

# Thanksgiving Calendar

Uniting Church SA

# 2008



We seek to be an  
innovative, growing church  
proclaiming Jesus Christ,  
empowered by the Spirit to  
transform God's world.

# Greetings from the Moderator



This 2008 Thanksgiving Calendar is a gift to you from the Uniting Church SA.

It illustrates how we are *serving the world for the sake of Christ*.

The calendar is our way of saying “thank you” for your weekly offering and to remind you that your support is vital in helping to fund our church’s work in the community.

About 9 cents in every dollar you give to your local church goes to the Mission and Service Fund. Your generosity supports the ministry of the Uniting Church in South Australia and beyond including the key areas of our church’s Strategic Plan.

The Uniting Church SA Strategic Plan casts our vision for mission and ministry from 2007 – 2012. It focuses on:

- Fostering a culture of conversion growth.
- Raising ministers and lay leaders to lead the church to be the best it can be.
- Growing authentic, passionate disciples of Christ.
- Developing new models and fresh expressions of church relevant to today’s culture.
- Expanding our profile and showing ways the Uniting Church makes a difference in people’s lives.
- Championing ways to actively and passionately seek God’s justice.

Our church has a bright future if we are committed to working together to grow in faith and to reach out and connect with our wider community.

My hope is that the images and stories highlighted in this calendar will inspire you in your faith journey.

May God’s grace and generosity nourish all your living.

**Rev Rod Dyson**  
Moderator



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# Thank you for supporting the Uniting Church

Putting money in the offering is just *common sense*. We do it without thinking.

But those *common cents* add up to a multi-million dollar ministry that reaches far beyond the bounds of our congregation.

While most of the money we give funds our local church, our giving enables congregations around the state to contribute almost \$1 million to the Uniting Church SA's Mission and Service Fund (MSF).

This money, together with income from investments and money raised by our Synod ministry centres, adds up to a \$7.7 million ministry.

This calendar highlights a dozen examples of how your offering is making a difference.

Thank you for your generosity.

You are part of an inspiring and dynamic church.

Let's commit to investing in the Uniting Church's mission and ministry.

If you would like to know more about how you can support the Uniting Church through your offering, donations or a bequest please phone 8236 4229.

## Operating Income 2006

### Mission and Service Fund

Contributions from congregations	976,065
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### Income from Investments

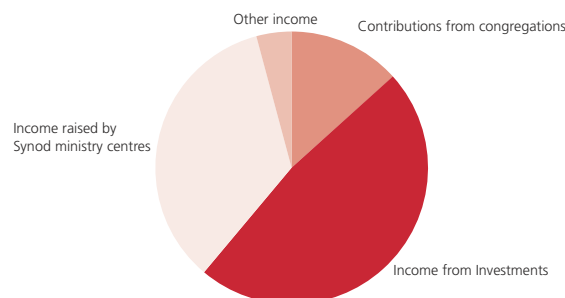
Epworth South Australia grant	500,000
Investment income	977,109
Parkin Mission grant	680,000
UC Invest grant	902,300
UC Insurance Service & Agency grant	419,497
Other	46,711
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### Income raised by Synod ministry centres

Communications and Public Relations	92,391
Educational Ministries Commission	782,369
Mission Resourcing Network	144,600
External Mission Resourcing	5,723
Resources Board	406,425
Secretariat (including Events)	95,659
Pastoral Relations (including Ministers Support)	34,974
UnitingCare Commission	997,555
	<hr/> 2,559,696

Other income	298,250
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<b>Total Income</b>	<b>7,359,628</b>
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## Operating Expenditure 2006

<b>Congregations - grant in aid</b>	<b>71,000</b>
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### Synod Ministry Centres

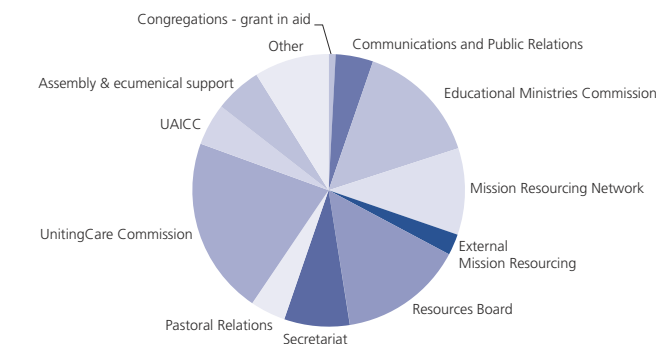
Communications and Public Relations	339,846
Educational Ministries Commission	1,133,065
Mission Resourcing Network	805,678
External Mission Resourcing	180,871
Resources Board	1,152,081
Secretariat (including Events)	590,051
Pastoral Relations (including Ministers' Support)	325,846
UnitingCare Commission	1,641,017
Uniting Aboriginal & Islander Christian Congress (UAICC)	385,000
	<hr/> 6,553,455

<b>Wider Church</b> (Assembly & ecumenical support)	<b>434,293</b>
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<b>Other</b> (rent, depreciation, interest, accruals)	<b>683,730</b>
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<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>7,742,478</b>
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<b>Operating Deficit for the year</b>	<b>-382,850</b>
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*This report is a summary of our detailed audited financial reports. Copies and more information are available from the Uniting Church SA's Financial Services department.*



# Building a bright future

A \$3.6 million building project is almost complete in Adelaide's south-west.

The development is the largest ever undertaken by the Uniting Church SA.

The Oaklands and Wesley Warradale congregation together with the Fishgate congregation – a church plant of the Coromandel Valley Uniting Church – will officially open their new home in 2008.

The purpose-built centre will enable a new focus on ministry and outreach to develop in the region.

A significant grant from the Uniting Foundation has enabled this strategic mission priority to get off the ground.

**Thank you. Your offering plays a vital role in helping the Resources board and staff to provide our 300 congregations with expert property, financial, insurance and investment support.**



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Pictured are Pastor David Kowalick, Lorraine Chorlton and Tait Kowalick looking at plans for the new church.

Photographer: Amy Brookman

# January 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01  <i>New Year's Day</i>	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20  <i>Tour Down Under begins</i>	21	22	23	24	25  <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	26  <i>Australia Day</i>
27  <i>Tour Down Under ends</i>	28  <i>Australia Day Holiday</i>	29  <i>Term 1 begins (SA)</i>	30	31		

January 6  
**Epiphany**  
**of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

January 13  
**Baptism of Jesus**

Isaiah 42:1-9  
Psalm 29  
Acts 10:34-43  
Matthew 3:13-17

January 20  
**Epiphany 2**

Isaiah 49:1-7  
Psalm 40:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
John 1:29-42

January 27  
Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9:1-4  
Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Matthew 4:12-23

February

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# Flipping for a cause

UnitingCare's Pancake Day is held on Shrove Tuesday each year. People make and sell pancakes for UnitingCare – the Uniting Church's network of community services.

More than 800 school, church, business and community groups take part in South Australia alone.

In addition to raising valuable funds, Pancake Day profiles the invaluable work of UnitingCare in welfare, community services, advocacy, aged care, health and chaplaincy.

All funds raised will support our 17 local UnitingCare agencies with a particular focus on homelessness and housing projects in 2008.

**Thank you. Part of your offering enables the Mission and Service Fund to support UnitingCare SA as it supports the most vulnerable in our community.**



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Pictured are students from the Uniting Church SA's seven schools – Annesley College, Pedare Christian College, Pilgrim School, Prince Alfred College, Scotch College, Seymour College and Westminster School.

Photographer: Amy Brookman

# February 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
Carnevale		Shrove Tuesday/ Pancake Day	Ash Wednesday			Carnevale
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
First Sunday in Lent						
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Clipsal 500 begins	Adelaide Fringe begins	
24	25	26	27	28	29	
Clipsal 500 ends	Mission and Service Fund contributions due				Festival of Arts begins	

**February 3**  
**Transfiguration**  
Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9

**February 10**  
**Lent 1**  
Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

**February 17**  
**Lent 2**  
Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17

**February 24**  
**Lent 3**  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 95  
Romans 5:1-11  
John 4:5-42

March						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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# Exploring the meaning of Easter



This Easter, congregations will invite their local community to church. The quirky "Which came first?" postcards will be delivered to letterboxes around the state. The cards are designed to catch people's attention and invite them to explore the original meaning of Easter.

The campaign is co-ordinated by the Communications and Public Relations Unit which assists congregations to raise their profile in the local community. The team also helps to promote how the Uniting Church is making a difference in people's lives.

**Thank you. Your offering enables the Mission and Service Fund to help the Uniting Church increase its profile and to promote the Christian message.**

Which  
came  
first ?



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# March 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
Clean Up Australia Day					World Day of Prayer WOMAdelaide begins	
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
WOMAdelaide ends	Adelaide Cup					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Palm Sunday Adelaide Fringe and Festival of Arts end				Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Easter Sunday	Easter Monday				Mission and Service Fund contributions due Presbytery & Synod Meeting	Presbytery & Synod Meeting

**March 2  
Lent 4**  
1 Samuel 16:1-13  
Psalm 23  
Ephesians 5:8-14  
John 9:1-41

**March 9  
Lent 5**  
Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 130  
Romans 8:6-11  
John 11:1-45

**March 16  
Palm Sunday**  
Matthew 21:1-11  
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29  
**Passion Sunday**  
Isaiah 50:4-9a  
Psalm 31:9-16  
Philippians 2:5-11  
Matthew 26:14 – 27:66  
or 27:11-54

**March 23  
Easter Day**  
Acts 10:34-43 or  
Jeremiah 31:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4 or  
Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18 or  
Matthew 28:1-10

**March 30  
Easter 2**  
Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

April

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# Celebrating faith

It's hard work blowing out the candles on this cup-cake. KCO (KUCA Camp Out) celebrates its 30th birthday this year.

Thirty years of teaching kids about God, growing disciples and having plenty of fun in the process.

Many of those who attended 30 years ago are now leaders in our church. For people like Jesse - who will attend his first KCO in 2008 - it's an exciting opportunity to meet with young Christians from around the state and discover more about following in Christ's footsteps.

**Thank you for supporting the Mission and Service Fund. Part of your weekly offering supports events like KCO that nurture people in their faith journey.**



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# April 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01	02	03	04	05
					UC Invest / Uniting Care Golf Day	National Youth Week begins
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
Daylight Savings Ends					Term 1 ends (SA)	KCO
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
KCO						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Anzac Day	
27	28	29	30			
	Term 2 begins (SA) Mission and Service Fund contributions due					

**Apr 6 2008**  
**Easter 3**

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Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

**Apr 13 2008**  
**Easter 4**

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Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

**Apr 20 2008**  
**Easter 5**

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Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

**Apr 27 2008**  
**Easter 6**

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Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

**May**  
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# Hearing the Call

If you thought studying theology is boring – think again. Liela, Delvene and Margaret are all enjoying the challenge of studying for a Certificate in Ministry at Parkin-Wesley College.

As part of the Year of Call each one of us is challenged to question if God is calling us to explore something new in Christian service. The College offers a variety of learning experiences including an initiative launched this year – The Big Year Out. This intensive year of discipleship training for young adults focuses on spiritual formation, active service and cross-cultural engagement.

Is God calling you to step out in faith?

**Thank you for donating money to the Mission and Service Fund. Some of your weekly offering helps Parkin-Wesley College to equip people for ministry.**



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Pictured are Liela (Grange Uniting),  
Delvene (Cornerstone Uniting) and  
Margaret (Kensington Park Uniting).

Photographer: Amy Brookman

# May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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04  <i>Frontier Services Sunday</i>	05	06	07	08  <i>Out of the Valley Conference begins</i>	09	10  <i>Out of the Valley Conference ends</i>
11  <i>Pentecost Mother's Day</i>	12  <i>National Volunteers Week begins</i>	13	14	15	16  <i>Grow and Go begins</i>	17
18  <i>Grow and Go ends</i>	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26  <i>National Sorry Day Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	27  <i>National Reconciliation Week begins</i>	28	29	30	31

**May 4**  
**Easter 7**

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

**May 11**  
**Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-21 or  
Numbers 11:24-30  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13  
or Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23 or  
John 7:37-39

**May 18**  
**Trinity Sunday**

Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20

**May 25**  
**Pentecost 2**

Isaiah 49:8 – 16a  
Psalm 131  
1 Corinthians 4:1-5  
Matthew 6:24-34

**June**

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# Helping with "God's work"



The Los Palos clinic sees about 200 patients a day – half of them children. They walk up to 15 kilometres from the surrounding villages to get there.

Christine Schreiber is serving with the Protestant Church of East Timor as a nurse trainer at three clinics including Los Palos.

"It's God's work, not mine. I'm just God's tool of the trade."

Christine, a member of the Journey Christian Church at Golden Grove, is one of more than 25 people serving overseas on behalf of our national Assembly's Uniting International Mission (UIM).

**Thank you for supporting the Mission and Service Fund. Part of your offering supports the national Assembly and our local MRN International Mission team in this vital work.**



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Christine (on the right) at the Los Palos Clinic.  
Photographer: John Barr



# June 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01  <i>Reconciliation Sunday</i>	02	03	04	05  <i>World Environment Day</i>	06	07
08	09  <i>Queen's Birthday / Volunteers Day</i>	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20  <i>Presbytery &amp; Synod Meeting</i>	21  <i>Presbytery &amp; Synod Meeting</i>
22  <i>Uniting Church anniversary</i>	23	24	25  <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	26	27	28
29	30					

**June 1**  
**Pentecost 3**  
Genesis 6:9-22; 7:24;  
8:14-19  
Psalm 46  
Romans 1:16-17;  
3:22b-28, (29-31)  
Matthew 7:21-29

**June 8**  
**Pentecost 4**  
Genesis 12:1-9  
Psalm 33:1-12  
Romans 4:13-25  
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

**June 15**  
**Pentecost 5**  
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 22**  
**Pentecost 6**  
Genesis 21:8-21  
Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17  
Romans 6:1b-11  
Matthew 10:24-39  
**Uniting Church  
Anniversary**  
Ezekiel 37:15-28  
Psalm 122  
Hebrews 13:1-8  
John 17:20-26

**June 29**  
**Pentecost 7**  
Genesis 22:1-14  
Psalm 13  
Romans 6:12-23  
Matthew 10:40-42

July

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A photograph of two young boys smiling. The boy on the left is wearing a dark blue polo shirt and a necklace with a large purple star. The boy on the right is also wearing a dark blue polo shirt and has his arms around the first boy's shoulders. They are standing in front of a brick church with a sign that says "ECHUNGA UNITING CHURCH".

# Working arm in arm

When Uniting Church members deposit their money with UC Invest they're not just looking after themselves. In addition to earning competitive interest rates, they know they're supporting local churches.

Echunga Uniting Church is just one local congregation to benefit. The church will receive \$35,000 over three years to employ a Children, Youth and Families Worker.

And they need one. Their ministry with young families is growing. Their kids club is so popular that they now run it two nights a week. In fact, they have connected with about a third of the local school children.

**Thank you to church members who support UC Invest. You're helping our church to grow its ministry with young families.**

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# July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
NAIDOC week begins					Term 2 ends (SA)	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Term 3 begins (SA)				Mission and Service Fund contributions due	
27	28	29	30	31		

**July 6**  
**Pentecost 8**

Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Psalm 45:10-17 or  
Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
Romans 7:15-25a  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

**July 13**  
**Pentecost 9**

Genesis 25:19-34  
Psalm 119:105-112  
Romans 8:1-11  
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**July 20**  
**Pentecost 10**

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

**July 27**  
**Pentecost 11**

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

August						
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# Serving the world

Moderator Rev Rod Dyson would like us to talk about our faith and life as readily as others talk about football.

He is keen to remind us that the church needs to engage with the world.

"I buy my milk and bread at the local corner shop. It's just one of the ways I connect with the local community that Westbourne Park Uniting Church serves.

"As Christians and church communities we need to focus outward and to engage with others with a very natural and down-to-earth faith."

Rod's theme during his term as Moderator is *Serving the world for the sake of Christ*.

**Thank you for supporting the Mission and Service Fund. Your offering helps to support Rev Rod Dyson in his term as Moderator.**



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Rev Rod Dyson serves as Minister at Westbourne Park Uniting Church and Moderator of the Uniting Church SA.

Photographer: Amy Brookman

# August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31  <i>Migrant and Refugee Sunday</i>					01	02
03	04	05	06	07	08	09
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25  <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	26	27	28	29	30

**August 3**  
**Pentecost 12**  
Genesis 32:22-31  
Psalm 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5  
Matthew 14:13-21

**August 10**  
**Pentecost 13**  
Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
Psalm 105: 1-6,  
16-22, 45b  
Romans 10:5-15  
Matthew 14:22-33

**August 17**  
**Pentecost 14**  
Genesis 45:1-15  
Psalm 133  
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32  
Matthew 15: (10-20),  
21-28

**August 24**  
**Pentecost 15**  
Exodus 1:8 – 2:10  
Psalm 124  
Romans 12:1-8  
Matthew 16:13-20

**August 31**  
**Pentecost 16**  
Exodus 3:1-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c  
Romans 12:9-21  
Matthew 16:21-28

September						
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# Growing in faith



The Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) supports a growing network of faith communities and builds bridges of reconciliation with the church and wider community.

In recent years, the strategic placement of ministers at Port Augusta and Salisbury has seen the two congregations flourish. There is an exciting ministry with Anangu people (Aboriginal people from the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yunkatjatjara lands) developing at Salisbury.

In the last twelve months, new worshipping communities have been formed at Kalparrin (near Murray Bridge) and Oodnadatta through the Mobile Aboriginal Patrol.

**Thank you. Congress ministry is supported by your giving through the Mission and Service Fund and grants from the Uniting Foundation and UC Invest.**



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Pictured are a couple of Anangu girls who attended SAYCO.

Photographer: Shannon Short



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03	04	05	06
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
Father's Day					Royal Show and Red Dove Café begins	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
					Earth Leadership for Life weekend begins	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Earth Leadership for Life weekend ends International Day of Peace				Mission and Service Fund contributions due	Term 3 ends (SA)	
28	29	30				
Social Justice Sunday						

**September 7**  
**Pentecost 17**  
Exodus 12:1-14  
Psalm 149  
Romans 13:8-14  
Matthew 18:15-20

**September 14**  
**Pentecost 18**  
Exodus 14:19-31  
Psalm 114 or Exodus 15:  
1b-11, 20-21  
Romans 14:1-12  
Matthew 18:21-35

**September 21**  
**Pentecost 19**  
Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

**September 28**  
**Pentecost 20**  
Exodus 17:1-7  
Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16  
Philippians 2:1-13  
Matthew 21:23-32

October

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# Changing globes ... and minds

Pictured is Meredith Spangler  
- one of the brains behind Rosefield  
Uniting Church's green spot program.  
Photographer: Amy Brookman

Rosefield Uniting Church's green spot program is all about caring for our planet.

Each month, church members get a green spot if they complete a "green" task. A chart monitors the congregation's uptake of tasks such as recycling or converting to energy-saving light bulbs.

It's a simple bright idea that's helping to motivate church members to reduce their environmental footprint.

Encouraging people to explore a theological and practical response to environmental issues is just one focus of the Uniting Church SA's Justice Unit.

**Thanks for supporting the Mission and Service Fund.**  
**Your offering helps the Uniting Church to champion for justice.**



## Strategic Plan Key Directions

Fostering conversion growth

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Growing disciples

Developing new models

Expanding our profile

Championing justice

# October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Daylight Savings begins	SAYCO ends Labour Day					SAYCO begins
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	Term 4 begins (SA)					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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	Mission and Service Fund contributions due			Presbytery & Synod Meeting begins		

**October 5**  
**Pentecost 21**  
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20  
Psalm 19  
Philippians 3:4b-14  
Matthew 21:33-46

**October 12**  
**Pentecost 22**  
Exodus 32:1-14  
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23  
Philippians 4:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**October 19**  
**Pentecost 23**  
Exodus 33:12-23  
Psalm 99  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Matthew 22:15-22

**October 26**  
**Pentecost 24**  
Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
Matthew 22:34-46

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# Navigating life's pathways

Life is a journey ...  
sometimes we don't end up  
where we planned to be,  
but we grow through  
the experience.

Pastoral Pathways is an initiative  
designed to equip those who  
provide pastoral care.

The course is just one of many  
exciting projects funded by the  
Uniting Foundation.  
The Foundation exists to provide  
financial support to projects that  
are at the leading edge of the  
Uniting Church's ministry  
in South Australia.

Pastoral Pathways equips people  
with practical skills to provide pastoral  
care in congregations and community  
settings such as hospitals, aged care  
and mental health.

**You can help to ensure that our  
church has a healthy future by  
making a donation or leaving a  
bequest to the Uniting Foundation.**

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*This graphic is taken  
from the cover of the  
Pastoral Pathways brochure.*

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# November 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30  <i>Advent Sunday</i>						01  <i>All Saints Day</i>
02  <i>Presbytery &amp; Synod Meeting ends</i>	03	04	05	06	07	08  <i>Christmas Pageant</i>
09  <i>Stewardship Sunday</i>	10	11  <i>Remembrance Day</i>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25  <i>Mission and Service Fund contributions due</i>	26	27	28	29

**November 2**  
**Pentecost 25**  
Joshua 3:7-17  
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37  
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
Matthew 23:1-12

**November 9**  
**Pentecost 26**  
Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25  
Psalm 78:1-7  
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
Matthew 25:1-13

**November 16**  
**Pentecost 27**  
Judges 4:1-7  
Psalm 123  
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Matthew 25:14-30

**November 23**  
**Christ the King**  
Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24  
Psalm 100  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Matthew 25:31-46

**November 30**  
**Advent 1**  
Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

December						
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# Reaching out at Christmas

Thinking differently about how we “do church” is essential for the future health and vitality of the Uniting Church.

Our strategic plan is encouraging us to focus on a number of key directions including conversion growth and developing new models of ministry.

Over a weekend in December, Aberfoyle Uniting Church cancels its three worship services and converts its car park into an interactive first century Bethlehem village complete with market place, jail, centurions, beggars and nativity scene.

With over 3000 people attending the event last year, it is a great example of taking the Christian message to the wider community.

**Thanks. Your offering supports the Mission and Service Fund and helps the Uniting Church SA to reach out in new ways.**



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Photographer: Meg Hansen



# December 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	01	02	03	04	05	06
	World Aids Day		International Day of People with a Disability		International Volunteers Day	
07	08	09	10	11	12	13
					Term 4 ends (SA)	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Christmas Day	Proclamation Day	
28	29	30	31			
	Mission and Service Fund contributions due					

**December 7**  
**Advent 2**

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

**December 14**  
**Advent 3**

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
Psalm 126 or Luke 1:47-55  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

**December 21**  
**Advent 4**

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
Luke 1:47-55 or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38

**December 24**  
**Christmas Eve**

Isaiah 9:2-7  
Psalm 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

**December 25**  
**Christmas Day**

Isaiah 62:6-12  
Psalm 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Luke 2(1-7), 8-20

**December 28**  
**1st after Christmas**

Isaiah 61:10-62:3  
Psalm 148  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:22-40

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# Caring for our ministers

We need to care for  
those who care for us.

Our ministers and leaders  
receive ongoing pastoral  
support and training to help  
them in their ministry.

As part of their final year  
studies at Parkin-Wesley  
College, exit students spend  
two days meeting the staff  
of the Presbytery and Synod  
office at 212 Pirie Street.

They learn more about the  
network of practical and  
pastoral help available to them.

**Thank you for supporting  
Pastoral Relations through the  
Mission and Service Fund.  
Your offering helps the  
Presbytery and Synod office  
team to support every Minister  
and congregation in the state.**



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Pictured are 2007 Exit Students -  
Gary Ferguson, Kynan Brookes  
and Liellie McLaughlin  
- taking time out for a coffee.  
*Photographer: Shannon Short*

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