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Sunday 12th July 2020

Greetings and welcome to this week's newsletter.

Don't forget to light a candle at 9.30 am each Sunday as a sign of us being connected to God and to each other!

A note from Linda

Well, it won't be long before we are able to gather onsite in our Church Building. It will be good to see one another in person and to be able to worship in gathered community.

That leaves just one more week to worship online with resources to use at home and via Zoom.

This week in our unraveling series, we'll look at the conversion of Saul to Paul (Acts 9:1-20). In a flash in the middle of the road, God unravels Saul's identity as a persecutor of Christ-followers and invites him to blindly stumble onto a new path. This new path later leads him to endure prison, persecution, travel, and trial. However, it also comes with new life, community, belonging, and hope. Sometimes God calls us into uncharted territory, and maybe our unraveling is simply a holy, fresh start.

Blessings and peace,

Linda

Celebration of Life Service (Funeral) for Barbara Hurrell

Monday 13 July 2020 at 10am

Heritage Chapel

Harrison Funerals

63 Golden Grove Road, Ridgehaven

A Streaming Link will be available for those who are not able to attend. This provides the opportunity to view the Funeral online as the service is occurring *and* afterwards for 12 months. Please contact Eric directly for details about the streaming link.

Preparing for July 19

Soon after we suspended our worship services, Linda sent a letter to congregation members which included a piece of purple velvet. This was a piece from the long purple cloth we had in Church to represent our Lenten journey. She suggested that you keep it with your candle as another reminder of the Church family that you are connected to. Do you still have it? Linda's hope is that we can all bring our piece of purple cloth back on the 19th as a symbol of us gathering back together. If you no longer have yours or didn't get one, please let Linda know by text or email. She will gladly provide a replacement for you, no questions asked, before the 19th.

Worship Services at Home

Worship services as a gathered community are suspended until July 19th. In the meanwhile we hope you have been making use of the Worship resources collated by Linda that have been sent out each week. A worship resource will be sent out this week with options to connect via Zoom or to worship in your own time and at your own pace using a self-guided resource. If you haven't used Zoom before and you'd like to know more, Paul Driver has offered to provide support and help you get set up if you need it. Give Paul a call.

Community Art Project

As part of the *unraveled* series, we have started a **community art project** at the Church. We invite you to add and weave into our art project... not just a strip of fabric or yarn but you may also like to write on your strip of fabric and weave in your hopes, dreams and prayers as well...

Find some time to visit our Church Building where you'll find the growing artwork up on the veranda. Take a strip of fabric (or some yarn) and tie it to the end of the previous fabric strip, or tie it to one of the ribbon spokes, and continue the weaving pattern of going over and under in a circular pattern. Do this as often as you like and please use the sanitiser provided.

"This project helps us embody the promise of the great weaver - that our loose ends can be woven into something new, something beautiful." (Lisle Gwynn Garrity | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org)



Stay and Play @ Home

Our last Term 2 program for Stay and Play @ Home families was emailed last week. Activities follow our annual theme of "Save the plants, save the planet" with a focus this week on "A tree gives us fruit". It seems banana muffins were popular. YUM! Families are being encouraged to get together in small groups and to use the wirra for nature play. The return of face to face activities will be dependent on sufficient team members, the ability to comply with C19 guidelines and access to our storage areas. Stay and Play @ Home dates for Term 3 are 28th Jul, 11th Aug, 25th Aug, 8th Sept and 22nd Sept.

Bruce and Joy Stewart

Threads

With the easing of restrictions we are meeting again at Indigo Café, where Shirin and Mohammed are making us welcome. We bring along our WIPs (works in progress) and enjoy a coffee and chat. So, if you enjoy creating with thread, or would like to learn, and/or enjoy a chat over a cuppa, come join us - 2nd and 4th Tuesdays from 2-4pm.
Jeanine and Linda

TRIPLE C's (Chaps Coffee Chatter)

ADVANCE notice of a mid-winter get together at MARCHE CLUB Cnr Gorge and Darley Roads, for a 3 course meal for \$18.00 with musical entertainment on AUGUST 05 @ 12noon sharp. I have enthusiastically booked for 20 but must firm up numbers by July 22 so please honour your commitment if accepting. Anybody working should liaise for extra time off with yourselves? If you need a ride to or from the meetings contact Ray or Bob. Meantime please call or phone someone if you just feel the need for assistance or just a chat, do not bottle stuff in!

Ray Walter

Book Club

Book Club has recommenced Tuesdays at 9 am for those who are able to do so. We'll be back into reading Denise Champion's *Yarta Wandatha*. Anyone is welcome to join us. We'll be at Indigo Espresso Café in the Athelstone Shopping Centre.

Food Donations to Uniting Communities

Food or cash donations for Uniting Communities Eastern Services Branch Emergency Relief Program are still welcomed at any time. For more information contact Brenton Summers. Phone 0400 632 829.

Church Rosters

The church rosters for July 19th through to the end of October will be made up shortly. We are still looking for more volunteers for our new roles in particular i.e. The Chair Stewards (set up and pack up) and Cleaning Steward/s (see below). Rosters for July 19th and 26th have been made up this week (see end of newsletter) with the August-October Rosters to follow. So, if you have not yet done so, then please send your 'availability information and role you wish to volunteer for now' to Carol ASAP via email at office@athelstonechurch.org.au or telephone on 8336 9905.

Review of Church Volunteer Roles

This week we reviewed some of the volunteer roles in the light of covid-safe recommendations for churches. A letter to the congregation by Jeff Dry will contain more details, once confirmed, shortly.

Pastoral care

The Pastoral Care Oversight Team have developed a network of people who are checking in on and praying for each other regularly. Whilst this provides structured ways of caring for people, we encourage you to still continue to reach out and love and care for one another, as so many of you do so well within our church community, and also those around us. Please do let us know if you are need of support.

Contact a member of our Pastoral Care Oversight Team for assistance:

Brenton Summers 0400 632 829 Rev Linda Driver 0458 500 656 Bob Stevenson 0400 641 242 Ann Brown 0413 581 554 Lee O'Connell 0438 865 508

Prayer Requests

Can we support you in prayer? Here's how:

Prayer Chain - send an email to, or call Brenton Summers, who will pass your prayer request on to a group of people who faithfully pray in response to Prayer Chain emails.

Confidential Prayers - if the issue is more personal you are invited to contact Linda for individual prayer or one the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson and Linda). All prayer requests going to the team will be kept strictly confidential within this team.

Prayers for Others (Sunday Worship) – While our community is scattered, Linda will include these in a weekly Worship resource. If you have something you would like to be included, please contact Linda. "We are all called to pray for one another, and so we are all encouraged to offer to pray for, or with others, especially if they share a concern with you." (James 5:13-16)

How to give electronically

Regular electronic giving or one off donations can be made using the following details:

Account name: Athelstone Uniting Church Account BSB: 704 095 Account number: 110043

Application forms for setting up regular e-giving through UC e-give are available at <https://ucinvest.com.au/forms-and-information#page=page-1>. Contact Glen Luestner for more information.

Wider Church news

- <https://sa.uca.org.au>

You can also subscribe to receive UC E-News personally at <https://sa.uca.org.au/uc-e-news/>

The New Times is available online as well at <https://sa.uca.org.au/new-times/new-times-print-edition/>

Website

We encourage you to visit our website: www.athelstonechurch.org.au

Lectionary readings

You will find these in your copy of the Uniting Church Calendar.

Newsletter contributions

Please email newsletter@athelstonechurch.org.au by 5pm Wed.

Church Rosters

Tasks (in alphabetical order)	19 th July	26 July
Bible Reader	Nicholas, Jayne	Maywald, Noel
Building steward	Read, Richard	Howland, Paul
Chair Steward (setting up/packing up chairs)	Dry, Jeff	
Cleaning Steward	Richardson, Evelyn (Jean)	Nicholas, Lynton & Jayne
Communion Preparation	Not until August (under covid-safe review)	
Communion Servers	Not until August (under covid-safe review)	
Count Offering	Luestner, Glen; Howland, Paul	George, Sam; Maywald, Sylvia
Door Greeter/Offering Collection	Riggall, David & Jenny	Anderson, Raelene & Robert
Flowers	Not until August	
Morning Tea	Not until August (under covid-safe review)	
Notices	Summers, Brenton	Summers, Brenton
Prayer with preacher	Curtis, Di	Stevenson, Bob
Sound Desk	Brown, Don	Maywald, Noel
Tick and Flick (Attendance)	Summers, Brenton	Summers, Brenton
Worship Leader	TBC	TBC

We have made some assumptions for Jul 19th and 26th re the availability of volunteers. So if you see your name above and are not available, or wish to no longer volunteer in this role due to covid or other reasons, then please contact Carol ASAP. Rosters for Aug-Oct are currently being prepared. Please send you availability information in to Carol as soon as possible to minimize the need to swap with someone later.

Please note, that it is very important during this pandemic, that you do not attend services when you are unwell. Please swap with someone, or if late notice on the Sunday morning, then contact Linda Driver (0458 500 656) or the worship leader for that service. Thank you.

Church Bookings

Day	Time	Location	Hirer
Monday	4.45 -6.45pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Monday	6.30 – 8.30pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Tuesday	9.30 – 10.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
Wednesday	6.30 – 8.30pm	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Wednesday	9.30 – 10.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
Thursday	6.30 – 7.30pm	Lower hall	Pilates
Saturday	9.30 – 12 noon	Main auditorium	Waratah Calisthenics
Saturday	9.30 – 11.30am	Lower hall	Pilates
At all times	Clinic operates Mon-Fri 1.30-5.30pm but top hall remains out of bounds at all other times	Top hall & Top carpark	Medical HQ

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Good
Hygiene**

