



Newsletter

Ocean Grove,
Uniting Church in Australia
Sunday July 2nd 2023

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UPDATE ON THE MANSE SALE

The Manse committee recommended to the Church Council that we realign the boundary between the church and the manse to provide approximately 1,00 sq. metres of land for sale. This has been approved by the Church Council. The larger parcel of land will give the church a significantly larger income going forward. The impact of that decision is the “Taj” will need to be removed and the decision has been made to build storage on the inside of the western wall of the hall (approximately 2.4m wide by 4.6 long and 2.8m high. This will be for the church and playgroup storage.

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 have now paid the \$200 to the Men’s shed , but donations are still most welcome.

Please put your donation in an envelope marked “Baptismal Font” and leave in the weekly offering 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

LET'S DO LUNCH

Ocean Grove Uniting Church Second Friday Lunch Club

You are warmly invited to the next
"Second Friday Lunch Club"
gathering for food, fellowship and even some fun.

When: noon Friday July 14th

Where: Ocean Grove Bowling Club Bistro
Menu and cost: The Bowls Club Bistro Lunch menu is two courses for \$20.00. A choice of 10 different main courses combined with either a starter or a desert, and even a free soft drink on presentation of your Senior's card.

Please **RSVP** on the booking sheet or let Geoff Naylor know by **Tuesday July 11th**

The Second Friday Lunch Club meets regularly on the second Friday of the month.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR JULY 2023

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

July 23rd Pentecost 8

Genesis 28: 10-19a, Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24
Romans 8: 12-25, Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

July 30th Pentecost 9

Genesis 29: 15-28, Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
Romans 8: 26-39, Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

Key Verse

**“He who receives you receives me, and he who receives me re-
ceives the one who sent me.”**

Matthew 10: 40

FOR SALE, REPURPOSING AND REMOVAL

The Taj could be dismantled by some interested party and
suitable arrangements made.

Hall chairs (chrome legs) are available for sale

Surplus pews in the storeroom are available for sale

Piano in the hall is also available for sale or re-gifting.

Please contact Rod Greer or Neil Derrick if interested.

Hope you have written this date on your calendar! Sunday July the 30th

Combined service with St. Peter's Anglican Congregation
5.00pm at Ocean Grove Uniting Church
With The Reverend Peter Gador-Whyte.

ROSTERS FOR JULY 2023

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

July 23rd

Bible Reader: Neil Derrick
Prayers for the People: The Minister
Bell Ringer: Geoff Naylor
Counting: Diane Prowse
Morning Tea" Pat & David Reid

July 30th

Bible Reader: Peter Dickson
Prayers for the People: The Minister
Bell Ringer: Diane Jones
Counting: Lesley Pope
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.