In Memory of the Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman.

A Post Christmas Poem.

The angel songs are silent and the star has dimmed its light, shepherds with their flocks abiding wise men leave the glorious sight.

The Christmas cheer has been and gone, the new year truly come. And Christians everywhere now ask why does the world look glum?

Now is the time, my friends, to hear the story once again. To all believers everywhere this story leads to pain.

Christ is born, the One has come and we all have work to start, to find the lost, bring peace to all and heal the desperate heart.

Prisoners in their world of lies, broken now, they need the key to help them seek another way, new life for them to see.

In heaven, the angel songs abound and joyous love does flow, on earth, the Christian's work begins the work of Christ, we know.

Go into the world so vast and spread the Good News, true, Christ will come once more to all glorious time, for me and you.

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This poem was inspired by the poem, "The Work of Christmas", by Howard Washington Thurman, theologian, human rights activist, civil rights leader, philosopher, writer, preacher and a great inspiration to God's people everywhere.

"Let us not forget the inspiring words of those who went before us."

Uniting Church Dayboro <u>Bulletin</u> 1st January–31st January 2022



The Lord bless you and keep you; The Lord make His face shine upon you, And be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance upon you, And give you peace.



We are a warm & welcoming Church who LOVE Jesus, LOVE each other and LOVE our Dayboro District Giving HOPE for the future Our worship, our communion table & our fellowship are open to all. We simply offer you a place where you will be loved & accepted, and where you can grow in the grace of God.

Uniting Church Dayboro Welcome you

Lectionary Readings:

The Uniting Church acknowledges that the Church has received the books of the Old and New Testaments as unique prophetic and apostolic testimony, in which it hears the Word of God and by which its faith and obedience are nourished and regulated... The Uniting Church lays upon its members the serious duty of reading the Scriptures, [and] commits its ministers to preach from these...' Basis of Union (1992 Edition), paragraph 5

January 2 - Jeremiah 31:7-14 - Psalm 147:12-20 Ephesians 1:3-14 - John 1 :(1-9), 10-18 January 9 - Isaiah 43:1-7 - Psalm 29 - Acts 8:14-17 - Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 January 16 - Isaiah 62:1-5 - Psalm 36:5-10 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11 - John 2:1-11 January 23 - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 - Psalm 19 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a - Luke 4:14-21 January 30 - Jeremiah 1:4-10 - Psalm 71:1-6 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 - Luke 4:21-30

GARAGE SALE NEWS

Our first Garage Sale for 2022 will be in March. It should be a bit cooler then. More news to come.

Thursday Conversation Club—Convo Club had a wonderful Christmas Break up party, held at the Dayboro Bowls Club. Bill and Doug provided the entertainment and it was certainly entertaining. Lots of singing and laughter. The meal was delicious and the secret Santa was Exciting. Conversation Club starts on Monday 10th which means the Thursday Convo starts on Thursday 13th. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

CHURCH SERVICE ROSTER FOR JANUARY 2022

	Message	Lectionary	Prayers	Sunday Space	Covid Duties	Welcome
2 Jan	Danny	Robyn	Paul	School Holidays	Carolyn Robyn	Mark & Maria
9 Jan	Danny	Andris	Carolyn	School Holidays	Marion Carolyn	Andris & Marion
16 Jan	Paul	Robyn	Bill	School Holidays	Gloria & Maria	Gloria & Maria
23 Jan	Danny	Margaret	Joy	Communion	Joy & John	Robert & Judy
30 Jan	Danny	Vicki	Ann	Carolyn & Maria	Mark Maria	Jan & Mark D

BIRTHDAYS

25th

28th

28th

30th

22nd Emma Perry

Greg Easlea

Meg Randall

Norma Butler

Graeme Coulson

- 2nd Reece Pianta
 2nd Dot Simmonds
 2nd Ryan Connor
 7th Sue Smith
 8th Lorraine Perry
 8th Annie Vosper
 8th Jenny Easlea
- 12th Pippy Bohan
- 21st Jean Maggs



Explorers

We are looking forward to getting together for a good discussion on Sunday 23rd January.

Because it is the beginning of a new year, and we have less certainty than we usually do, about what lies ahead, our topic will be: "All things new". What will it mean for God to make all things new, and how do we partner with him while we wait? Join us for lunch at Rendezvous, if such gatherings are still allowed.

Boxing Day Breakfast

What a great idea that was, thanks Danny. There were 20 people around the table on Boxing Day and we had the most wonderful breakfast and a brilliant time of fellowship, sharing and caring. We have decided there will be more breakfast services in the future as well as our "Fellowship Tea and Lunches". Thank you also to Shirley for leading us on Boxing Day.

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Reference: OFFERING

Thank you everyone for the wonderful response we have had to this way of giving.

An offering will still be collected during Sunday service for those who prefer to give this way.

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Lord Jesus Christ,

you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love,

for your name's sake. Amen