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Sunday 14th August 2022

A note from Linda

“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us” (Hebrews 12:1c)

This week we are encouraged to persevere and not to give up. We are reminded that we are not alone as we live lives of faith because a huge “cloud of witnesses” – faithful people of all times and places – surrounds us. It is as if we are in a stadium preparing to run a race, and the crowd is larger than we can imagine and, even larger still, all cheering for us and encouraging us. Each of us takes on our own journey of faith as part of God’s timeless community.

Who have been the ones in your life that have cheered you on? Who are you cheering on today?

Blessings,

Linda

Worship on-site

Currently mask wearing is not mandated, but is strongly recommended for indoor gatherings such as occur in places of worship. As a result, from 13th July 2022, **The Uniting Church Synod of SA are again strongly encouraging congregations to consider mask wearing in worship, especially as they walk to their seats and when singing.**

When attending in person, please continue to care for the safety of others and don’t attend worship or large group activities at church in person if you are unwell or if you have been notified that you are a close contact for covid-19.

We encourage you to continue hand-sanitizing practices and follow social distancing guidelines.

No hugging or handshakes!

Worship Online or at Home

If you wish to join in our online Zoom service on Sunday morning at 9.30am, you can view the service as it is happening, using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88191652947?pwd=M1pMZCtXY2FGOENtGN3M3EwcVh6Zz09>

or enter this Meeting ID: 881 9165 2947 and passcode: 7777

Worship resources are emailed out each Saturday. Services are recorded each week.

To request a copy please contact the church office.

Congregational Meeting - Save the Date

The Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday August 21st following the service. Put it in your diaries now and plan to be there to hear about what our Church is doing.

MISSIONAL

Uniting Communities – Food Donations

Please keep bringing in your donations and let’s fill the giving table! *Brenton Summers*

What do you do with plastic bread tags?

Bring them to church to support the charity Aussie Bread tags for Wheelchairs.

You'll find a container in the Church Entry. More details here: <https://ozbreadtagsforwheelchairs.org.au/>.

CONNECT GROUPS

At Athelstone Uniting Church we encourage everyone to find ways to find connections within our church community. Here are some of the Connect Groups you might consider joining.

| Connect Group | When/Where | Contact |
|-------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Book Club | 1 st and 3 rd Tues at 9.30 am at the church | Linda Driver |
| Threads | 2 nd & 4 th Tues 2-4 pm. Indigo Espresso Café | Linda Driver |
| Triple Cs - Men's Group | 2 nd Wed of the month at 10.30 am. Cafe Settebello. | Ray Walter |
| TOFs Fellowship Group | 1 st Tuesday of the month, 2 pm – 4 pm. Venues vary | Sheralyn Robertson |
| Stay & Play @ Home | Enrol on the church website for play ideas at home, to make new friends through Facebook and Buddy Play dates, or to enjoy some nature play at Wirra Play Days. | Joy & Bruce Stewart |
| Wirra Play Days | 20 th Sept & 6 th Dec. 10am – 11.30am. In the wirra! | Joy & Bruce Stewart |

Stay & Play @ Home

Stay and Play @ Home families have received their first programme for Term 3 continuing our theme for 2022, International Year of Glass, by exploring “Glass helps us to make...homes for animals”.

Joy and Bruce Stewart



NOTICES FOR MEMBERS

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 Paul Turley for individual prayer or one of the members of the Pastoral Care Oversight team (Lee O'Connell, Brenton Summers, Ann Brown, Bob Stevenson and Linda Driver). All prayer requests going to the team will be kept strictly confidential within this team.

Prayers for Others (Sunday Worship) If you have something you would like to be included, please contact Paul. “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)

Offering

Why do we give? We give to support the ministry and mission of the Church. We give in response to all that God has done for us. Giving is an act of worship.

How much do we give? We give as we are able. Pray for wisdom on how generously you are called to give. “Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7 NIV)

How do we give? Regular electronic giving and 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>.

Cash Offerings are received on Sunday mornings in the Offering Box on the Giving Table. Contact Glen Luestner for more information.

WIDER CHURCH

Celebration of Ministries Service

As part of this year's Synod '22, a Celebration of Ministries service will be held at Adelaide West Uniting Church, 312 Sir Donald Bradman Drive, Brooklyn Park SA 5032 on Sunday, 21st August at 2.00 pm.

This service celebrates the ministry, those who have retired since the last Synod meeting, and those who are celebrating special anniversaries of their ordination. The service will be both in person and live-streamed online. Phone (08) 8236 4200 or email synod@sa.uca.org.au for further information.

CMLA Retreat

Rest and Wonder Creative Retreat: "Wonder-ing"

September 2 - Full day retreat with Sharonne Price at Nunyara

Sharonne will lead us as we take time out and reinvest in our inner lives and creative endeavours.

For more information and to register go to cmla.org.au or call 8267 2657.

The CMLA is the Centre for Music Liturgy and the Arts

Fundraising Concert for Peace, Love & Understanding

The Effective Living Centre is the community engagement arm of Christ Church Uniting Church, Wayville.

They are holding a "Concert for Peace, Love and Understanding" on Sunday 14 August at 2.00pm at Trinity Sessions in order to shine a light on the plight of those affected by conflicts around the world as well as those in our own country and to raise some funds to help them. Please see the poster on the notice board. If you can't attend in person then live-streaming is also available and they would love it if perhaps you would consider making this a special event that you can watch with your families, friends or church groups.

Bookings for both in-person and online attendance (or donations if you can't attend) can be made through Humanitix (<https://events.humanitix.com/concert-for-peace-love-and-understanding>)

Circle of Friends Australia Quiz Night

Attention! You are invited to the most extraordinary Celebrity Quiz Night! A quiz night to raise funds for Circle of Friends Australia (Circles 114 & 115) with bloodcurdling questions, astonishing prizes, gorgeous guest presenters, electrifying entertainment, raffle prizes and the most exceptional (wait for it...)... Silent Auction!

Silent Auction is online from 5th August at <https://cofa.org.au/> and at the event.

When: Saturday 27th August 2022 at Burnside City Uniting Church, 384 Portrush Road, Tusmore. Doors open from 6.30 pm. First question 7 pm. Cost: \$20. Bookings: <https://tinyurl.com/2ab65ay4>

BYO Everything. Tea and Coffee will be served during the break.

Wider Church News

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Wimala Presbytery website: <https://wimala.ucasa.org.au/>

Frontier News: <https://frontierservices.org/news-media/our-resources/frontier-news/>

CHURCH BUILDING - BOOKINGS

Special Event or changes to regular bookings or location are highlighted in bold.

| Day | Time | Location | Hirer/User |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Sunday 14th August | 2.00 – 6.00 pm | Main building | Messy Church (Set up 2-4 pm, Event 4-6 pm) |
| Saturdays | 9.30 – 11.30 am | Lower Hall | Pilates |
| Saturdays | 9.30 – 11.30 am | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Mondays | Morning | Main building | VIP Cleaning Service |
| Mondays | 4.45 - 6.45 pm | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Mondays | 6.30 - 8.30 pm | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Tuesdays | 9.30 – 10.30 am | Auditorium | Pilates |
| Tuesday 16th August | 6.30 – 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics (Special Class) |
| Wednesdays | 9.30 - 10.30 am | Lower hall | Pilates |
| Wednesdays | 6.30 - 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Waratah Calisthenics |
| Thursdays | 7.30 – 8.30 pm | Auditorium | Worship Practice |
| Friday 19th August | 12.30 – 3.00 pm | Meeting Room | Wimala Presbytery Standing Committee |
| At all times | At all times | Top hall & Top car park | Medical HQ – Covid & Vaccine Clinics |

*There will be no calisthenics classes on Sat 6th Aug, Sat 20th Aug, Mon 22nd Aug or Wed 31st Aug due to competitions. However other classes will still be running as usual on other days these weeks.

SUNDAY WORSHIP ROSTER

| Role | 14 th August | 21 st August | Role | 14 th August | 21 st August |
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| Prayer with Preacher | Glen L | Jennifer C | Tick & Flick | Brenton S | Brenton S |
| Worship Leader | Robyn S | Di C | Door | Jenny R David R | Stella W Coralie S |
| Preacher | Linda D | Linda D | Notices | Brenton S | Sylvia M |
| Singers | Ann B Lyndon R Bob S | Janet L Jean R Allan A | Count Offering | Sylvia M Trevor G | Paul H Gus R |
| Sound Desk | David W | Noel M | Bible Reader | Ann B | Eric H |
| Data Projector | Shelley W | Samantha W | Flowers | Di C | Raelene A |
| Chair Steward | Bob S S Tilley | Trevor G Jeff D | Communion Prep | N/A | N/A |
| Building Steward | Richard R | Noel M | Communion Servers | N/A | N/A |
| Zoom Production | Tara S | Paul H | | | |

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, contact Paul Turley or the worship leader for that service as appropriate. Thank you.

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