

Pentecost 23

Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25

Psalms 78:1-7

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13



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the
church

12th November,

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 Kaurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.

Last week we focused on the generosity of God that is present to us in creation, relationally through the Spirit and through God's presence in people. What an amazing God we have, one who is faithful through all that life brings to us and in all of our joyfulness and brokenness.

This week we focus on being God's people. Since we are disciples of a generous God living generous lives points to who we follow. Our generosity is about using who we are and what we have been given. Last week I used the phrase, 'what is in your hand'? God has given to each of us differently and God asks that we use what we have as we live out the kingdom of God here at Brooklyn Park and beyond.

The bible talks of those who give being blessed. Giving frees us from being bound to what we own. In addition ordinary things in the hands of an extraordinary God transform the world to a place of love, justice and peace.

Rod Dyson | Lead Minister

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 our Seahorses (3-4 year olds) are looking at "The body of Christ" our Mussels, Dolphins and Orcas are looking at Paul and Barnabas from Acts 9:26.

I am preparing the next creche roster for December 2017 – February 2018. If you can help in this very important ministry, and are

willing to get at Uniting Church Police Check, see me today!

Some forward dates for your diaries:-

Saturday December 2nd 11am – 3pm: Back to Bethlehem @ Lockleys Reserve, Mellor Park

Sunday December 10th 10.45am Kids' Space Celebration Service.

Wednesday 20th December Carols Festival @ Lockleys Reserve, Mellor Park

**Blessings Lorraine,
Children and Families Pastor.**

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

Congregation Meeting

Our next congregation meeting is today, Sunday 12th of November at 1.30pm.

The agenda will include:

- A report on the refurbishment process at the college next door
- Sharing of key information from the National Christian Life Survey
- Report from Council
- A Financial report and presentation of the draft 2018 budget

Please attend and be part of our decision making.

Engage Youth | 17th November.

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!

We will continue our series #Blessed!

Looking at Matthew 5 verse 7

Happy are those who are merciful to others;

God will be merciful to them!

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5.

Any questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or youth@awuc.org.au

Jack Harington | Adelaide West Uniting Church

Upgrade Our Basketball Area

In consultation with various folks, I have lodged a grant application to resurface the basketball area and install a water fountain.

You can help secure the funding by voting. The more people who vote, the greater chance of the application being funded!

You need to **vote by 20 November**. To vote and see the details, log onto fundmyneighbourhood.yoursay.sa.gov.au/rounds/fund-my-neighbourhood-2017/ideas/upgrade-our-basketball-area

A copy of the grant application is on the pinboard.

David Bailey 0408 207 675 or property@awuc.org.au

AWUC will once again be hosting the **SYNOD meeting** here from **Thursday 23rd - Saturday 25th November**. This meeting runs all day Thursday and Friday from 9am - 9pm and Saturday 9am—approx. 4pm. There will be set up on Wednesday afternoon and pack up on Saturday afternoon. Pam Young will also be looking for baking.

Set-up details are likely to be:

Wednesday 22nd November

11:00am - 1:00 set up tables & chairs in the hall, kids space rooms and marquee

1:30 - 3:00ish set up tables, clothes etc in auditorium

Things may change slightly, so if you even have a hour to help out, we can find something for you to do on Wednesday after about 9am.

Pack-up details:

Saturday 25th November.

From 2pm we can start packing up in the marquees and hall.
From about 4:30 - 5 o'clock we can start packing up in the auditorium working under the direction of Uniting Tech until they have finished.

We need to ensure set-up and pack up is done in a safe and caring manner—sometimes we have to just stand back and wait.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning will require 3 car parkers and 2 welcomers every day—please let Suzi know if you are available.

If you have spare time during the event and would like to lend a hand, please let Suzi know so she can arrange teams.

Many hands make light work and there is always a lot of fun and fellowship to be had.



Mustard Tree Mural

Following discussions, a proposal from Scripture Union was approved by Church Council to install a 'mustard tree' mural facing Sir Donald Bradman (see mock ups). This will be installed in November. As public art, it is a point of interest that generates discussion, such as around nurture and faith. Scripture Union sought an example mural installed that they can refer schools to view whom SU are in conversation with around having a mural at their school. Please pray for seeds to grow!

David Bailey

AWUC Mission/ Community Development Survey

The Project in East Sumba has come to a close and we are considering other options and would like to know what you think.

**1. Prioritise the areas you would most like to see supported by AWUC.
Select 3 or more.**

- Support the world's poorest and most vulnerable
- Indigenous communities in Australia
- Climate change
- Refugee camps
- Community Development and Education

**2. Prioritise the types projects you would be most interested in.
Select 3 or more.**

- Improving health care /HIV
- Food security
- Child protection / anti-trafficking
- Water & sanitation
- Climate change
- Integrated community led development partnerships

**3. Prioritise the factors you think are important for AWUC's selection of a project.
Select 3 or more.**

- Empowering community development principles
- Effective monitoring and evaluation policies
- We can visit the projects (close geographical location)
- The organisation is a Christian faith-based organisation
- The organisation has a long term track record of empowering development work
- There are existing and ongoing links to AWUC
- Supporting wider Uniting Church initiatives through Uniting World
- Donations are tax-deductible
- Educational materials are provided to engage AWUC families

**4. In what ways would you be willing to support an overseas project?
Select as many as you wish.**

- Donating money
- Donating goods or services for auction or sale
- Organising a fundraiser e.g.: 'Live on One Planet', 'Forty Hour Famine' or a movie night
- Leading a Bible study using project study guides
- Volunteering at local events

5. Are you interested in visiting a future community development project supported by AWUC? Why or why not?

6. Is there anything else you want to share with us?

Ways that you can give toward the mission and ministry of Adelaide West

Envelopes

Weekly offering envelopes are available for those who wish to give a cash offering each week. In addition cash can be placed in the offering bags without an envelope.

Electronic giving

This form of giving is secure, as it avoids the handling of cash, and is a convenient way of giving.

There are 2 options available for you to choose from:

Option 1 You can use e(give). You arrange for a direct debit to be made from your bank account. You can find the forms at UCIInvest, the Synod's scheme at <http://ucinvest.com.au/personal/egive.html> or in the foyer. The account number to use is 188077. You can return the forms directly to the Synod office address on the form.

Option 2 You can arrange a periodic payment from your bank account to our church's account.

Bank–Credit Union SA

Account Name–Adelaide West Uniting Church in Australia

BSB–805007

Account Number–00703475

There are differences in the 2 options:

Fees

There are no fees in the **Option 1**, unless there are insufficient funds when the transfer occurs.

Option 2 - your bank may charge you a fee.

Confidentiality

Option 1 – can be totally confidential.

Option 2 - Your bank may include your account name in the transaction and our treasurer and the other signatories on our account may have access to this information.

From time to time there will also be special appeals for things like Lent Event and Christmas Bowl.



Space for Grace

The revised dates for Space for Grace are the 29th of November and the 6th of December at 7pm in the chapel. If you registered for the original dates please do your homework and turn up on the 29th ready to share.

If you did not originally register but are available for the new dates please talk to Rod so that he can email you a homework sheet.



Our last **Progressive Christianity Service** for 2017 will be on Wednesday, 15th November at 7.00 pm in the Chapel.

Our Guest Presenter will be Rev Mark Kickett of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC).

Mark is the Development and Outreach Officer for UAICC, and its SA Chair. He is also a part-time minister at Kalparrin Community, near Murray Bridge. You are very welcome to attend, and hear Mark speak on First People's relationship to the land.

For further information on Progressive Christianity contact John Maddern or Esmond Dowdy, or visit <https://progressivechristianity.org/the-8-points/>

PASTORAL NOTICE: Margaret May, Trudy Dolan and Christine Glasgow all wish to pass on their best wishes to those who still remember them. Trudy has quite recently celebrated her 90th birthday and Christine likewise has very recently celebrated her 96th (or was it 97th?).

John Maddern

Christmas Cards

Frontier Services cards will be available 12th, 19th & 26th November during morning tea,
40c each or 3 for \$1

See Beryl Venner

Give Away

Old wardrobe suitable for storing tools or paint in your shed.
Contact Judy Johnston Ph 8354 3331.

What's on this week...

Today	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson
	1:30pm	Congregational meeting
	5:00pm	Lauren Andris
Monday 13th	6:30pm	Girls Brigade AWUC hall
	7:30pm	Men's choir - AWUC Chapel
Tuesday 14th	9:30 - 11:30am	Coffee, chat & share Craft Group AWUC hall
	7:00pm	Prayer & fasting - AWUC auditorium
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 AWUC
19th November	9:15am	Rod Dyson
	10:45am	Rod Dyson
	5:00pm	Bryan Crosby

A few key diary dates:

23rd - 25th November	SYNOD meeting @ AWUC
2nd December	Back to Bethlehem
20th December	Lockleys Carols

An audio copy of every sermon is available on our web site if you want to hear it again or you miss attending any week. You can also catch up with newsletters or join a mailing list to receive them every week.

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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.