



Newsletter

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MISSION IN A TIME OF PANDEMIC

“Mission is quite simply , the participation of Christians in the liberating mission of Jesus, wagering on a future that verifiable experience means to believe. It is the good news of God’s love, incarnated in the witness of a community, for the sake of the world.”

(Bosch, Transforming Mission)

Mission is always shaped by the context it is expressed within, and in 2020 that context has taken turn, due to an enemy invisible to humanity.

Local UC Congregations have typically witnessed to the good news of God’s love in ways that serve the community—food banks, meals programs, providing safe spaces for people to feel included and valued, playgroups, school chaplaincy, community gardens, to name a few examples. These actions have relied heavily upon face –t to face interactions that are restricted at present.

With 88% of internet penetration in Australia we recognise that most people turn online for information and connection. This is the gathering place of the 21st Century. This is our context. Without a doubt, having an engaging online presence is an essential element of incarnating each of our Christian communities witness. Therefore online becomes something we must embrace and learn about. It is an edge in which the church must grow. (statista.com)

The pandemic has caused us to realise how powerful a tool the internet can be. A technology that allows us to remain connected with others, to communicate ideas and influence discourse. And possibly an entry point into Christian community. So let us experiment with our online presence, learn about the pros and cons of various platforms like Facebook, Zoom, Instagram as part of our communities witness to the love of God.

The Reverend Mat Harry (Deacon) (eLM New and Renewing Communities)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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

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

BEWARE!

The Grumpy Old Men are resuming meetings!

10.30am on Tuesdays
at the
Groove, Wallington Road.

At the present, we are outdoors, so of course the weather,
and attire are factors.

You may attend, or steer clear, as appropriate.

UCAF NEWS

Members please note that there will be **NO** October meeting, but hopefully we may be able to meet in November.

Subscriptions to Network Magazine for 2021 are increasing to \$20.00 and are now due.

If you wish to continue to receive the magazine please place payment in a marked envelope (ensure that you include your name) and deliver to the letterbox of Joan Billington (12 Draper Street) or Judy Greer (14B Acacia Court) by Friday November the 6th.

Sad news: Nance Hodge died last week. Nance was a past President of the Monday UCAF and had moved to Leopold.

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 **website** 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 at 10.00am**

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR OCTOBER

October 11th Pentecost 19

Exodus 32: 1-4, Psalm 106: 1-6, 19-23,
Philemon 4: 1-9, Matthew 22: 1-4

October 18th Pentecost 20

Exodus 33: 12-23, Psalm 99,
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10, Matthew 22: 15-22

October 25th Pentecost 21

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12, Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17,
1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, Matthew 22: 34-46

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures for ever.”**

Psalm 106: 1

QUOTABLE QUOTES

“It’s been a rough day. I got up this morning, put on a shirt and a button fell off. I picked up my briefcase and the handle came off. I’m afraid to go to the bathroom.” Rodney Dangerfield.

“I went to my doctor and asked for something for persistent wind. He gave me a kite!” Les Dawson

“Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxis and cutting hair.” George Burns

COFFEE CUP CHALLENGE

A SMALL SACRIFICE CAN MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Each year Congregations across Victoria host Pancake Day events to raise vital funds to support people in our Communities who are disadvantaged. This year we're adding an extra dimension to Pancake Day fundraising activities and inviting Congregations to join us in the Coffee Cup Challenge.

From International Coffee Day (Thursday 1st October) until Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday February 16th 2021) participants can "donate" the cost of a cup of coffee each week. You make like to make a donation into a jar every time you make a cuppa at home, or every time you buy a cuppa when out.

By making a small sacrifice regularly you can make a big difference for people in need.

On Pancake Day (or around that date) hopefully we will be able to come together and celebrate with pancakes for morning tea and pool our "sacrifices" together. Each donation will be placed into a Coffee Cup challenge collection.

All funds raised by Share will support people experiencing crisis, vulnerability and disadvantage.

Dianne will register us with Share this week, so start "drinking and donating"

CROSSLIGHT AVAILABLE FROM FRIDAY OCTOBER 2ND

(BY COMPUTER ONLY)

Go to Crosslight website and
follow the prompts
on the right hand side of the page.