



Newsletter

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Even though the church is closed for worship, there are still expenses that need to be paid.

You can make your contribution to the income of the church in a variety of ways

You may like to send a cheque to PO Box 393 Ocean Grove

Make a deposit in our bank account at the
Commonwealth Bank:
Account Name Ocean Grove Uniting Church Council
BSB number 063 834
Account number 1005 1143
Notarisation: your surname and/or envelope number

This can be done either by direct debit or physically going into the bank and giving the teller the above details.

An Interesting statistic!
Last April (2019) our income was \$12,384.99.
This April it was \$3,366.00
A difference of \$5,652.99

If you would like to help with boosting the income for the church, please call Lesley Pope (Treasurer) on 0419 384 192.

CHURCH CLOSED

This does not mean that you have to miss out on worship though.

The Reverend Bob Thomas is posting the complete service on the **web-site** which includes You Tube clips of the hymns, and there is a hard copy of the service that you can download if you would prefer to read the litany for worship.

And do not forget that each week you can join in worship through **zoom**.

If you would like to use zoom but are not sure of what it is or how it works please contact **Geoff Naylor** via email **drgeoffnaylor@gmail.com** for **help**.

Key verse for this week

"On that day you will realise that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you."

John 14: 20

Prayer in the time of Coronavirus.

God of love, God of grace, God of surprises,
We are grateful for the moments of love and community we share.
We know you are with us. We know the promise we have in you. Yet we live with our hurt in the present and uncertainty in the time ahead, and wonder what the future holds for us and our communities.
We pour out our hearts and souls to you.....and pray:
For your world, our peoples and all who inhabit the face of the earth;
For those who are grieving for loss of loved ones,
For those who fear for their safety,
For those who feel most isolated and alone;

For those who give of themselves to support others:
Health care workers, cleaners, teachers, truck drivers and delivery personnel, pharmacists, grocery sale assistants, phone counsellors, personal care assistants, those who prepare meals for emergency food relief.....bring your comfort, hope, strength, and healing love.

We pray for our communities of faith, that we may be beacons of hopefulness, of promise, of pace with each other, and of inclusive love for neighbour.

We pray in the hope we know in Jesus, in whom we see and know the fullness of the grace and love of God.

Amen.

Denise Liersch

Moderator, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania 14th May 2020

PRAYER CONTACT

If you would like our prayer team to pray for you or others (with their permission, then please call Robin Munro on 4202 0323

Call Robin also if you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain.

At this time, prayer is an important part of our Christian life.

Do you know how Barry Calcutt is getting his exercise these days?

Unable to answer the question!
He is working on the gardens around the new carpark.

Moving rocks, digging holes, running from garden shed to garden beds and in between times chatting to people (at a safe distance) who walk through our church grounds.

If you are also gardening and finding that you have plants or shrubs that you do not need then please ring Barry on 5250 3789 after 6.00pm and see if he can use them.

There is a lot of garden space to fill and Barry has a plan so is looking for specific colours of plants and types.

If you would like to make a monetary donation for Barry to use to buy new plants that is also an acceptable way for us all to contribute to the gardens.

By the time we are able to return to church the gardens will be looking splendid and then it is a certainty that Barry will need help with watering.

Update:

Barry and with the help of Norman Elliott the gardens are nearly finished and looking splendid.

If you are going down to the shops why not drive into the church carpark and have a look!

NEW DIRECTORY COMING OUT SOON

Yes it is now another 2 years since the last directory was printed and so a new copy is in the pipeline.

If you have changed any contact details lately please email the new ones to the church office as soon as possible.

We will not be taking new photos for this edition so don't worry you will all look as good as you did two years ago!

And the people stayed home,
And read books, and listened, and rested, and exercised, and made art,
and played games, and learned new ways of being, and were still. And
listened more deeply. Some mediated. Some prayed, some danced.
Some met their shadows. And the people began to think differently.

And the people healed. And, in the absence of people living in
ignorance, dangerous, mindless, and heartless ways, the earth began to
heal.

And when the danger passed, and the people joined together again, they
grieved their losses, and made new choices, and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live, and heal the earth fully, as they had been
healed.

Kitty O'Meara

SHARING TIME

Ted and Elva Jordan (former members of Newington)
Celebrated their 76th Wedding Anniversary
on Tuesday 12th May.

Have you completed your on-line questionnaire sent out by
Bob yet?

Please do so in order for Bob to collate the answers and
share our thoughts.