

Lent 2

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalms 121

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

John 3:1-17



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**news
of
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12th March, 2017

**If you are new or visiting
Adelaide West Uniting
Church we are pleased
you are here.**

This week's gospel reading (John 3:1-17) is a challenge to us all. Nicodemus, a learned leader of the Jews, finds out that he has a lot to learn. Indeed we all need to be born of the Spirit and that takes us into places where we have not been before and that we cannot always see coming. The wind blows where it will. Lent is a season of growth, of seeing ourselves, others and God differently. This week I have placed a sheet of paper in the foyer by the entrance to the church. I would like you to write on there the one or two major cultures that shaped your family before they came to live in Australia (that may mean grandparents or great grandparents for some). Then we will be able to map our cultural diversity!

Rod Dyson | AWUC Lead Minister

The harvest is large, but there are few workers to gather it in. Pray to the owner of the harvest that he will send out workers to gather in his harvest." (Matt 9:37-38)

In 1857; Many churches were declining in numbers in New York and other parts of USA. Jeremy Lamphier advertised for people to join him for a prayer meeting that he would conduct each week. On the first meeting, six people came. The next meeting 20 people came. Then 40 people came to the following prayer meeting. Within 6 months 10,000 people in New York were praying and many people came to know Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Join us this Sunday night as we pray for the Lord to send us as his workers into Adelaide and it's suburbs to share the Gospel.

Ross Bouchier

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship,

This week in our Seahorses (Kindy) we are looking at "Sermon on the Mount". Our Mussels (junior primary), Dolphins (middle primary) and Orcas (upper primary) are looking at "Jesus Helps People" from John 5: 1-15, 18.

Thank you for everyone who has returned their KCO forms. We are unable to take any more. Just a reminder that payment is required as soon as possible. It is going to be a great weekend of discovering more about our "Big World", with our team of 28 campers and 13 leaders,

Thank you to those who have already generously donated to assist with the cost of the bus and towards the food. There are envelopes available in the foyer if others still wish to help out. There is now a chart on the notice board for a prayer vigil. Please put your name down and pray for us.

For Direct deposits our details are:

Adelaide West Uniting Church

BSB 805-007 Account number 007 03475

Please include your surname and KCO Payments for reference.

Blessings, Lorraine.

Children and Families Pastor.

A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus

PEACE IN SOUTH SUDAN

In South Sudan, ordinary people have been caught up in violence based very much on what tribal group they belong to. The peace they wish for is not something casually

passed between congregation members on a Sunday morning. It's longed for, dreamed of, prayed for on the streets. Without it hundreds of thousands of people are at risk – either directly in conflict, or from the poverty and starvation that comes from a crippled economy.

UnitingWorld is supporting the Presbyterian Church of South Sudan as they care for people who are deeply traumatised, teach reconciliation and forgiveness, and lead public advocacy and hold politicians to the peace process. Reverend Paska says, "Almost everyone in my country has been born in war, lives in war, breathes war. But we have a vision of peace."

Please hold the people of South Sudan in your prayers this week.





The next **PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY SERVICE** will be held on Wednesday, 15th March at 7.00pm in the Chapel. We will be considering an excerpt from the widely-acclaimed Julian Cribb book, *Surviving the 21st Century: humanity's ten great challenges and how we can overcome them*.

You are most welcome to attend.

If you would like any further information on Progressive Christianity, please contact John Maddern or Esmond Dowdy, or visit <http://progressivechristianity.org>

March 26th Bus.

Sadly, at this stage we are unable to run the bus on Sunday 26th March as no-one from our bus roster is available that day.

It looks like the same issue will occur on Easter Sunday 16th April.

Hopefully this gives you enough notice to make arrangements with someone else to bring you to church on these Sundays.

Craft group request.

Do you have old balls of wool you no longer require taking up space in a cupboard? If so, our Tuesday craft ladies would love to take it off your hands and put it to good use.

2017 Community Fair initial planning meeting.

Anyone interested in helping plan and prepare for the 2017 AWUC Community Fair is invited to an initial meeting in the AWUC Chapel at **6pm on Tuesday 21st March.**

AWUC AGM meeting will be held here on Sunday 28th May at 1:30pm.

There are 4 positions that need to be filled for Church Council from June, that will be voted for at that meeting. Nomination forms will be available from Sunday 9th April.

Please prayerfully consider who may fill these positions.

2017 Christian Women's Convention - CWCI

Speaker: Jewel Evens—ministering in Senegal at present

Subject: Let's Celebrate

When: 17—18 March

Where: Westminster School, Alison Avenue, Marion.

For more information there is a brochure on the blue notice board or contact Betty Rowe: 8235 9654.



ENGAGE YOUTH!

REVOLUTION | 2017 Registrations are now open!

Rev's camp is for youth in years 7-12 who are keen to get to know Jesus, grow deeper in their faith and have a whole lot fun doing it!

When: 21 April - 24 April

Where: Adare Camp and Caravan Park (Bus pickup and drop off from Adelaide West Uniting Church)

More details and pack sheets still to come!

Go to <http://buytickets.at/engageyouth>. \$130 if you enter the discount code EARLYBIRD17 before APRIL 1, \$140 after April 1..

Engage Youth is back at Adelaide West this week.

Engage Youth is a fun, encouraging and God fueled community for anyone in years 7-12. We serve dinner and dessert every week for just \$5 or FREE if it's your first time.

Where: Adelaide West Uniting Church

When: Friday nights of school term 6-9:30pm

Jack Harington | Adelaide West Uniting Church
God bless

The Adelaide West Men's Choir is turning 10!

Join the men and their guest artists for a

Celebration Concert

A night of nostalgia, laughs, and music to inspire

Saturday 1st April

5.00 pm Adelaide West Uniting Church Auditorium
312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park

Adults \$15 Children under 12 free
Includes cheese platters and slices. BYO drinks



Tickets available from a choir member or the Church Office (ph. 82341199)
All tickets to be sold before the concert - not available at the door
So be sure to not miss out!

A Second '9.15 Brainstorming Meeting' 8th Feb 2017 - summary

Present: sixteen congregation members, Lead Minister, three Council reps, note-taker

Apologies: five congregation members

Some key outcomes from Lead Minister's September 2016 meeting:

- Preaching
 - Encourage diversity re theology while maintaining excellence in delivery
 - Training occurring late Feb. Feedback & formal recognition
- Worship leader training – focus across all services and develop through emphasis on principles not styles
- Community engagement through telling of our "Faith stories"
- Quality of music ministry highlighted and desire to grow it further

Brief summary of discussion points and possible actions arising from Feb 8th meeting

- Explore and discover what it means for AWUC to be a regional church
- Many equate a regional church with excellence in worship
- Improve web presence with a view to benefiting widespread communication
- Importance of and need for facilitation of individuals identifying their gifts
- Incorporate specific mentoring roles
- Importance of consistent and intentional welcoming and hospitality
- Remain mindful of the aged and infirm
- Celebrate and engender diversity
- Examples of existing individual and group missional activities given
- Develop inter-congregational connection and sharing of gifts/service, especially with the youth
- Effective 9.15 pastoral care. Reporting system could be improved
- Council's Strategic Plan calls each member of AWUC community to love, serve and care in mission and ministry
- A need to increase support to the Worship team, including to find and formally appoint a 9.15 Worship coordinator

SWOT ANALYSIS for 9.15 service

Strengths (S)

1. Music – Excellence, high standard, broadening base, level of appreciation
2. Acceptance of Diversity
3. Pastoral Care – blessed with several retired ministers and others in carer roles
4. Quality of many worship leaders, welcomers, readers and guest artists
5. Sound & Projection System and the quality of its operators

Opportunities for Improvement (O)

1. Mentoring/Training to develop gifts & skills (welcoming/public speaking/bible reading)
2. Integration with 10.45am service for shared benefit (e.g. Morning tea, guest artists etc.)
3. Projection of words for songs being sung by guest artists
4. Greeting & welcome, esp. for new comers

Weaknesses (W)

1. Hearing problems for several
2. Variability in worship leading and Bible reading (need for training to enhance quality).
3. Communications (e.g. Pastoral care needs & follow up feedback, what is happening elsewhere in AWUC)
4. Not good at identifying gifts or in calling for their use

Threats (T)

1. Ageing congregation (eg loss of hearing ability)
2. Potential for being too internally focused
3. Ageing musical equipment, esp. Grand Piano and Pipe Organ

Meeting Closed with prayer and an expression of appreciation for the openness, passion, energy and commitment evident from all present for progressing the mission and ministry of AWUC through the 9.15 service. Prayer and encouragement to remain open, gracious, humble and loving.

Full minutes are on display on the foyer noticeboard, or by requesting a copy from the office, Esmond Dowdy or Rod Dyson

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am 10:45am 5:00pm	Rod Dyson Rod Dyson Ross Bouchier
Monday 13th	7:30pm	Men's Choir practice AWUC Chapel
Tuesday 14th	9:30 - 11:30am	Coffee, chat & share Craft Group AWUC hall
	7:00pm	prayer & fasting AWUC Chapel
	7:30 - 9:30pm	Preaching Masterclass AWUC
Wednesday 15th	7:00pm	Progressive Christianity AWUC chapel
Thursday 16th	9:30 - 11:00am	mainly music playgroup AWUC hall
Friday 17th	6:00pm	Engage Youth
Sunday 19th	9:15am 10:45am 5:00pm	Sam Chan Sam Chan Jack Harington

Key Events for your diary

March	25 & 26	KCO
April	1st	Men's Choir concert
	8th	Working Bee
	21 - 23	Rev's
May	28	AWUC AGM

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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.