

Christmas 1

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalms 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13 - 23



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Early January, 2017

If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church we are pleased you are here. A Welcome to Adelaide West information sheet is available in the foyer or from the stewards.

Today's front page is the covenant prayer. We will publicly affirm this in the morning services but it is worth reflecting on it over the weeks ahead.

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,
exalted for you or brought low for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.

And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

You are mine, and I am yours, to the glory and praise of your name.

Amen.

Rod Dyson

Lead Minister

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Happy New Year,

Welcome to 2017! Today (1st January) there will not be any “specific” children’s activities. Next week and on the 15th there will be something special for the children. We look forward to what 2017 will bring. We are open to the leading of the spirit and would appreciate prayers for clarity

and direction,. We love what we do here at Adelaide West and are always striving to improve and make things more and more relevant.

Our regular Kids' Space program will resume on 15th February.

Thank you for your support.

Blessings, Lorraine, Children and Family Pastor.

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TOOLBOX - The Early Years

The most important years in your child's development are these early years. No-one will influence your child's future more than you will. Remember, when it comes to your child's development, that you are the builder and everyone else is merely the sub-contractor. Toolbox is there to help you enjoy these years with your child.

During these five sessions you will discover and apply new tools and strategies to use with your family. By the end of this course you will have the skills to set appropriate boundaries for your child and develop a strong and loving bond with them.

Next course running: Wednesday mornings, **22nd Feb - 22nd March, 9:30 - 11:30am** (Crèche available, please enquire)

Where: Adelaide West Uniting Church, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Dr, Brooklyn Park

Cost: \$70 per person - includes extensive manual to keep

For more information or to register: contact Kylie, Ph: 0400 522 119 or email: kjroberts@internode.on.net

Engage Youth is on holidays until school goes back in January. We've had an incredible year and are very pumped about what's to come in 2017. We still have our Sunday night 5pm service, so please come and join in with that!



But because we know that you're going to miss us so much, on Sunday the 8th and 22nd we will have the hall open from 2pm for you to come and hang out before the service!

Love, the Engage Youth Leadership Team

Not sure how to celebrate New Year's Day 2017?

Our 5pm team invite everyone to a special event TODAY from 5pm.

Bring along a rug and a picnic dinner, to go with a BBQ provided by our team. There will be live music, a short worship service, henna, face painting for the kids, as well as a small selection of desserts for sale.

All are welcome. Bring your family and friends, as we join as one community to bring in the new year together, and celebrate all that God has in store for us in 2017!

Please pray for those in our church family who are a part of the **Port Vincent Scripture Union Family Mission** this year - Sandy and Richard Altmann, Linda Story, Ashleigh Matthews, Rachel Ferguson and Louise Fielke. They will be on mission from Monday 2nd Jan. - Sunday 8th January.

If you would like specific prayer points, please see Louise at church or contact her on 0415 490 019.



PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY SERVICES will again be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the Chapel. The first one for 2017 will be held on **Wednesday, 18th January**, and you are most welcome to attend.

If you would like any further information, please Visit <https://progressivechristianity.org> or contact

John Maddern or Esmond Dowdy.

Prayer Calendar

Today we launch our first Adelaide West prayer calendar. On each Sunday you will find the lectionary readings and this will help you to prayerfully prepare for worship. On each day you will find two prayer points. Our aim is to pray for our church, the community and the world. The prayer points will enable us to be more aware of what is happening in the community. Please take time to pray for each entry and as you pray listen for the leadership of the Holy Spirit.



Our regular **prayer and fasting group** will start meeting again on Tuesday nights **from the 10th January**. Everyone is very welcome to join us in the Chapel from 7:00pm. For more details see Bryan Crosby.

The **stitchers** group will re-commence on **Monday 16th January**. This is a casual group who meet in the AWUC hall on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Bring along your own stitching project and lunch. Come for the whole time or just for a while.

We would love to see anyone who is enjoying the school holidays come along.

We encourage you to invite people to join us from the wider community.

For more information see Suzi Cousins or Shirl Andrewartha.

Uniting Church Calendars are now available to purchase for \$2.00 each. There are a limited number available and worship leaders may find them particularly helpful as they include the lectionary readings.

2017 Giving Envelopes are also available for collection. If you have any query please either see John Burton, Peter Whiting or contact the office.

Have you noticed the new **display shelving in the foyer**? This is where you can now find the additional donation envelopes for:

- ◆ Debt reduction
- ◆ Youth pastor
- ◆ Organ fund
- ◆ Musical instrument fund

These envelopes are regularly used and greatly assist the work of the church.

Also, the recycling boxes and relevant brochures and UCA privacy forms.

Please don't leave things on this shelving without checking with the office or staff first.



BIG WEEK OUT is an exciting and jam-packed camp with passionate, diverse young people from all over Adelaide. Running from January 16 - 20 during the day (so you get your own beds at night #win) it focuses on going out into our community to serve as Jesus served us. You could be clearing a backyard, painting fences, washing cars or simply performing random acts of kindness.

Held here at AWUC this camp is open to participants who are in years 8 - 12 in 2017 and leaders who are over 18. (If you're under 18 but out of high school why not join as a leader in training?)

We are also looking for donations of baked goods or snacks to feed our young people as they serve, as well as any opportunities you know of in the community to go out and make a difference!

Speak to Irene Willcocks for more information on 040 777 1537.

What's on this week...

Today Communion & Covenant Service at morning services
9:15am Rod Dyson
10:45am Rod Dyson
5pm Lauren Andris & Jack Harington

The office is closed until **Tuesday 3rd January**.

Normal office hours of Monday to Thursday 9am - 3pm will apply.

Suzi Cousins is on leave until Tuesday 17th January.

Rod Dyson goes on leave from 13th - 30th January.

Sunday 8th
9:15am Rod Dyson
10:45am Rod Dyson
5:00pm Jack Harington &
Rod Dyson Communion

Tuesday 10th 7:00pm prayer & fasting AWUC chapel

Sunday 15th
9:15am Simon Story
10:45am Simon Story
5:00pm Lauren Andris

Monday 16th 10am - 3pm AWUC Stitchers BYO lunch & stitching

Tuesday 17th 7:00pm prayer & fasting AWUC chapel

Wednesday 18th 7:00pm Progressive Christianity AWUC chapel

Sunday 22nd
9:15am Ruth Harbinson-Gresham
10:45am Ruth Harbinson-Gresham
5:00pm Jack Harington

The next newsletter, Sunday 22nd January will be printed Wednesday 18th January. Cut-off time is 11am.

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AWUC personal name tags can be ordered from the office.

Costs are:

standard pin \$6.00;

dual pin and pocket clip \$7.00;

magnet \$9.00.