

Lent 3

Exodus 20:1-17

Psalms 19

1Cor 1:18-25

John 2:13-22



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

**We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the
Kurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders
and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.**

On this third week of the Lent study by George Donigian (*A World Worth Saving*) the theme is *Feeding others and starving our guilt*. It sounds rather strange but like the other weeks of the study it is asking us to reimagine how we can live. Guilt is a powerful and usually unhelpful motivator. Advertisers use guilt to get us to buy things. Fundraisers use guilt to motivate us to support their cause. Guilt can cause us to do things to just get rid of the guilt. In fact, when we care we are called to focus on those in need not ourselves. Donigian cites three couples who noticed people without food. They started a food-bank. Instead of feeling guilty about the poor they began to feed them.

When we are free from guilt we are free to respond healthily to the leading of the Holy Spirit. We can serve or give or support out of compassion and love. Jesus never seeks to make us feel guilty and Paul says, "There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8.1)." Jesus has attended to our guilt so that we can live free lives. In that freedom we can notice the needs around us and do things that makes a difference to peoples' lives.

Rod Dyson

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional 9.15am

family worship 10.45am

youth & young adults 5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Welcome to Worship,

Today in our Seahorse room (3-4 year olds) we are talking about "The Flood". In our Mussels (5-6 year olds), Dolphins (7-9 ish year olds) and Orcas (10 ish to year 6) we are looking at Luke 5: 17- 26 and breaking it down to our particular age brackets.

KCO is two weeks away!! Don't forget you will need to have a green shirt to iron your logo onto (the logos will be available very soon!) If your parents could give Adelaide West \$20 per camper to cover our food and transportation costs that would be awesome. (Donations are still gratefully received!)

We are leaving from Adelaide West; you will need to be at the Eastern (city) side of the carpark by 9.30am as the bus will be leaving as soon as everyone is here **BUT** we will depart at 10am if you are here or not! Please see me either after the service or during office hours if you have any questions.

Blessings Lorraine
Children and Families Pastor.

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

Engage Youth

Engage Youth welcomes all youth in years 7-12 to come, hang out, relax, eat, make new friends, meet awesome leaders and most importantly *engage* with God!

This week we continue with our series on Jesus' *I AM* series...

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5. Questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or youth@awuc.org.au

Jack Harington
Youth Ministry team Leader

Generous Gift

"Thanks be to God - an anonymous member of the congregation has donated the \$1000.00 mentioned in last week's Newsletter as our budget deficit for 2017. God is good!"

lentevent **Supporting the church in Suva to provide:**

- School uniforms and resources for children to attend school
- Scholarships for selected students who show promise and have a good chance of succeeding at university
- Support and encouragement to families to enrol their children in school and assist with homework, in spite of the many challenges relating to electricity supply

Imagining the Outdoor Areas

Goal: Better relationships with wider community to inform what things to have and do in the outdoor areas

Report to Synod auspiced College Refurbishment Team (Synod/College/AWUC)

Currently waiting approval to commence

ideas/questions property@awuc.org.au

Adelaide West Friendship Club

Adelaide West U.C. Friendship Club will have its first Meeting for this year at 1.30 p.m. this Wednesday 7th March when Rev. Rod Dyson will be the speaker and there will be Holy Communion. Afternoon tea will follow the meeting. All welcome!

Enquiries to Graham Galpin 82975154 or Joan Kelley 81795639

Connect groups

AWUC Connect groups are starting to swing into action as the year begins. If you are not a part of a group yet but interested in finding out more or keen to start a brand new group in your area please contact Dorothy Crosby on 0434891558 or email at xbfam@internode.on.net

The Garden Watering System

The church garden watering system has had a bit of work done to fix a few leaks etc. and it has been set up on Auto at quite short run times. Thank Alex Harris and Alan Hardwick for their ongoing management.

What's on this week...

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| Today | 9:15am | Rod Dyson |
| | 10:45am | Rod Dyson |
| | 5:00pm | Jack Harington |
| Monday 5th | 10am | Stitchers Group |
| | 7:30pm | Men's Choir |
| Tuesday 6th | 7:00pm | Prayer & fasting |
| Wednesday 7th | 1:30pm | Friendship Club |
| Thursday 8th | 9:30am | mainly music (Play Group) |
| Friday 9th | 6:00pm | Engage Youth |
| Next Sunday | 9:15am | Ben Clarke |
| | 10:45am | Ben Clarke |
| | 5:00pm | Lauren Andris |

What was that SMS?

If you received a text this week from Adelaide West Uniting Church then thank you for helping us test our new internal communications system. We're hoping to use this as a means of extra encouragement, perhaps a reminder during the week of the sermon topic and sometimes a reminder of key activities coming up.

You can opt out of this though if you want to, just put down your name on the clipboard at the back of the service. Or if you didn't get the text, and would like to, put your details down there as well.

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