

*Life
by the
Spirit*



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2015 Calendar

Life by the Spirit

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free.
But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather,
serve one another humbly in love. – Galatians 5:13



Pictured: Rev Nigel Rogers and Dr Deidre Palmer. Photo: Bindy Taylor

In Christ we have been freed to live in ways that are life-giving for all people – for ourselves, our neighbours, our communities and our planet. The freedom we experience is a moving away from all those things that separate us from each other, such as prejudice, suspicion, hatred, greed and violence; it is a moving towards all those ways of being that are Spirit-inspired and -infused, including love and joy, peace and generosity.

This calendar features people, communities and events that witness to the Spirit's movement among us as the Uniting Church in South Australia. There are so many signs of the Holy Spirit's work among us - and so little space to feature them over the following pages!

In his letter to the Galatians, Paul reminds us of the fruit that we bear as the Spirit nurtures us and shapes our community life. Paul lists nine "fruits" that we see embodied in Christ, and which we are called to embody - love,

joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. As we commit to each other in Christian community and are immersed in the freedom of God's Spirit, these fruits grow and mature.

The 2015 calendar explores how Uniting Church communities across South Australia nurture these fruits. We hope that each month will remind you of the presence of these fruits in your own community, and that you will pray for a continued flourishing of these fruits in the Uniting Church's witness and service in God's world.

Dr Deidre Palmer
Moderator

Rev Nigel Rogers
CEO/General Secretary

Thank you for supporting the Uniting Church

The Mission and Service Fund represents our financial commitment to mission and service – a commitment we make together.

This page explains our proposed budget for the Mission and Service Fund in 2015. What you see in the table below is far more than a set of figures – these numbers express how we finance our mission in South Australia and beyond. The following pages demonstrate some of the avenues of service that we, as the Uniting Church in South Australia, are engaged in together as we seek to live out God's mission in community.

Budgeted Income		2015
Congregational contributions		1,358,250
Congregations contribute 9% of their income to this Fund, so this is where you have a direct impact on how much mission we can undertake – thank you!		
Income from investments		4,626,277
We receive income support from a range of Uniting Church investment entities including UC Invest, Epworth SA, Parkin Mission and Trust, plus whatever we can earn on our Fund reserves.		
Costs recovered and income earned by Presbytery and Synod Ministry Centres		3,358,977
Our Ministry Centres each recover the costs of, or earn income on, some of the services they provide. <i>(Each of these Ministry Centres is listed under the expenditure column.)</i>		
Costs recovered for our insurance program		1,064,940
We have a Synod-wide insurance program and the costs of this program are recovered from congregations and Ministry Centres.		
Other Income		6,000
Total Income		10,414,444

Budgeted Expenditure		2015
Presbytery/Synod Ministry Centres		
Communications		395,091
Uniting College for Leadership & Theology		2,045,615
UnitingCare		402,475
Pastoral Relations (including Ministers Support and chaplaincy)		1,313,677
Mission Resourcing and its Mission Resourcing Centres		1,137,909
Secretariat		706,042
Costs associated with Property, Finance, HR and IT Departments		1,984,881
Sub-Total		7,985,690
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress		454,323
Synod-wide insurance program premiums and related costs		1,064,962
Wider Church (Assembly and ecumenical support)		432,780
Congregation support (including Grant in Aid)		50,000
Screening Services Unit		27,678
Other (mainly rent, depreciation and interest and shared office expenses)		1,019,842
Total Expenditure		11,035,275
Operating Deficit for the year		620,831

This budget information is subject to change before or at the 2014 Annual Meeting of the Presbytery and Synod in October/November 2014.

Access to any of the Presbytery and Synod's audited financial statements or other financial information can be arranged by contacting the Uniting Church SA Financial Services Department on finance@sa.uca.org.au or 8236 4258.

Peter Battersby,
Executive Officer, Resources
9 October 2014



Pictured: Rachel Dempster, Pastor Berlin Guerrero and Ian Dempster at Pilgrim Uniting Church attending "Enterprise and Struggle," an exhibition of photographs taken in the Philippines.
Photo: Bindy Taylor

January

But the fruit of the Spirit is love

Each year the Uniting Church in South Australia holds numerous community and church events. These range from art exhibitions to lectures, lunches to fairs, fellowships to playgroups. Despite their diversity, each gathering has a common thread – they demonstrate the love the Church has for its community.

An exhibition titled "Enterprise and Struggle" was one of these events in 2014. Created by a passionate team of Uniting Church people, this unique event provided an avenue for learning about the Philippines. As stories were shared, attendees demonstrated their love and care for others at a local and a global level.

January 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 New Year's Day (public holiday)	2	3
4	5 About FACE begins	6 Epiphany	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Tour Down Under begins
18 About FACE ends	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Tour Down Under ends	26 Australia Day (public holiday)	27 Mission & Service Fund contributions due, Term 1 begins (SA)	28	29	30	31

1 JANUARY New Year's Day

Eccl 3:1-13
Ps 8
Rev 21:1-6a
Mt 25:31-46

1 JANUARY Holy Name of Jesus

Num 6:22-27
Ps 8
Gal 4:47
or Phil 2:5-11
Lk 2:15-21

4 JANUARY Christmas 2

Jer 31:7-14
Ps 147:12-20
Eph 3:1-14
Jn 1:(1-9), 10-18

6 JANUARY Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6
Ps 72:1-7, 10-14
Eph 3:1-12
Mt 2:1-12

11 JANUARY Baptism of Jesus

Gn 1:1-5
Ps 29
Acts 19:1-7
Mk 1:4-11

18 JANUARY Epiphany 2

1 Sm 3:1-10,
(11-20)
Ps 139:1-6,
13-18
1 Cor 6:12-20
Jn 1:43-51

25 JANUARY Epiphany 3

Jon 3:1-5, 10
Ps 62:5-12
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

FEBRUARY

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Pictured: Sue Swan and Lyn Anesbury share smiles as they prepare a delicious dinner at Mary's Kitchen.
Photo: Bindy Taylor

Joy

UnitingCare Pancake Day events are held across South Australia every year, providing fun, fellowship and food for those who attend. But the fruit of these joyful events extends beyond the people who attend them. Funds raised go towards supporting projects like Mary's Kitchen, an outreach program of UnitingCare Glenelg, making a difference in the lives of South Australians who are displaced or in need. From 6-7.30pm every Tuesday, the hall behind St Andrew's by the Sea Uniting Church is transformed into a welcoming restaurant where smiling volunteers spread joy as they serve hearty, wholesome meals to over 40 people in need.

February 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples, Adelaide Fringe Festival begins	14 Valentine's Day
15	16	17 UnitingCare Pancake Day, Shrove Tuesday	18 UnitingWorld Lent Event begins, Ash Wednesday	19 Chinese New Year	20 World Day of Social Justice	21 Invigor8 Children & Family Ministry Conference
22 First Sunday of Lent	23	24	25 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26 Clipsal 500 begins	27 Adelaide Festival begins	28

1 FEBRUARY
Epiphany 4

Dt 18:15-20
Ps 111
1 Cor 8:1-13
Mk 1:21-28

2 FEBRUARY
Presentation of our Lord

Mal 3:1-4
Ps 84
or Ps 24:7-10
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40

8 FEBRUARY
Epiphany 5

Is 40:21-31
Ps 147:1-11, 20c
1 Cor 9:16-23
Mk 1:29-39

15 FEBRUARY
Epiphany 6

2 Kgs 5:1-14
Ps 30
1 Cor 9:24-27
Mk 1:40-45

15 FEBRUARY
Transfiguration

2 Kgs 2:1-12
Ps 50:1-6
2 Cor 4:3-6
Mk 9:2-9

18 FEBRUARY
Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:1-2, 12-17
or Is 58:1-12
Ps 51:1-17
2 Cor 5:20b-6:10
Mt 6:1-6, 16-21

22 FEBRUARY
Lent 1

Gn 9:8-17
Ps 25:1-10
1 Pt 3:18-22
Mk 1:9-15

MARCH

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Pictured: Prof Lis Porter, Ruth Russell, Senator Penny Wright, Former Senator Rosemary Crawley and Dr Deidre Palmer at Communities for Peace, an event held at Scots Church Adelaide on the International Day of Peace in 2014.
Photo: Bindy Taylor

Peace

Peacemaking has been a priority for the Uniting Church since its inception in 1977, as reflected in the *Basis of Union* and the "Militarism and Disarmament" statement released by Assembly in 1982. These public statements affirmed the Uniting Church's commitment to be a peaceful body, which supports and engages in peacemaking programmes rather than relying on negative military solutions.

Communities for Peace presented an opportunity for the Uniting Church in South Australia to demonstrate its commitment to working for peace and justice, joining together with over 20 local peace organisations to connect and share resources. Empowering Uniting Church representatives and the wider Church community in the delivery of peaceful programmes is a powerful way of supporting the Uniting Church's commitment to peacemaking discipleship.

March 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Clipsal 500 ends, Second Sunday of Lent	2	3	4	5	6 World Day of Prayer, WOMADelaide begins	7
8 Third Sunday of Lent, International Women's Day	9 Adelaide Cup, March Public Holiday (public holiday), WOMADelaide ends	10	11	12	13	14
15 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Adelaide Fringe Festival ends, Adelaide Festival ends	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19 National Close the Gap Day	20	21 KCO begins Harmony Day
22 KCO ends Fifth Sunday of Lent	23	24	25 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26	27 Presbytery and Synod meeting begins	28 Presbytery and Synod meeting ends, Earth Hour
29 Palm Sunday	30	31				

1 MARCH Lent 2

Gn 17:1-7, 15-16
Ps 22:23-31
Rom 4:13-25
Mk 8:31-38

8 MARCH Lent 3

Ex 20:1-17
Ps 19
1 Cor 1:18-25
Jn 2:13-22

15 MARCH Lent 4

Nm 21:4-9
Ps 107:1-3, 17-22
Eph 2:1-10
Jn 3:14-21

22 MARCH Lent 5

Jer 31:31-34
Ps 51:1-12
or Ps 119:9-16
Heb 5:5-10
Jn 12:20-33

25 MARCH Annunciation of the Lord

Is 7:10-14
Ps 45
or Ps 40:5-10
Heb 10:4-10
Lk 1:26-38

29 MARCH Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-9a
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29
Phil 2:5-11
Mk 11:1-11
or Jn 12:12-16

APRIL

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April

Pictured: Waiting for people to filter in for the Easter Sunday service, Moonta Mines Uniting Church provides a calm setting for contemplation.
Photo: Bindy Taylor

Patience

Over the Easter long weekend, we are reminded of the need to exercise patience. We must display patience as we navigate the heavy Easter holiday traffic and inspire patience in our children as they wait for the right time to eat their Easter chocolate. Finally, we must wait to pass from the mourning of Jesus' death on Good Friday to the celebration of his resurrection on Easter Sunday.

This Easter, Uniting Church congregations and communities across South Australia will gather to mourn and to celebrate. Built during the copper mining boom in the Yorke Peninsula in 1865, Moonta Mines Uniting Church has a long history of Easter services. The former Methodist church invites the community to share in a traditional Easter Sunday service each year. Together, the community celebrates the resurrection of Jesus, depicting the story through a papier mâché tomb made by a local artist.

April 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Maundy Thursday	3 Good Friday (public holiday)	4 UnitingWorld Lent Event ends, Easter Saturday (public holiday)
5 Easter Sunday, Daylight Savings ends	6 Easter Monday (public holiday)	7	8	9	10 Term 1 ends (SA), National Youth Week begins	11
12	13	14	15	16	17 Good Friday	18
19 National Youth Week ends	20	21	22	23	24	25 Anzac Day (public holiday)
26	27 Mission & Service Fund contributions due, Term 2 begins (SA)	28	29	30		

3 APRIL Good Friday

Is 52:13–53:12
Ps 22
Heb 10:16–25
or Heb 4:14–16, 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

5 APRIL Easter Day

Acts 10:34–43
or Is 25:6–9
Ps 118:1–2, 14–24
1 Cor 15:1–11
or Acts 10:34–43
Jn 20:1–18
or Mk 16:1–8

5 APRIL Easter Evening

Is 25:6–9
Ps 114
1 Cor 5:6b–8
Lk 24:13–49

12 APRIL Easter 2

Acts 4:32–35
Ps 133
1 Jn 1:1–2:2
Jn 20:19–31

19 APRIL Easter 3

Acts 3:12–19
Ps 4
1 Jn 3:1–7
Lk 24:36b–48

26 APRIL Easter 4

Acts 4:5–12
Ps 23
1 Jn 3:16–24
Jn 10:11–18

MAY

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May

Pictured: A child playing in the mud at Oodnadatta.
Photo: Timothy Molineux

Kindness

Over the past few years, the Uniting Church in South Australia has conducted the Pilgrimage of Healing during National Reconciliation Week. The Pilgrimage focuses on growing and supporting different needs of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress communities, which are a vital part of our life as the Uniting Church.

In 2014, the Pilgrimage of Healing drew attention to the Oodnadatta faith community and the Congress congregation in Salisbury, both of which have needs relating to the development of their meeting places. As in past years, many people within the Uniting Church, Congress and the wider community generously gave time, prayer and funding to the project – a clear demonstration of the care and kindness shared by our faith communities.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Trinity Sunday					1	2
3 Frontier Services Sunday	4	5	6 UnitingWorld: WonTok Youth Conference Adelaide	7	8	9 World Fair Trade Day
10 Mother's Day	11 National Volunteer Week begins	12	13	14 Ascension Day	15 International Day of Families	16
17 National Volunteer Week ends	18 Kernewek Lowender begins	19	20	21	22	23
24 Kernewek Lowender ends, Pentecost Sunday	25 Whit Monday, Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26 National Sorry Day	27 National Reconciliation Week begins	28	29	30

3 MAY
Easter 5

Acts 8:26-40
Ps 22:25-31
1 Jn 4:7-21
Jn 15:1-8

10 MAY
Easter 6

Acts 10:44-48
Ps 98
1 Jn 5:1-6
Jn 15:9-17

14 MAY
Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11
Ps 47
or Ps 93
Eph 1:15-23
Lk 24:44-53

17 MAY
Easter 7

Acts 1:15-17,
21-26
Ps 1
1 Jn 5:9-13
Jn 17:6-19

24 MAY
Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21
or Ezek 37:1-14
Ps 104:24-34, 35b
Rom 8:22-27
or Acts 2:1-21
Jn 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

31 MAY
Trinity Sunday

Is 6:1-8
Ps 29
Rom 8:12-17
Jn 3:1-17

JUNE

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Pictured: Conducting English classes each Friday, Hope's Cafe has become a valuable learning hub for refugees on bridging visas.
Photo: Ian Routledge

Goodness

Through outreach, community programmes and events, services and other avenues, the Uniting Church actively works to help others. We are empowered, as Christians, to do good works – helping and serving one another.

In 2014, Clayton Wesley Uniting Church and Uniting Communities joined together to open Hope's Cafe. The cafe welcomes the marginalised and provides individuals with a welcoming space to call their own. Fuelled by the needs of people newly arrived in Adelaide, Hope's Cafe offers English classes, cheap meals and a safe environment for people to share their stories. Despite its recent opening date, the venue has already had a huge impact on local migrant and refugee communities. Through the funds raised and programmes offered, the cafe hopes to provide newcomers with smooth integration into the local community.

June 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3 Mabo Day, National Reconciliation Week ends	4	5 World Environment Day	6
7	8 Queen's Birthday (public holiday)	9	10	11	12 World Day Against Child Labour	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Presbytery and Synod meeting begins	20 Presbytery and Synod meeting ends, World Refugee Day
21	22 Uniting Church Anniversary	23	24	25 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26	27
28	29	30				

7 JUNE

Pent 2 [10]

1 Sm 8:4-11, (12-15),
16-20, (11:14-15)
Ps 138
2 Cor 4:13-5:1
Mk 3:20-35

14 JUNE

Pent 3 [11]

1 Sm 15:34-16:13
Ps 20
2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13),
14-17
Mk 4:26-34

21 JUNE

Pent 4 [12]

1 Sm 17:(1a,4-11, 19-23), 32-49
or 1 Sm 17:57-18:5, 10-16
Ps 9:9-20
or Ps 133
2 Cor 6:1-13
Mk 4:35-41

22 JUNE

UCA Anniversary

2 Chr 30:1-9
Ps 127
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 17:1-11

28 JUNE

Pent 5 [13]

2 Sm 1:1, 17-27
Ps 130
2 Cor 8:7-15
Mk 5:21-43

JULY

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Pictured: The installation of Rev Prof Andrew Dutney (second from left) as President of the Uniting Church in Australia at the 13th Triennial Assembly in July 2012.
Photos: Uniting Church Communications



Faithfulness

Although our Uniting Church congregations demonstrate strong diversity, they possess a common foundation – the *Basis of Union*. Outlining a unity created through shared faith and mission, the document calls on every member of the Uniting Church to be a faithful servant of Christ.

This month representatives from across the country will join together to reflect on the future faith and mission of the Uniting Church in Australia. The 14th Triennial Assembly will be held from Sunday 12 to Saturday 18 July in Perth, Western Australia. In addition to business and worship elements, the meeting will feature the installation of Stuart McMillan into the role of President of the Uniting Church in Australia.

July 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Term 2 ends (SA)	4
5 NAIDOC Week begins	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 14 th Triennial Assembly begins, NAIDOC Week ends	13	14	15	16	17	18 14 th Triennial Assembly ends
19	20 Term 3 begins (SA)	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	28	29	30	31	

5 JULY

Pent 6 [14]

2 Sm 5:1-5, 9-10

Ps 48

2 Cor 12:2-10

Mk 6:1-13

12 JULY

Pent 7 [15]

2 Sm 6:1-5, 12b-19

Ps 24

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:14-29

19 JULY

Pent 8 [16]

2 Sm 7:1-14a

Ps 89:20-37

Eph 2:11-22

Mk 6:30-34, 53-56

26 JULY

Pent 9 [17]

2 Sm 11:1-15

Ps 14

Eph 3:14-21

Jn 6:1-21

AUGUST

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Pictured: Best friends Fipe and Chancellor from Vermont Uniting Church prepare a celebratory lunch on Fijian Independence Day in 2014.

Photo: Bindy Taylor



Gentleness

As Christians, we are called to humbly and gently help one another as an expression of love. In Uniting Church congregations across South Australia, this loving attitude is demonstrated through the welcome and assistance offered to migrants, refugees and asylum seekers in our congregations and communities.

Vermont Uniting Church is the worshipping home to many Fijian people who have migrated to South Australia. The gentleness, peacefulness and hospitality of the Fijian Uniting Church members is readily apparent when they gather to celebrate Fijian Independence Day. In 2014, Vermont Uniting Church invited the community to share a traditional Fijian meal to recognise the courage of those who were instrumental in creating change for Fiji. The meal also provided an opportunity to celebrate the loving community Fijians have joined in Adelaide.

August 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Refugee and Migrant Sunday	31					1
2	3	4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day	5	6	7	8
9 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	10	11	12 International Youth Day	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 World Humanitarian Day	20	21	22
23	24	25 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26	27	28	29

2 AUGUST Pent 10 [18]

2 Sm 11:26-12:13a
Ps 51:1-12
Eph 4:1-16
Jn 6:24-35

6 AUGUST Feast of the Transfiguration

2 Kgs 2:1-12
Ps 50:1-6
2 Cor 4:3-6
Mk 9:2-9

9 AUGUST Pent 11 [19]

2 Sm 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Ps 130
Eph 4:25-5:2
Jn 6:35, 41-51

16 AUGUST Pent 12 [20]

1 Kgs 2:10-12, 3:3-14
Ps 111
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

23 AUGUST Pent 13 [21]

1 Kgs 8:(1, 6, 10-11), 22-30, 41-43
Ps 84
Eph 6:10-20
Jn 6:56-69

30 AUGUST Pent 14 [22]

Song 2:8-13
Ps 45:1-2, 6-9
Jas 1:17-27
Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

SEPTEMBER

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Pictured: Rev Eric March and Ron Bampton give their time and energy to support the South Australian community by volunteering at Red Dove Cafe.
Photo: Bindy Taylor

Self-control

Without the strength that a relationship with God provides, it can be easy to fall into self-involved habits. One of the easiest ways to overcome the focus on ourselves is to concentrate on helping others – without thinking of what can be gained in return. Assisted by volunteers from the Uniting Church and beyond, Red Dove Cafe is one of the many ventures organised by National & World Mission to serve the wider community.

Operating annually during the Royal Adelaide Show, Red Dove Cafe provides an avenue for Adult Fellowships to demonstrate their mission and support of the community through prayerfully, practically and financially giving to others. Red Dove Cafe has helped many essential community initiatives to thrive, raising approximately \$45,000 each year. Programmes supported include prison ministry, mental health and disability chaplaincy, multicultural ministry and rural community projects.

September 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Frontier Services: Great Outback BBQ	2	3	4	5
6 Father's Day	7	8 International Literacy Day	9	10 World Suicide Prevention Day, R U OK? Day	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 International Day of Peace	22	23	24	25 Mission & Service Fund contributions due, Term 3 ends (SA)	26 Frontier Services Birthday
27 Social Justice Sunday	28	29	30			

6 SEPTEMBER

Pent 15 [23]

Prv 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Ps 125

Jas 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mk 7:24-37

13 SEPTEMBER

Pent 16 [24]

Prv 1:20-33

Ps 19

Jas 3:1-12

Mk 8:27-38

20 SEPTEMBER

Pent 17 [25]

Prv 31:10-31

Ps 1

Jas 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Mk 9:30-37

27 SEPTEMBER

Pent 18 [26]

Est 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Ps 124

Jas 5:13-20

Mk 9:38-50

OCTOBER

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October

Pictured: The SAYCO Band performs at the South Australian Youth Camp Out (SAYCO) in 2014.
Photo: Katrina Levi

**...Since we live
by the Spirit, let
us keep in step
with the Spirit.**

In the Uniting Church we often talk about what it means to be lifelong disciples of Jesus. The Church provides education, resources and events to support all who participate in the life of the Uniting Church as we grow our relationship with God and serve God's mission.

One of the ways in which the Uniting Church encourages discipleship at all ages is through youth events, including the South Australian Youth Camp Out (SAYCO). An annual camp for young people aged 12 to 17, SAYCO provides an avenue for faith exploration and discussion, encouraging teenagers to consider what it means to follow Jesus.

October 2015



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 International Day of Older Persons	2 International Day of Non-Violence	3 SAYCO begins
4 Daylight Savings begins	5 SAYCO ends, Labour Day (public holiday)	6	7	8	9	10 World Mental Health Day
11 Anti-Poverty Week begins	12 Term 4 begins (SA)	13	14	15	16	17 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Anti-Poverty Week ends
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Children's Week begins
25	26 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	27	28	29 Annual meeting of the Presbytery and Synod begins	30	31 Annual meeting of the Presbytery and Synod ends

4 OCTOBER

Pent 19 [27]

Jb 1:1, 2:1-10

Ps 26

Heb 1:1-4, 2:5-12

Mk 10:2-16

11 OCTOBER

Pent 20 [28]

Jb 23:1-9, 16-17

Ps 22:1-15

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 10:17-31

18 OCTOBER

Pent 21 [29]

Jb 38:1-7, (34-41)

Ps 104:1-9, 24, 35c

Heb 5:1-10

Mk 10:35-45

25 OCTOBER

Pent 22 [30]

Jb 42:1-6, 10-17

Ps 34:1-8, (19-22)

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 10:46-52

NOVEMBER

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Pictured: Dr Debora Murthy (right), Maha Bhoga Marga Foundation project manager, with a young mother in rural Bali.
Photo: UnitingWorld

Carry each other's burdens

In the Uniting Church, many of us have experienced care provided by others or have assisted with delivering care ourselves. This sharing of one another's burdens does not only happen in our immediate communities, but through support provided to international mission projects.

The Maha Bhoga Marga Foundation (MBM) is the advocacy and development branch of the Protestant Christian Church in Bali, supported by UnitingWorld, an agency of the Uniting Church in Australia Assembly. MBM's programmes focus on empowering rural communities, especially women and families affected by poverty. Through MBM, people in need are given access to vocational skills training, micro-finance loans for income generation activities, health services, sanitation and more.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints' Day, Children's Week ends	2	3	4	5	6 World Community Day	7
8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12	13	14 Credit Union Christmas Pageant
15	16 International Day for Tolerance	17	18	19 International Men's Day	20 Universal Children's Day	21
22	23	24	25 White Ribbon Day, Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26	27	28
29 Advent Sunday	30					

1 NOVEMBER
All Saints Day

Is 25:6-9
Ps 24
Rev 21:1-6a
Jn 11:32-44

1 NOVEMBER
Pent 23 [31]

Ru 1:1-18
Ps 146
Heb 9:11-14
Mk 12:28-34

8 NOVEMBER
Pent 24 [32]

Ru 3:1-5, 4:13-17
Ps 127
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44

15 NOVEMBER
Pent 25 [33]

1 Sm 1:4-20,
1 Sm 2:1-10
Ps 16
Heb 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25
Mk 13:1-8

22 NOVEMBER
**Christ the King/
Reign of Christ**

2 Sm 23:1-7
Ps 132:1-12, (13-18)
Rv 1:4b-8
Jn 18:33-37

29 NOVEMBER
First Sunday of Advent

Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:1-10
1 Thes 3:9-13
Lk 21:25-36

DECEMBER
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Pictured: The Road to Christmas depicts the nativity scene and story with Mary (played by Amanda Carter), baby Jesus (Amanda's child), Joseph (Jarrad Richardson) and a shepherd storyteller (Matt Sarre).
Photo: Lynne Aird



**...May the grace
of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with you**

Christmas is a joyous time of year as people take time out from the busyness of everyday life to share with family and friends. Uniting Church congregations and faith communities provide different gifts to the community at this time – Blue Christmas services, carol nights, celebratory meals and nativity re-enactments.

Seeds Uniting Church at Aberfoyle Park has been offering their Road to Christmas event to the wider community for the past nine years. Each year, hundreds of volunteers dedicate their time to transform the Seeds Uniting Church car park into a place where visitors can experience a sense of the first Christmas in Bethlehem. Attracting over 1,000 people each evening, The Road to Christmas shares the wonder and grace of Jesus' birth.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 World AIDS Day	2	3 International Day of People with Disability	4	5 International Volunteer Day
6	7	8	9	10 International Human Rights Day	11 Term 4 ends (SA)	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 International Migrants Day	19
20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day (public holiday)	26 Proclamation Day/ Boxing Day
27	28 Boxing Day Holiday (public holiday)	29 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	30	31 New Year's Eve		

6 DECEMBER
Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1-9
or Mal 3:1-4
Lk 1:68-79
Phil 1:3-11
Lk 3:1-6

13 DECEMBER
Third Sunday of Advent

Zep 3:14-20
Is 12:2-6
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:7-18

20 DECEMBER
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mic 5:2-5a
Lk 1:46b-55
or Ps 80:1-7
Heb 10:5-10
Lk 1:39-45, (46-55)

27 DECEMBER
Christmas 1

1 Sm 2:18-20, 26
Ps 148
Col 3:12-17
Lk 2:41-52

JANUARY 2016

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Pictured: The sun sets over the churches of Naracoorte.
Photo: Nicole Mugford



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