



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia

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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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS

After consultation with Church Council, I wish to announce that 2 Congregational meetings will be organised for early next year.

Sunday 18th January 2023, after morning service: a special meeting to discuss proposals relating to Mission Mapping and resource sharing for the Bellarine and Surf Coast regions, as put forward by Presbytery.

Sunday 5th March 2023, after morning service our Annual General meeting with presentation of Annual Reports and election of Office Bearers.

Please pencil these dates in your new 2023 calendars.

With warmest season's greeting

David Runia Congregational Chairperson.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Mugisha, along with her sister and two young children are just some of the millions of families living as refugees around the world. Mugisha fled to Kenya after conflict broke out in her home country of Congo. Since arriving, she has faced many challenges to meet the basic needs for her family. Through the Christmas Bowl, our local partners around the world can continue to share God's love with refugees like Mugisha by providing food, care and lifesaving support.

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 wgr1@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	25th Christmas Day
Isaiah 9: 2-7	Bible Reader: Neil Derrick
Psalms 97	Prayers for the People: The Minister
Titus 2: 11-14	Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson
Luke 2: 1-14, (15-20)	Counting: Robin Munro

KEY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

**“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men
on whom his favour rests.”**

Luke 2: 14

Please note that a roster for the next six months was sent
on last
Thursday.

Please check your emails and write the appropriate dates
for your turn to help with the morning service on your 2023
calendar.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE

Thursday January 12th—Saturday January 14th.
10.00am—4.00pm Thursday and Friday
and 10.00am—1.00pm Saturday

Setting up Wednesday the 11th of January from 1.00pm.
Packing up Saturday the 14th of January from 1.00pm

There is a roster sheet on the table in the foyer.

Please add your name where you are available.

Thank you

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.