



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia
Sunday June 18th 2023

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Office open Thursday morning 9.00am—12noon

MAF “Celebrating 50 years in Arnhem Land”

Quarterly magazine available for you to borrow from the coffee table in the foyer.

Lots of interesting reading about this amazing organisation.

SAFE CHURCH TRAINING SESSION

BELMONT UNITING CHURCH

42 THOMPSON STREET BELMONT

FRIDAY JUNE THE 23RD

2.30PM (AFTERNOON SESSION)

7.00PM (EVENING SESSION)

Register via email Jeanne.beale@ppw.victas.uca.org.au

HAVE YOU TAKEN NOTICE OF THE STAND THAT WILL BE PART OF OUR BAPTISMAL FONT?

Peter Gador– Whyte has kindly donated the bowl and the stand was designed and made by

Philip Lock, a members of the Men’s Shed.

We are now obliged to pay \$200 to the Men’s Shed for the materials used to make the stand, and you are all asked to make a contribution as you are able. Please put your donation in an envelope marked “Baptismal Font” and leave in the weekly offering bowl.

SOME POINTS DISCUSSED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE J.I.M.
(Justice and International Mission) GROUP

- Letter sent to the Church Council seeking approval
- to use Environment suitable toilet paper
 - To return to using Fair Trade tea and coffee
 - Be mindful of paper use, but you will be pleased to hear that the office only buys recycled paper for all printing and then this is again recycled either in the yellow bin or kept as scrap paper.
 - Saving on heating by having morning tea in the foyer. Please note that this will be done this Sunday.
 - Sell Aazardi chutneys at church next Sunday when we will recognise Refugee Week.
 - Contact Barwon Heads UCA and invite any of their members to join the group.
 - Begin preparations to hold an Open Day for the purpose of making available to the Community important information on the "The Voice" with the intention of learning more to help make right decisions.
 - Ask the Church Council to consider encouraging to making a contribution to the costs of the stand for the baptismal bowl.

SOME ALARMING STATISTICS

50% of people are experiencing housing stress
92% of people are cutting back on food and groceries
50% of people are experiencing mental health impacts
11% of people are feeling more at risk of family violence
67% of people are feeling pressure from the rising costs of energy bills

Everyone is different and so are their circumstances.
Uniting understands that crisis affects different people in different ways. That's why we offer a depth and breadth of services right around Victoria and Tasmania to help people in their time of need.
Until the end of July we will be having a Retiring Offering to support the Winter Share Appeal.
Please give as you are able. Thank you

**LECTIONARY READINGS
FOR JUNE and JULY 2023**

June 18th Pentecost 3

Genesis 18: 1-15, (21: 1-7) Psalm 116: 1-2, 12-19
Romans 5: 1-8, Matthew 9: 35-10;8 (9-23)

June 25th Pentecost 4

Genesis 21: 8-21, Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17,
Romans 6: 1b-11, Matthew 10: 24-38

July 2nd Pentecost 5

Genesis 22: 1-14, Psalm 13,
Romans 6: 12-23, Matthew 10: 40-42

July 9th Pentecost 6

Genesis 24: 34– 38, 42-45, 58-67, Psalm 45: 10-17 or Song 2: 8-13
Romans 7: 15-25a, Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30

July 16th Pentecost 7

Genesis 25: 19-34, Psalm 119: 105-112
Romans 8: 12-25, Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Key Verse

“Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

UCAF NEWS

**Next meeting Monday 26th June
10.30am in the church foyer.**

Our program will be a **“Book Swap”**.

Bring along a book that you enjoyed reading and you would like to tell us about.

You may then like to swap with or lend it to another in the group to read.

If you would like to join us for this activity you would be most welcome.

Morning tea provided.

Please bring along any items for our informal Trading Table!

ROSTERS FOR JUNE and JULY 2023

June 18th

Bible Reader: Diane Prowse
Prayers for the People: Jim Barry
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones
Counting: Lesley Pope
Morning Tea; Pat & David Reid

June 25th

Bible Reader: Megan Smith
Prayers for the People: The Minister
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson
Counting: Robin Munro
Morning Tea: Rod & Judy Greer

July 2nd

Communion Steward: Pat Reid
Bible Reader: Ben McKinley
Prayers for the People: Jim Barry
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor
Counting: Lesley Pope
Morning Tea: Dianne Sapwell

July 9th

Bible Reader: Megan Smith
Prayers for the People: The Minister
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones
Counting: Robin Munro
Morning Tea: Pat & David Reid

July 16th

Bible Reader: Diane Prowse
Prayers for the People: Dianne Sapwell
Bell Ringer: Peter Dickson
Counting: Pat Reid
Morning Tea : Rod & Judy Greer

If you are unable to do your rostered task please endeavour to make your own swap before contacting Dianne Sapwell. If you do make a swap it would be appreciated if you let Dianne and the Minster know.