



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia
Sunday December 11th 2022

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UCAF MEMBERS

Please note that subscriptions for the 2023 Net Work Magazine are no due.

You are being reminded to pay \$20 for New Work.

Please pay as soon as possible to our Treasurer

Marjorie Barry by the 25th of December.

Thank you

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

CAROLS IN THE PARK

TONIGHT AT 7.00PM

With gates open at 5.00pm

CHRISTMAS EVE

7.30pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00AM

SHARING GOD'S LOVE THIS CHRISTMAS

Zimbabwe is suffering from critically low food reserves, as climate change brings harsher and more frequent drought. Families already living in poverty and hunger are now being plunged further in crisis.

Though your gift this Christmas Bowl, you can support Act for Peace's local partner, Christian Care, to provide training in the latest climate resilient farming techniques so families can be more food secure.

Please give as you are able. Your donations may be placed in the bowl marked with an Act for Peace appeal envelope in the foyer.

Thank you for thinking of others.

SAMMY STAMP

Remember to save all your unwanted used stamps and place them in the marked box on the shelf under the clock in the church foyer. However there are a few instructions which will assist the Sammy Stamp volunteers in Melbourne with their sorting.

- ❖ Check that stamps are **not heavily franked**.
- ❖ If trimming stamps from envelopes they need to have a 3mm border around the **whole stamp**.
- ❖ If unsure about trimming leave on the envelope!
- ❖ If appropriate leave stamps on postcards.

OUR PRAYER CHAIN HAS GONE DIGITAL!

All prayer requests can be directed to Robin Munro at wgrl@optusnet.com.au

Robin will send a group email outlining prayer points on a regular basis.

If your name is not of the chain then just send Robin your details and she will most joyfully add you on.

**LECTIONARY READINGS and ROSTERS FOR
December 2022**

December 11th Advent 3

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 71: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew: 3: 1-12

Bible Reader: Megan Smith

Prayers for the People: The Minister

Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor

Counting: Diane Prowse

Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

December 18th Advent 4

Isaiah: 7: 10-16

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

Bible Reader: Diane Prowse

Prayers for the People: Doug Gorwell

Bell Ringer: Diane Jones

Counting: Lesley Pope

Morning Tea: Dianne Sapwell

December 25th Christmas Day

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Psalm 97

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20)

Bible Reader: Neil Derrick

Prayers for the People: The Minister

Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson

Counting: Robin Munro

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

“ Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River”

Matthew 3: 6

**ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS
WILL BE COMPILED
WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE ON ONE OF THE ABOVE
WEEKLY DUTIES**

**THEN PLEASE EMAIL YOUR DETAILS TO
OGUC107@GMAIL.COM**

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

HELPING TO MAKE A BETTER WORLD

The UCA JUSTICE AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION are encouraging us to speak out against what we believe is wrong in our world and how we can make it better for all. They have sent us cards, addressed to the appropriate politicians, for us to sign, if we are concerned with these issues.

There are three concerns.

1. Refugees who have been on temporary protection for many years, to be given permanent visas and give the chance to live without fear, in our country.
2. Stop unfair treatment and abuse of workers other recommendation (by letter or card) is to put a stop to the abuse of workers, (local and migrant) currently treated unfairly, low wages, long hours and often unsafe working conditions.
3. Climate change issues to stop unnecessary pollution by avoiding investing in fossil fuels. Ask the Commonwealth Bank to consider safer choices.

The OG JIM team thank you for caring and acting for these reforms.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP WITH THE VISUAL AND SOUND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SUNDAY SERVICE?

At this time there are only three people able to work the sound desk and it would be great to have a couple of more people trained up in case those people all decided to go on holidays at the same time.

Geoff Naylor is in the process of making this task as easy as possible so please consider this request and let Geoff know if you are interested.