

July Birthdays

4th Ben Bohan
5th Rhiannon Arkell
7th Karl Orchard
8th Maria Hansen
9th Melissa Arkell
Wayne Perry
12th Dennis Krurap
13th Margaret-Anne Green
Jill Warschau
14th Belinda Hallam
15th Maureen Rose
17th James Patterson
18th Finn O'Sullivan (18)
19th Asha Steyn (14)
20th Marion Karklins
29th Ian Ogston
30th Dan Nugent
31st Eleanor Orchard (4)
Warren Rose
*Happy birthday to you all!
May you know God's
blessing on your life.*

July dates at a glance

Saturday 6-7 — Dayboro Show
Sunday 28th -Holy Communion
Explorers 11am

Advance Diary Dates

3 August- Mad Hats High Tea
6 August- Blokes' Breakfast
11 August - Church Council
*13 August Inter-church ladies
luncheon*
24 August - WOW breakfast
7 September- Spring Yard Sale
15 September- AGM
28 September- Church Picnic

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Dayboro Show 6-7 July- another chance to interact with the community

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*The people of Uniting Church Dayboro are warm, inclusive and welcoming who LOVE Jesus, LOVE each other and LOVE our communities, 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.*

**Deadline: for the August 2024 Bulletin is
21 July 2024. Email: Warren Rose
warrenrose16@gmail.com**

**Service times: 9am every Sunday
22 William St Dayboro**

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Pastor's Ponderings

This pondering is adapted from my article in this month's Grapevine. We've been part of the Dayboro for 124 years, first as the Presbyterian Church, and for almost the last 50 years as the Uniting Church, Dayboro. We've been on the same block of land in Williams St for 100 years. We have been part of our community for a very long time, but that's not the only reason we think of ourselves as the church in the heart of Dayboro.

For us, being part of our community rather than just existing in the community is a core value. Too often today so many churches have been bad neighbours in communities across our country. Churches have been guilty of setting up enclaves within their local neighbourhoods. Enclaves where they expect people to come and attend, where they expect people to donate money and time, and where they expect people to conform to the expectations of the leaders of those congregations or denominations, but rarely if ever act as part of the community.

Yet, from the command of Jesus, it is the indisputable responsibility of the church to love their neighbour and by extension their communities. A church should be a safe and welcoming part of their local community. Uniting Church Dayboro values our involvement in all the communities we are part of. We don't want people to serve us or obey us. We simply want to offer our love and acceptance of everyone in this community.

Our church should look like its community. We are not an exclusive club. In fact, I'm pretty sure that is NOT what Jesus meant when he told us to go into the world and make disciples. No one should be excluded, no one should be made feel that they cannot be part of the church or of what is happening. Whoever you are, wherever you are life's journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, your authentic self is genuinely welcome at Uniting Church Dayboro.

Shalom,
Dan

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.

'The opposite of poverty isn't property. The opposite of both poverty and property is community. For in community we become rich: rich in friends, in neighbours, in colleagues, in comrades, in brothers and sisters.

Together, as a community, we can help ourselves in most of our difficulties. For after all, there are enough people and enough ideas, capabilities and energies to be had. They are only lying fallow, or are stunted and suppressed.

So let us discover our wealth; let us discover our solidarity; let us build up communities; let us take our lives into our own hands, and at long last out of the hands of the people who want to dominate and exploit us."

[Jürgen Moltmann, The Source of Life: The Holy Spirit and the Theology of Life]

Where did the Uniting Church come from?

When I look around our congregation I see folk from different backgrounds, different perspectives and different traditions. I think that is the epitome of our name "Uniting". Have you ever wondered how the Uniting Church came about?

Recalling some of our story...

We celebrated the 47th anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia last month. It was inaugurated on 22 June 1977, but it was the culmination of a process that began in 1901. We didn't exactly rush into it.

With Federation in the air, some of the leaders of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Churches thought it would be a good idea if their churches caught the mood. They got some discussions going on the possibility of a merger of the three denominations. There was a desire to grow an authentic Australian church, rather than one brought from Britain. It was the beginning of a long process.

But each time the possibility of union drew dangerously close, the Presbyterians raised some reservations or objections. This killed off the negotiations in 1924, but they were resurrected in the 1940s. In the 1950s, things got going in earnest.

The World Council of Churches had been inaugurated in 1948. There had been significant unions of churches in Canada in 1925 and South India in 1947. The ecumenical movement was being described as "one of the great new facts of our time." Vatican 2 was just around the corner. By the 1960s, there were several parishes around Australia working in co-operation with each other, in anticipation of union.

A Joint Commission on Church Union was established, and the serious business was under way. Its task was to draft a statement on which the three denominations could agree as a basis on which to unite. The process of coming up with a document that all could agree on was long and arduous, but finally the Basis of Union came into being. It was rejected many times and has undergone some revision since that final statement was accepted, to keep it up-to-date. Even so, 35% of Presbyterian churches did not join the fledgling church. If you don't know what the Basis of Union says, it makes a worthwhile study.

It was never the intention of our forefathers to create yet another 'denomination'. There is ongoing dialogue with the Lutheran Church of Australia, and ongoing conversation with the Anglican Church of Australia about working in cooperation. A number of ethnic churches have joined the Uniting family. The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christian Congress has been in covenant relationship with UCA for 30 years.

So, the name 'Uniting' indicates a commitment to further ecumenical endeavour, and at Uniting Dayboro, it speaks of God's call to be a 'pilgrim people on the way to the promised end' that God has for us, irrespective of where we have come from. All are on this journey!

EXPLORERS: 28 JULY at 11am

Explorers at Dayboro is a discussion group, open to anyone interested in listening, talking and exploring matters of faith and living in the present times. Meetings are on the fourth Sunday of the month from 11am to 12.15pm. Those who wish can stay for lunch at the Rendezvous Cafe in Dayboro.

Our July meeting will be led by Dr Paul, on the topic: 'Unpacking Jesus'.

Church Council News

We recently experienced a crash of our computer in the church. It is the sort of thing every modern worship leader dreads. Dan was able to recover the situation and with a generous congregation was able to complete the service with little singing and no visuals. We had little time to sort out the problem and be ready for the following Sunday. Our local tech expert Tony Russian came to the rescue and fitted a new hard drive and gave us some good advice. He did all of this as a gift to the church. This is a temporary fix and we need to move to better equipment soon. I will launch a fund for contributions to this project once we have a clear understanding of the gear we will be buying. Thanks for all the advice so far.

CC Chair, Paul

Acting Editor's note: And thank you, Tony, for your amazing generosity. Doesn't our worship space look so much better, now we can see the whole front? Our guitarist will have to behave, now that we can see him, though!

Children's Ministry @ Uniting Church Dayboro

- * Sunday Space in school terms (14th, 21st July) Children leave early in the service for their program in the hall.
- * Young & Young-at-Heart message during each service
- * Communion Sunday- children are welcome to participate, and will remain in the service. Activities provided.
- * Activities for our littlest people in the kids' corner

UCD is a Kid-Safe Church

Rosters for July, 2024

	7 July	14 July	21 July	28 July
LECTIONARY READINGS	Pentecost 7 Green 2 Sm 5:1-5, 9-10 Ps 48 2 Cor 12:2-10 Mk 6: 1-13	Pentecost 8 G 2 Sm 6:1-5; 12b-19 Ps 24 Eph 1: 3-14 Mk 6: 14-29	Pentecost 9 G 2 Sm 7: 1-14a Ps 89: 20-37 Eph 2: 11-22 Mk 6: 30-34; 53-56	Pentecost 10 G 2 Sm 11: 1-15 Ps 14 Eph 3: 14-21 John 6: 1-21
Message	Paul	Danny	Danny	Danny
Young & Young-at-Heart	Paul	Danny	Joy	Danny
Reader	Andris	Vicki	Margaret	Christina
Intercession	Margaret	Carolyn	Joy	Robyn
Singers	Everyone	Carolyn, David	Carolyn, Tim	Maria, David
Keyboard	Holy Karaoke	Judy	Coral	Judy
Sunday Space	School holidays	Joy & Maria	Fiona & Robyn	Communion
Greeting	Andris & Marion	Mark & Maria	Robert & Judy	Sue & David
Cleaning	Andris, Marion+	Mark, Maria +	Joy, John+	Carolyn, Mark+

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace” 1 Peter 4: 10

CLEANING: People have been rostered to oversee cleaning on Sunday mornings, but everyone can help clear up morning tea by taking their cups/plates etc to the kitchen and put them in the dishwasher. Anyone is welcome to grab a vacuum cleaner and do the church or kitchen floor; wipe tables and benches or clean a toilet. We do the hall floor last so folk don’t feel they have to leave instead of chatting. Just let the rostered team know if you finished a task so it isn’t done a second time. The rostered team will finish the jobs, empty the vacuum cleaner and bins, start the dishwasher, check doors, air cons, tech equipment etc before locking up.

Smile, it’s good for you!

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake.

Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. “If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, ‘Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.’”

Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, “Ryan, you be Jesus!”

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Brian Crane

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