

Upcoming Events

October

Sunday Jamming Sessions to begin

14th Trivia Night for School Chaplaincy

15th Church Council meeting

17th Blokes Breakfast

21st WOW Breakfast

November

Christmas Eve Choir practice begins

25th Garage Sale

December

Dates will fill fast

October Birthdays

16th Carmel Bond

18th Coral Keogh

20th Jeanette Gregory, Paul Sandel

23rd Mary Wyatt

Provision of Meals

When needed, we as a church community cook and deliver meals to those in need.

If you become aware of someone in need, please let Maria, Robyn or Carloyn know.

Also if you would like to be one of our cooks willing to prepare a meal when needed, please let us know.

Church Council has determined that reimbursement for the cost of ingredients will be met by the church.

Can you Help?

We are in need of more people to help out with the Sunday morning worship service.

We need people for Lectionary readings, Intercession, morning teas, greeting people and cleaning the church building.

If you can help out one Sunday a month it will ease the load and enhance our time together.

To give electronically:

Bendigo Bank

Reference: OFFERING

BSB: 633 000

Account: 183102011

Uniting Church in Australia

Dayboro Congregation

Bulletin October 2023



From the church garden

The people of Uniting Church Dayboro are warm, inclusive and welcoming who LOVE Jesus, LOVE each other and LOVE our Dayboro community giving HOPE for the future.

Our worship, our communion table and fellowship is open to all. We simply offer you a place where you will be accepted and loved, and where you can learn about the grace of God.

Pastor's Ponderings

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” The second is this: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” There is no commandment greater than these.’ Mark 12:30-31 (NIVUK)

Loving your neighbour as yourself is found eight times in the Bible. Not once, & not twice; eight times. Us, as followers of Jesus, loving your neighbour as yourself is so important to God that it is not only repeated, Jesus makes it a command. And not just another command in a list of many. Jesus coupled the command to love your neighbour as yourself with loving God with all our being. It sounds beautiful, and it is when we obey it.

But loving your neighbour as yourself clearly isn't always easy & does not always come naturally. That's why God made it a command. Making it a commandment is to our benefit. How is that? We have to do it on purpose, be intentional about it. We all know we should, but how well do Christians practice this? What can we do, to be better at loving our neighbour?

When Jesus was asked, “Who is my neighbour?” He responded with a story we call the Good Samaritan. Making a long story short, the point of the story is that the Samaritan had compassion where the religious leaders failed to show it for one reason or another. Compassion is not a feeling in our hearts, it requires action from us. Compassion does something. A heart that's moved by compassion cannot sit idly by while someone suffers a need. Loving your neighbour as yourself is caring for another's well-being & taking action to help to the full extent of our ability. Let's practice loving our neighbour & actually try to do something.

Shalom,

Danny

Sunday Jamming Sessions

Resuming soon once each month on Sunday Afternoons for 2 hours

Cost: \$5 per person

All Musicians are welcome to attend

If you want to come along to sing and dance - you are most welcome. This could be a fun activity bringing much laughter and creating new friendships.

Enquires: Coral

Lectionary and Rosters - September 2023

Date	1 October 2023	8 October 2023	15 October 2023	22 October 2023	29 October 2023
Season	Pentecost 18 - Green	Pentecost 19 - Green	Pentecost 20 - Green	Pentecost 21 - Green	Pentecost 22 - Green
First Reading	Exodus 17: 1-17	Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 31:1-14	Exodus 33: 12-23	Deuteronomy 34: 1-12
Psalms	Psalms 78: 1-4, 12-16	Psalms 19	Psalms 106: 1-6, 19-23	Psalms 99	Psalms 90: 1-6, 13-17
Second Reading	Philippians 2: 1-13	Philippians 3: 4b-14	Philippians 4: 1-9	1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10	1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8
Gospel	Matthew 21: 23-32	Matthew 21: 33-46	Matthew 22: 1-14	Matthew 22: 15-22	Matthew 22:34-46
Reader	Andris	Mike	Christine	Margaret Anne	Vicki B
Message	Danny	Danny	Shirley	Danny	Danny
Young at Heart	Danny	Joy	Shirley	Carolyn	Danny
Prayers	Paul	Margaret Anne	Robyn	Shirley	Joy
Singer	Carolyn	Elizabeth & Tim	Maria	Carolyn	Lorraine & Bill
Keyboard	July	Coral	Judy	Coral	Judy
Sunday Space	Holidays	Carolyn & Maria	Fiona & Paul	Communion	Joy & Maria
Cleaning & COVID Duties	Andris, Marion & Caarolyn	John, Joy & Mark	Fiona, Robyn & Surjit	Carolyn, Sue & Maria	Lorraine, Sue & Joy
Welcome & Offering	Andris & Marion	Mark & Maria	Mark & Surjit	Sue & Brian	Sue & Maria
Notes				Explorers Meet	

Uniting Church Dayboro - Who are we?

We are a group of ordinary and diverse people trying to follow the teachings and example of Jesus. You will find a wide variety of views and opinions here, but we are truly one family.

As a community of faith, we love to share what we have through worship, our fellowship and acts of loving kindness. In this family of faith, God matters and all people matter. Therefore, we are intentionally inclusive. This is a place where all people can know that they are accepted just as they are. We are open to all. This isn't the type of church that will tell you how you should live as a "good Christian", we won't tell you how a "good Christian" should think, but we will tell you that you should think. We simply want to offer you love, acceptance and hope all in the person of Jesus Christ.

Trivia Night for School Chaplaincy

Saturday 14th October

\$25 per person

Contacts:

Maria or Carolyn

Deadline: for the November 2023 Bulletin is 21 October 2023 or earlier if possible.

Email Warren Rose

warrenrose16[at]gmail[dot]com

WOW Breakfast

Saturday 21st October from 8am

At Uniting Church Dayboro Hall

All ladies are invited

We are going to have a delicious breakfast - please bring something to share

Please invite a friend

Enquiries: Carolyn

Blokes Breakfast

Tuesday 17th October

7.30am to 9.00am

Uniting Church Dayboro Hall

Our monthly Blokes Breakfasts are about building deep & lasting friendships.

This month come ready to share a favourite memory of you and your father or son.

For catering purposes, please let Mark know that you are coming.

Suggested cost \$10

Please invite a friend, neighbour, or family member.

Ink Cartridges for Brother Printer

Give Away

A set of Brother 73N ink cartridges has been purchased in error. If you have a printer that can use these cartridges please contact Sylvia



Chairman's Report

We have much to be grateful for at Uniting Church Dayboro. This has become obvious when we learn of how much the church is struggling to survive in many places. We have a strong leadership team supporting a strong ministry team and are experiencing steady growth in numbers and viability. But we cannot afford to be complacent. We are just meeting our financial obligations, but delaying some work until we can afford to do it. We are also exploring several options for grants from the local government, Bendigo Bank and others. There is always plenty to do but we are reminded by Jesus in Matthew 6:33 - Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. God wants us to live — fully live — one day at a time, relying on Him to provide all our needs, physically and spiritually.

Presbytery is currently conducting a conversation with us which is part of a review of the 30 congregations in the presbytery. This involves surveying us on all facets of our life and mission and the provision of economic forecasting. We want to increase the time we employ Ps Dan. This gives us two important factors in our favour. We are proving we can sustain ministry here and in the long term we are able to attract a minister if that becomes necessary. Our future is very much the core business of our Church Council and we are busy refining all our guidelines to ensure that they meet all the UCA and government protocols and our team works within a clear framework for decision making.

Please continue to pray for our congregation and support our development as much as you are able.

Thanks,

Paul Inglis.

Uniting Church Dayboro - Our Fixed Expenses

The Uniting Church in Australia is a connectional church consisting of congregations, Presbyteries at a regional level, Synods at state level and a national Assembly.

Finance for many of the councils of the church begins with congregations. In past times Synods had access to funds as a result of property sales such as conference centres and camp sites. The financial services group of the Synods managed those funds in order to provide some self funding and also to offer grants to congregations to fund new initiatives. These new initiatives are now funded from a fund called the Combined Presbytery Mission Pool.

Uniting Church Dayboro like all congregations is required to contribute to this Pool. For the calendar year 2022, our contribution was \$8400 amounting to 12% of our total expenses for that year. We had other further fixed expenses amounting to \$7858 or 11%. These expenses included audit fees \$550, liability insurance \$610, repairs to non-property assets \$259, telephone and Internet \$76, permits and licence fees \$810, Blue Card application \$98, UCA Qld Sensitive Issues \$230, cleaning \$602, electricity \$1702, property insurance \$1194, council rates \$660 and water rates \$1067.

So we had \$16258 in fixed expenses in 2022 which was 23% of all expenses of \$69,893. Our income for the same year was \$78612 which included a \$14,000 government grant to improve the property including the new concrete near the front gates. By comparison the fixed expenses in calendar year 2021 was 18.7% for total expenses of \$73,536.

So the congregation has nearly 25% of its income from all sources contributing to the fixed costs to keep the church open, legal and ready for ministry and mission within the community.

Up until July 2023 we have been paying Danny 35% of a full time placement. From July 2023 we have increased the stipend to 40% of a full time placement. From January 2024 the Church Council is hoping to be in a position to fund a 50% full time placement for Danny.

Warren

Thank You to Church Cleaners!

Thank you to all who help clean the church. Maria and I (Carolyn) are working on a list of duties and will place it inside the door of the cleaning cupboard - that is the cupboard near the back door for those who don't know. Feel free to meet me or Maria know if you want to go on the cleaning roster.

Carolyn

How we see Jesus

The September Uniting News has an article which talks about a personal encounter with Jesus. In the article by Rev Karen Ross from Chapel Hill Uniting Church she makes some interesting points.

“The future of the church doesn't rest upon a clear theological or sociological understanding of what it means to be and do community. The future of the church rests with the people of God having a personal encounter with the love and power of Jesus. A personal encounter with Jesus can restore whatever has been injured or paralysed in you.”

From my perspective Jesus had a bigger idea about God than did the prevailing Jewish nation. Jesus waited for a time before he began his ministry and his ministry shows that there is a better way of living. He took his ideas to the everyday people and they kept coming for more.

A personal encounter with Jesus is not the same thing for everybody. Some will have a profound experience that is so real for them that they cannot stop talking about it, while others will develop a quiet confident assurance. Still, others will seek out to live the life Jesus talked about.

The good news is that we are at various stages of the journey. So we may need to be tolerant and understanding of what Jesus means to us and for us. We do not need to get bogged down in a prescribed set of rules. So let's consider each other to be part of the answer about living a life in the Kingdom of God right here right now.

Warren

Christmas Eve Choir

Time is flying by and it will be soon time to start practicing for our Christmas Eve Service which is a highlight of our church calendar. Please see Carolyn if interested in singing - and also let her know when you prefer to practice.

We hope to start practicing in early November

Carolyn