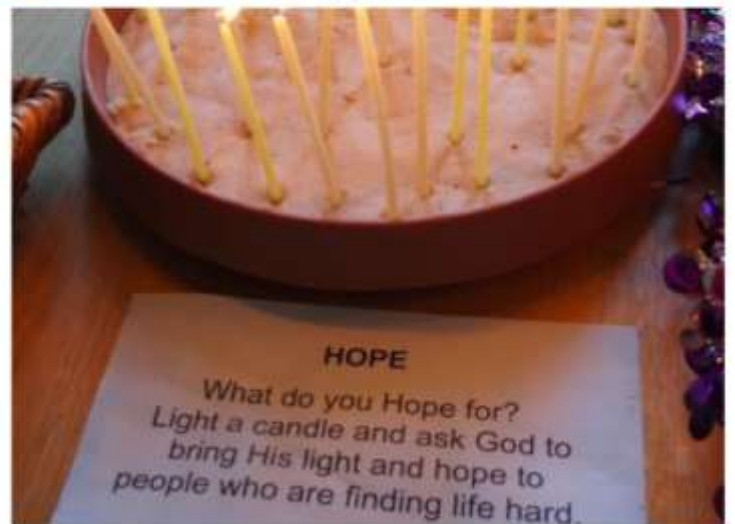
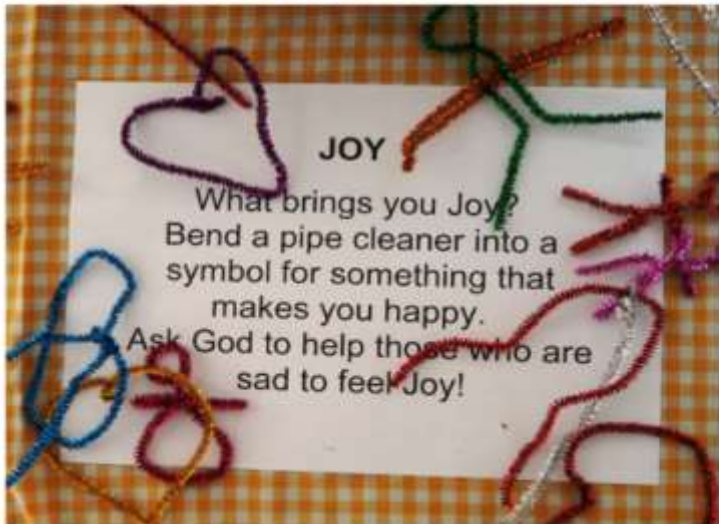
I want to pay tribute to the hard work that goes into this luncheon, a big thank you to Elaine, Bev and Marg. And everyone who is involved in transporting people to the church.

A special mention to 98 year old Rosemary, an inspiration to us all. As we are all now aware Marg is about to go into care in Ocean Grove, we thank you so much for your valuable contribution to Shut-In communion.



HSUC CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS







Abundant
Grace
Liberating
Hope

Uniting Church in Australia
Assembly

PRAYER FOR THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Written by President Dr Deidre Palmer six months after the Fifteenth Assembly

Gracious and loving God,
We thank you for the Uniting Church in Australia,
for the ways your Spirit empowers us to participate in your liberating mission in the world.

You call us to be your Pilgrim People, responsive to your leading, as we witness to your reconciling love in our communities.

At this time in our life as the Uniting Church,
May your Holy Spirit weave us together as the Body of Christ, a community of grace and hope.

Renew and strengthen us as your Church -
Where there is hurt and pain, bring your comfort and healing.
Where we have caused hurt to one another, bring forgiveness and reconciliation.
Where our community and unity are strained, give us patience to listen to one another, to see your presence in one another, and to love our sisters and brothers in Christ, as you have first loved us.

Where there is uncertainty and confusion, bring your guidance and light.
Lead us forward in ways that are faithful to your mission in the world.

We pray for our Congregations and Faith Communities,
that they may be a source of your healing, hope, compassion and love,
and welcoming and hospitable places to worship and serve.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, fill us with passion for Christ's mission, so that we will be courageous bearers of God's good news of love, justice and healing in your world.

Through Christ we pray.

Amen.

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever." Amen. (Ephesians 3:20-21)



PRESIDENT: Dr Deldre Palmer

GENERAL SECRETARY: Colleen Geyer

Pastoral Letter - Post Fifteenth Assembly Update

To all Congregations and Faith Communities

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Greetings in this new year, that brings fresh opportunities, as we serve Christ together as the Uniting Church in Australia. I am greatly encouraged by the ways the Uniting Church is engaging in mission and exercising ministry through our local churches, Presbyteries, Synods, our Agencies, schools and the Assembly.

On this Sunday the 13th of January, six months will have passed since the members of the Fifteenth Assembly gathered in Melbourne to discern prayerfully the national priorities and directions of our Church.

Decisions of the Assembly

During this time, members of Synods, Presbyteries, Congregations and Faith Communities have heard about and discussed the decisions we made in Melbourne. In many parts of our Church, our members are living out the hopes and vision that relate to our decisions on domestic and family violence, sovereignty of First Peoples, care for creation, access for people with disabilities, and support for seasonal workers.

Our Decision on Marriage

In respect to our recognition of two statements of belief on marriage, there have been a variety of responses. Across our Church, there are many people who have embraced the decision as a wise way of moving forward as a Church, respecting the different views we hold on marriage, and giving freedom to Ministers and Congregations to hold to a view of marriage, that they believe is faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Leaders in our Church have journeyed alongside those Uniting Church members, Congregations and Presbyteries, who have difficulty in living with the decision of the Assembly.

In 2009 an additional Clause 39 (b) was approved by the Assembly, which allows Presbyteries and Synods to ask the Assembly to reconsider a decision it has made.

Clause 39 (b) of the Uniting Church Constitution states:

(i) If within six months of a decision of the Assembly, or its Standing Committee, at least half the Presbyteries within the bounds of each of at least half the Synods, or at least half the Synods, notify the President that they have determined that in their opinion

- *a decision includes a matter vital to the life of the Church; and*
- *there was inadequate consultation prior to the decision*

the President shall notify the Church that the decision is suspended until the Assembly has undertaken further consultation.

Six Presbyteries chose to exercise their right to notify me as President, that, in their opinion, the matter was "vital to the life of the Church and there was inadequate consultation prior to the decision." There were five Presbyteries in Queensland and one Presbytery in the Northern Synod. On Saturday the 5th of January 2019, the Presbytery of South Australia met, and decided that the majority of members did not support the proposal that the Fifteenth Assembly marriage decision was a "matter vital to the life of the Church and there was inadequate consultation prior to the decision."

This means that the threshold for the suspension of the Assembly decision has not been reached.

THE UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA - HIGH STREET CONGREGATION

Summarised Statement of Income/Expenditure for 12 Months to 31st December 2018

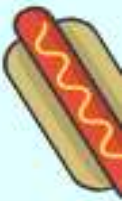
INCOME	Budget		Actual	
Planned Giving/Open Plate		142000		134747
Rental Income - High St & Manse		55000		60212
Donations		3000		2214
Donations: Children's Outreach		1000		520
Reimbursements/Miscellaneous		5000		5537
Goods and Services Tax				8502
Fete		12000		12399
Interest - Cash Management Account		1000		1024
GST Reimbursement				
MBA		3000		2000
Atkinson Foundation Income		2000		2532
Guest Foundation In- come		3000		3262
Bomar Grant		65000		64664
Transfer from Wesley Lease		49000		54050
TOTAL INCOME		341000		351663
EXPENDITURE				
Ministerial Costs		170000		183623
Administration Costs		47000		47486
Planned Giving Expenses		1000		769
Property Costs:				
Fire Brigade Levy	400		663	
Cleaning/Maintenance	26700		33170	
Rates: Council/Water	5300		6316	
Gas/Electricity	8600	41000	7879	48028
Insurance		8000		7602
Sunday School/Children's Outreach		1000		381
Organ/Choir/Copyright		2000		1911
Goods and Services Tax				6668
Miscellaneous		10000		9841
OPERATING EXPENDITURE		280000		306309
Outreach:				
Mission and Service Fund	31200		31212	
FHS Chaplaincy	4000		2000	
Tom Sutherland	500		500	
Community Support	1500	37200	2000	35712
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		317200		342021



North India Community Health (JBKS) project



BUNNINGS BBQ



A number of volunteers from High Street Uniting Church stepped up to help at the recent last-minute opportunity sausage sizzle at Bunnings Mornington - making it a great success.

Perfect weather conditions brought the shoppers out in force on January 2 - with New Year resolutions to fix up the house and work in the garden. So much so, that shopping runs for more snags, bread and onions were needed! A fantastic total of \$1,063 profit came through from everyone's hard work, which will contribute to the annual costs for the North India Community Health (JBKS) project.

Special thanks to church volunteers: Fiona Ryan, Erica Hutchinson, Edna Reeves, Rachel Law, Alan Mathews and Jonny, Anton and Theo Beeby (with girlfriend Kate Oades.)

By Helen Beeby

Amitie

CRAFT GROUP

Meets the second Thursday in the month.

First meeting for 2019 will be on Thursday February 14th in the Green Room, 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

No special skill set required. Come and enjoy a chat, a 'cuppa', share craft projects and learn.

Contact Patti Scully. Ph. 97662253 for more information.

Amitie Dates for 2019:

14th February

14th March

11th April

9th May

13th June

11th July

8th August

12th September

10th October

14th November

12th December

Thriving Ministry Leadership

**Lessons from a duck,
an echidna,
a caterpillar and
a tree**



**ANDREW MCDONOUGH,
BEST KNOWN AS THE AUTHOR
AND ILLUSTRATOR OF THE LOST SHEEP BOOKS,
IS COMING TO VICTORIA!**

Drawing on his wide experience in ministry, including working as a pastor amongst the homeless, supporting people struggling with addictions and advocating for refugees, Andrew will be facilitating a series of workshops entitled Thriving Ministry Leadership: lessons from a duck, an echidna, a caterpillar and a tree.

Focused on those in ministry leadership, such as ministers, deacons, pastors, chaplains, lay preachers, church council members and those with specific responsibility for children, young people and families, these sessions will be immensely inspiring, encouraging and practical.

**Andrew will also highlight his latest book
Jesus was a refugee.**



Dates

Thursday	February 21	2pm	Geelong
Sunday	February 24	2.30pm	Surrey Hills
Monday	February 25	10am	Ballarat
Monday	February 25	7pm	Bendigo
Tuesday	February 26	10am	Shepparton
Tuesday	February 26	3.30pm	Wodonga
Wednesday	February 27	7pm	Mitcham
Thursday	February 28	10am	Murrumbena

Cost: \$20

Duration: 2.5 hours

Register and pay on-line:

<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/thrivingministryleadership>

Registrations appreciated by Friday February 22

More information or off-line registration:

03 8340 8800 or ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au

Addresses:

Geelong (Western Heights Uniting Church)
Surrey Hills Uniting Church
Ballarat Central Uniting Church
Bendigo (St. Andrew's) Uniting Church
Shepparton Uniting Church
Wodonga Uniting Church
Mitcham (Mountview) Uniting Church
Murrumbena Uniting Church

31 Douglass St
Cnr Canterbury Road & Valonia Avenue
Cnr Lydiard South & Dana Streets
26 Myers Street
Cnr Fryers & Corio Streets
Cnr Beechworth Road & Nimar Avenue
Cnr Maroondah Highway & Doncaster East Road
117 Murrumbena Road

HERNE HILL
SURREY HILLS
BALLARAT
BENDIGO
SHEPPARTON
WODONGA
MITCHAM
MURRUMBEENA

These events are supported by funding from the Jean & Farquhar Gunn Fund.



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Uniting Church in Australia
STRONG IN VICTORIA AND TASMANIA



HSUC Painting Group

There has been little painting going in 2018 as our most enthusiastic artist was struggling with health issues. However, I entered Fay Dungey's last painting was entered into the Royal Melbourne Show's Arts and Craft Competition in the Vision Impaired section and I am very proud to report that the painting received a Second Prize.

The painting group started as a group of friends who when Robert Johnson suggested that we take up something for Lent rather than giving up something. We all considered that the painting group was taking up a challenge. At that point Jenny Mussett, Fay Dungey, Glenise Swallow and I comprised the group. We were all challenged in various ways; Fay and Glenise painting with little sight.

Although the group hasn't been meeting on a Friday night to paint each week, we all enjoyed taking up the challenge.

Just before Christmas I visited Fay and presented her with her painting and the Certificates from Royal Agricultural Society Victoria. She recognised her painting and was delighted with the result.



FEBRUARY DIARY

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SUN - 3RD COMMUNION SUNDAY - FOCUS: Voices of Frankston
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
ARM CHAIR TRAVELS EVENING - Church - 5:00PM
OPEN CAFE - 5:30PM

MON - 4TH LARDER - 8:30AM
LEGS - Church - 7:30PM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM

TUES - 5TH WALKIE TALKIES - Pentland Gardens in Williams St - 8:30AM
SHUT-IN COMMUNION - Church - 11:30AM

WED - 6TH RETIRED MINISTERS LUNCH - Green Room - 12:30PM
VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 9:30AM
COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM

THUR - 7TH CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM

FRI - 8TH WALKIE TALKIES - St Thomas' Lanwarrin - 8:30AM
PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM

SUN - 10TH TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
POWER YOUTH GROUP - 3:30PM

MON - 11TH LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM

TUES - 12TH WALKIE TALKIES - Sweetwater Creek from Norman Ave - 8:30AM

WED - 13TH VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 9:30AM
COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM

THUR - 14TH WALKIE TALKIES - Mile Bridge Frankston - 8:30AM
AMITIE - Green Room - 2:00PM

FRI - 15TH PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM

SAT - 16TH SHARED LUNCH - Venue TBC

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SUN - 10TH TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

MON - 18TH LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM

TUES - 19TH WALKIE TALKIES - Baxter Shopping Centre - 8:30AM
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Blue Room - 7:30PM

WED - 20TH VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 9:30AM
COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM

THUR - 21ST WALKIE TALKIES - Lloyd Park Langwarrin - 8:30AM
MISSION GUILD - Blue Room - 1:30PM

FRI - 22ND PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM

SAT - 23RD EAST TIMOR FUNDRAISER CONCERT - Church - 2:00PM

SUN
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FEBRUARY DIARY CONT....

SUN
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- SUN - 24TH** TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
POWER YOUTH GROUP - 3:30PM
- MON - 25TH** LARDER - 8:30AM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM
- TUES - 26TH** WALKIE TALKIES - Romano's, Patterson Lakes - 9:00AM
- WED - 27TH** VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 9:30AM
COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM
- THUR - 28TH** WALKIE TALKIES - The Power Centre Frankston - 8:30AM
- FRI - 1ST MARCH** PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Hall & Church - 10:30AM

SUN
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MARCH

- SUN - 3RD** COMMUNION SUNDAY - FOCUS: Pancake Sunday
TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
- MON - 4TH** CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
LARDER - 8:30AM
LEGS - Blue Room - 7:30PM
BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM
- TUES - 5TH** WALKIE TALKIES - Pearcedale Football ground - 8:30AM
- WED - 6TH** VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 9:30AM
COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM
CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM
- THUR - 7TH** WALKIE TALKIES - Ballam Park Frankston - 8:30AM
- FRI - 8TH** PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM

FEB ROSTERS

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP

MONTH	DUTY ELDERS		COMMUNION SET UP		COMMUNION HELPERS
February	John Coulson Bev Fowler		Dorothy Bucher Jill Cayzer		Rona Russell Dawn Peacock
DATES	3RD	10TH	17TH	24TH	3 RD MARCH
STEWARDS	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Maureen <u>Beens</u> Roy <u>Gieseman</u>	Maureen <u>Beens</u> Roy <u>Gieseman</u>	Cheryl Wilson Marilyn Sheerin	Jim Devine Neville Parker
MORNING TEA	Margaret Snyder Virgil Snyder Nancy Martin Sue Baker	Rona Russell Ron Carolus Eileen Carolus Barbara McKenzie	Dorothy Bucher Erica Hutchinson Marilyn Sheerin Karin Jooste	Elaine Kenyon Marlene Thresher Ali <u>Vagenas</u> Edna <u>Runciman</u>	Graeme Horsburgh Jenny Horsburgh Jess Williams Marion Day
DATA PROJECTOR	Murray	Murray	David	David	<u>Tawanda</u>
BIBLE READER	Mac Cleland	Ross <u>Huggard</u>	Keith Holmes	Dawn Peacock	Erica Hutchinson
FLOWERS	Fay Loader	Fay Loader	Beryl Curnow	Beryl Curnow	Gill Jenkins

