

“May the God  
OF **Hope**  
FILL YOU WITH  
*All Joy*  
*& Peace*  
IN BELIEVING  
Romans 15:13 (RSV)”

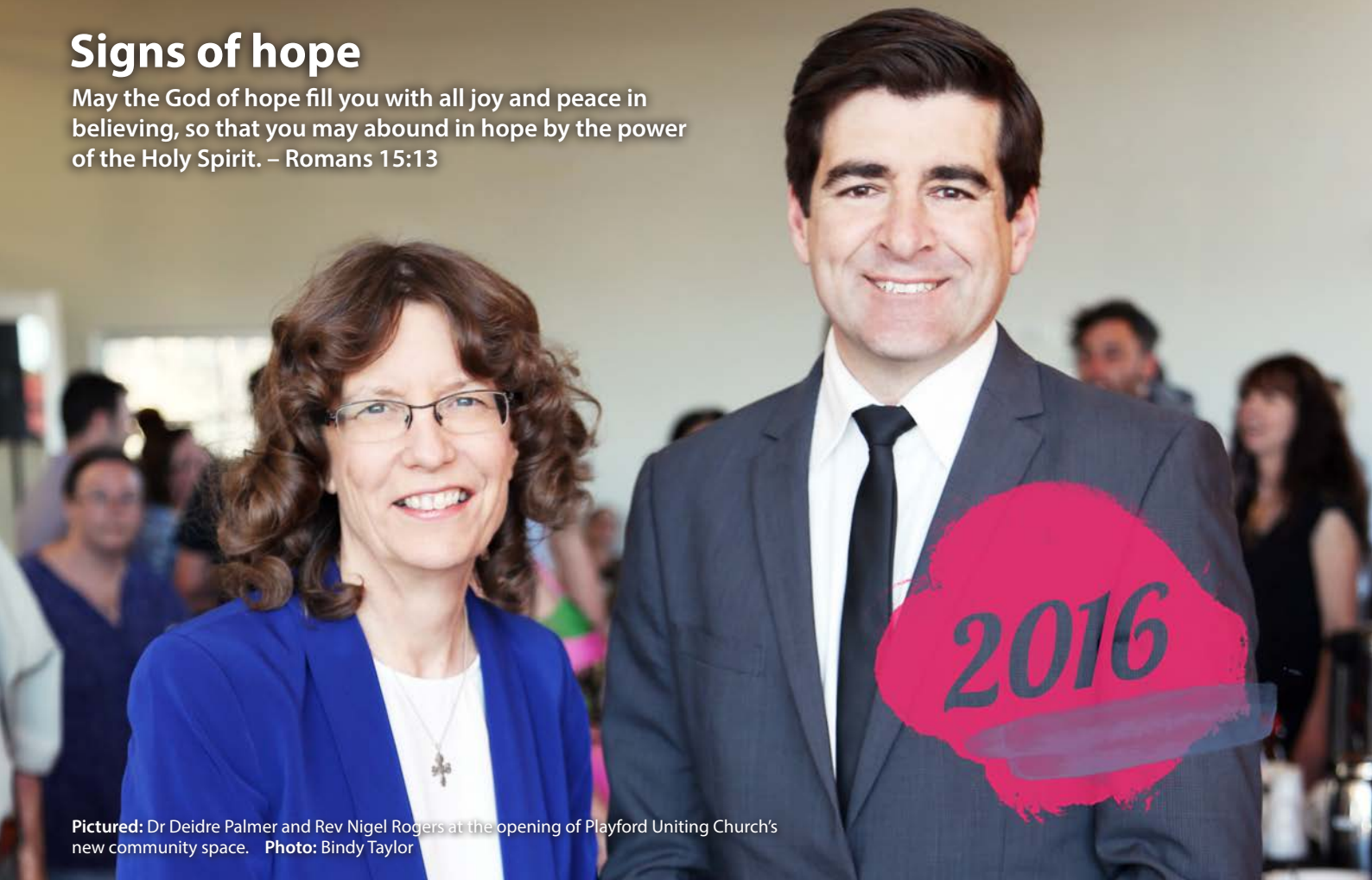


Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**

**2016 Calendar**

# Signs of hope

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. – Romans 15:13



**Pictured:** Dr Deidre Palmer and Rev Nigel Rogers at the opening of Playford Uniting Church's new community space. **Photo:** Bindy Taylor

Jesus' life and message brought hope to many he encountered, and continues to bring hope to us today. God's vision for our world – a vision of peace, with justice, love, reconciliation and freedom for all people – has been born in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. No wonder the followers of Jesus are a people of hope!

Hope has a future focus – an anticipation of the vision of God's new creation. It also has a present focus – through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit, we live God's vision among us now.

Across South Australia, the Uniting Church is faithfully reflecting the love, compassion and joy that are Christ's gift to us. In this calendar you will find a sign of hope for each month.

Our hope is not grounded in a delusional optimism, which ignores the pain and struggles we face. Rather, our hope is founded in our God who, in Christ,

overcomes death and despair, and brings us into life and hope.

We encourage you to use this calendar as a form of prayer – giving thanks to God for the signs of hope among us, and praying for strength and encouragement for those engaged in these hopeful ministries.

We all have our own stories of hope, experienced in our personal and communal lives. We pray that this calendar will prompt you to share these stories as the Holy Spirit weaves us together into a community in Christ, living compassion and hope.

**Dr Deidre Palmer**  
Moderator

**Rev Nigel Rogers**  
CEO/General Secretary



# Thank you for supporting the Uniting Church

The Mission and Service Fund is a good example of our financial commitment to mission and service – together.

This page explains our proposed budget for 2016 for this Fund – it is far more than a set of figures because it expresses 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		2016
<b>Congregational contributions</b>		1,507,944
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!		
<b>Income from investments</b>		5,039,817
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.		
<b>Costs recovered and income earned by Presbytery and Synod Ministry Centres</b>		3,324,005
Each of our Ministry Centres recovers the costs of or earns income on some of the services they provide. <i>(Each of these Ministry Centres is listed under the expenditure column.)</i>		
<b>Costs recovered for our insurance program</b>		1,018,974
We have a Synod-wide insurance program and the costs of this program are recovered from congregations and Ministry Centres.		
<b>Other Income</b>		24,000
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>10,914,740</b>

Budgeted Expenditure		2016
<b>Presbytery/Synod Ministry Centres</b>		
Communications		378,319
Uniting College for Leadership & Theology		2,138,467
UnitingCare		354,038
Pastoral Relations (including Ministers Support and chaplaincy)		1,544,098
Mission Resourcing and its Mission Resourcing Centres		878,639
Secretariat		681,603
Costs associated with Property, Finance, HR and IT Departments		2,061,149
<b>Sub-Total</b>		<b>8,036,313</b>
Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress		465,681
Synod-wide insurance program premiums and related costs		1,018,974
Wider Church (Assembly and ecumenical support)		432,780
Congregation support (including Grant in Aid)		37,000
Other (mainly rent, depreciation and interest and shared office expenses)		923,925
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>10,914,673</b>
<b>Operating Surplus for the year</b>		<b>67</b>

This budget information is subject to change before or at the 2015 Annual Meeting of the Presbytery and Synod in October 2015.

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](mailto:finance@sa.uca.org.au) or 8236 4258.

**Peter Battersby,**  
Executive Officer, Resources  
28 September 2015





*January*

# Hope in strengthening relationships

Each year, Westbourne Park Uniting Church joins with other nearby churches for a “dads and lads” camp. The overnight experience provides a unique opportunity for fathers and sons to spend quality time together. The camp occurs in different bushland settings across South Australia, and includes activities such as four wheel-driving and hiking. Daughters are also provided an opportunity to bond with their dads at a separate camp each year.

**Pictured:** Fathers and sons camping at Saunders Gorge Sanctuary in the Mount Lofty Ranges.

**Photo:** Marc Furmage

# January 2016



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

## 1 JANUARY New Year's Day

Ecc 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

## 3 JANUARY Christmas 2

Jer 31:7-14  
Ps 147:12  
Eph 1:3-14  
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

## 10 JANUARY Baptism of Jesus

Is 43:1-7  
Ps 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Lk 3:15-17,  
21-22

## 17 JANUARY Epiphany 2

Epiphany 2  
Is 62:1-5  
Ps 36:5-10  
1 Cor 12:1-11  
Jn 2:1-11

## 24 JANUARY Epiphany 3

Neh 8:1-3, 5-6,  
8-10  
Ps 19  
1 Cor 12:12-31a  
Lk 4:14-21

## 31 JANUARY Epiphany 4

Jer 1:4-10  
Ps 71:1-6  
1 Cor 13:1-13  
Lk 4:21-30

## FEBRUARY

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## Hope in caring community

Each Thursday morning between 9am and 12noon, Salisbury Uniting Church members invite locals to Café on Park – a safe space for people to relax over barista-made coffee and an edible treat. On Pancake Day every year, Café on Park moves outdoors, and extra volunteers from Uniting in Care Salisbury come along to cook and serve pancakes. The money raised at this special event goes towards Uniting in Care Salisbury, helping to provide comfort and hope to people during times of struggle.

**Pictured:** Penny Pancake makes a special appearance at Café on Park for Pancake Day.

**Photo:** Courtesy of Uniting in Care Salisbury

# February 2016



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 School Term 1 begins (SA)	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Chinese New Year	9 Shrove Tuesday, UnitingCare Pancake Day	10 Ash Wednesday, UnitingWorld Lent Event begins	11	12 Adelaide Fringe Festival begins	13 Anniversary of the National Apology to Australia's Indigenous Peoples
14 First Sunday of Lent, Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20 World Day of Social Justice
21 Second Sunday of Lent	22	23	24	25 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	26 Adelaide Festival begins	27
28 Third Sunday of Lent	29					

## 2 FEBRUARY Presentation of the Lord

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

## 7 FEBRUARY Transfiguration

Ex 34:29-35  
Ps 99  
2 Cor 3:12-4:2  
Lk 9:28-36, (37-43a)

## 10 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

## 14 FEBRUARY Lent 1

Dt 26:1-11  
Ps 91:1-2, 9-16  
Rom 10:8b-13  
Lk 4:1-13

## 21 FEBRUARY Lent 2

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18  
Ps 27  
Phil 3:17-4:1  
Lk 13:31-35  
or Lk 9:28-36,  
(37-43a)

## 28 FEBRUARY Lent 3

Is 55:1-9  
Ps 63:1-8  
1 Cor 10:1-13  
Lk 13:1-9

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# Hope in the Easter story

Every second year on Maundy Thursday, Sunset Rock Uniting Church re-enacts an event they call "From Passover to the Eucharist" which outlines many of the symbols of the Passover and how they point towards the Lord's Supper. Participants are encouraged to consume samples of bitter herbs that bring tears to their eyes, symbolising the tears and pain endured by the Israelites enslaved in Egypt. The service closes with a modern communion.

**Pictured:** The sun setting on Maundy Thursday at Sunset Rock Uniting Church.

**Photo:** Marty Rosenberg



# March 2016



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3 Clipsal 500 begins	4 World Day of Prayer	5 Invigor8 Children & Family Ministry Conference
6 Fourth Sunday of Lent, Clean Up Australia Day, Clipsal 500 ends	7	8 International Women's Day	9	10	11 WOMAdelaide begins	12
13 Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday), Adelaide Fringe Festival ends	14 March Public Holiday/ Adelaide Cup Day (public holiday), WOMAdelaide ends, Adelaide Festival ends	15	16	17 St Patrick's Day	18	19 Earth Hour
20 Palm Sunday, International Day of Happiness	21 Harmony Day, UnitingWorld Lent Event ends	22	23	24 Maundy Thursday	25 Good Friday (public holiday)	26 Easter Saturday (public holiday)
27 Easter Sunday	28 Easter Monday (public holiday)	29 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	30	31		

## 6 MARCH Lent 4

Josh 5:9-12  
Ps 32  
2 Cor 5:16-21  
Lk 15:1-3,  
11b-32

## 13 MARCH Lent 5

Is 43:16-21  
Ps 126  
Phil 3:4b-14  
Jn 12:1-8

## 20 MARCH Passion Sunday

Is 50:4-9a  
Ps 31:9-16  
Phil 2:5-11  
Lk 22:14-23:56  
or Lk 23:1-49

## 20 MARCH Palm Sunday

Is 50:4-9a  
Ps 118:1-2, 19-29  
Phil 2:5-11  
Lk 19:28-40  
or Jn 12:12-16

## 25 MARCH 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

## 27 MARCH Easter Day

Acts 10:34-43  
or Is 65:17-25  
Ps 118:1-2, 14-24  
1 Cor 15:19-26  
or Acts 10:34-43  
Jn 20:1-18  
or Lk 24:1-12

## 27 MARCH Easter Evening

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

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April

# Hope in sharing stories

This year, the Uniting Church in South Australia will host UnitingWomen 2016 “Sharing stories of hope” – the first Uniting Church women’s conference to be held in Adelaide in over 25 years! The four-day conference will provide space for women from Uniting Church communities across Australia to join together, celebrating their own everyday stories of hope and sharing ways God is working in their lives.

**Pictured:** Some of the volunteers from the UnitingWomen 2016 organising committee.

**Photo:** Katrina Levi



# April 2016



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3 Daylight savings ends	4	5	6	7	8 National Youth Week begins	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 School Term 1 ends (SA)	16
17 National Youth Week ends	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Anzac Day (public holiday)	26 Mission & Service Fund contributions due	27	28 UnitingWomen conference begins	29	30

## 3 APRIL Easter 2

Acts 5:27-32  
Ps 118:14-29 or Ps 150  
Rev 1:4-8  
Jn 20:19-31

## 4 APRIL Annunciation of the Lord

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

## 10 APRIL Easter 3

Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)  
Ps 30  
Rev 5:11-14  
Jn 21:1-19

## 17 APRIL Easter 4

Acts 9:36-43  
Ps 23  
Rev 7:9-17  
Jn 10:22-30

## 24 APRIL Easter 5

Acts 11:1-18  
Ps 148  
Rev 21:1-6  
Jn 13:31-35

## MAY

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# Hope in supporting one another

Natural disasters can devastate communities long after the tragedy has taken place. The Uniting Church Disaster and Recoveries Ministry team is trained and resourced to help – not only when tragedy strikes, but as individuals and communities rebuild their lives after the event. Working with other organisations, including local councils and the Australian Red Cross, Disaster and Recovery Ministries offer assistance in a variety of ways, supported financially by generous members of the Uniting Church SA.

**Pictured:** Children participating in a holiday program run by Disaster and Recovery Ministries after the devastating Sampson Flat fires in early 2015. The program provided an opportunity to share in a safe, fun environment for families whose homes and lives were affected by the fires.

**Photo:** Wendy Perkins



# May 2016



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

## 1 MAY Easter 6

Acts 16:9-15  
Ps 67  
Rev 21:10,  
22 - 22:5  
Jn 14:23-29  
or Jn 5:1-9

## 5 MAY Ascension Day

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

## 8 MAY Easter 7

Acts 16:16-34  
Ps 97  
Rev 22:12-14,  
16-17, 20-21  
Jn 17:20-26

## 15 MAY Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-21  
or Gen 11:1-9  
Ps 104:24-34, 35b  
Rom 8:14-17  
or Acts 2:1-21  
Jn 14:8-17, (25-27)

## 22 MAY Trinity Sunday

Prv 8:1-4, 22-31  
Ps 8  
Rom 5:1-5  
Jn 16:12-15

## 29 MAY Pent 2 [9]

1 Kgs 18:20-21,  
(22-29), 30-39  
Ps 96  
Gal 1:1-12  
Lk 7:1-10

## JUNE

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## Hope in hospitality

The Grove Uniting Church is a community hub where everyone is welcome. Based in Woodville Gardens, the church – including its op shop and surrounding community garden – is an oasis amongst the concrete jungle of suburban houses and local shops.

The Grove community extends hospitality to all who frequent their op-shop, church or garden. They serve the wider community in a variety of ways – offering fresh produce, secondhand clothing, food supplied by Oz Harvest, reading and cooking classes, and financial advice. Most importantly, the community offers a safe space to enter into relationship with others. Through these caring activities, The Grove Uniting Church reflects the love, hope and support that can be found in Christ.

**Pictured:** Volunteers take a break in the community garden at The Grove.

**Photo:** Bindy Taylor



# June 2016



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

## 5 JUNE Pent 3 [10]

1 Kgs 17:8-16, (17-24)  
Ps 146  
Gal 1:11-24  
Lk 7:11-17 G

## 12 JUNE Pent 4 [11]

1 Kgs 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a  
Ps 5:1-8  
Gal 2:15-21  
Lk 7:36-8:3

## 19 JUNE Pent 5 [12]

1 Kgs 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a  
Ps 42 and 43  
Gal 3:23-29  
Lk 8:26-39

## 22 JUNE UCA Anniversary

Deu 30:1-10  
Ps 100  
1 Cor 3:10-17  
Jn 15:1-8 R

## 26 JUNE Pent 6 [13]

2 Kgs 2:1-2, 6-14  
Ps 77:1-2, 11-20  
Gal 5:1, 13-25  
Lk 9:51-62

## JULY

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## Hope in community traditions

An annual tradition since 1969, the Willunga Almond Blossom Festival is held in the last week of July. Bringing together families, friends and members of the Onkaparinga community, the festival boasts live music, show rides, stalls, and a fireworks display. An important part of the festival is the Almond Blossom Sunday parade. The festival has been a major fundraiser for the Willunga community since its inception, having amassed over one million dollars for local community initiatives.

**Pictured:** Jani, Liam and Mia watching the Almond Blossom Sunday parade from an old hay cart, which used to be part of the parade. The hay cart now sits in Bell Paddock opposite Willunga Uniting Church.

**Photo:** Jenny Esots



# July 2016



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

## 3 JULY

**Pent 7 [14]**

2 Kgs 5:1-14  
Ps 30  
Gal 6:(1-6), 7-16  
Lk 10:1-11, 16-20

## 10 JULY

**Pent 8 [15]**

Am 7:7-17  
Ps 82  
Col 1:1-14  
Lk 10:25-37

## 17 JULY

**Pent 9 [16]**

Am 8:1-12  
Ps 52  
Col 1:15-28  
Lk 10:38-42 G

## 24 JULY

**Pent 10 [17]**

Hos 1:2-10  
Ps 85  
Col 2:6-15, (16-19)  
Lk 11:1-13

## 31 JULY

**Pent 11 [18]**

Hos 11:1-11  
Ps 107:1-9, 43  
Col 3:1-11  
Lk 12:13-21

## AUGUST

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## Hope in discipleship

Based in Port Augusta, Ninnal Seed is a Uniting Church faith community that engages children, youth and young families with the love of God. The faith community was started by a group of young adults in 2014, with the intention of providing a safe space for people to meet in the presence of God. The local word 'ninnal' means 'little', and ties in aptly with the inspiration for the initiative – the parable of the mustard seed. Since its inception, the community has leapt from strength to strength, completing community projects, developing a Kids' Club, and building an ongoing presence in local schools.

**Pictured:** Members of the Ninnal Seed community performing at Rev Denise Champion's ordination service.

**Photo:** Bindy Taylor



# August 2016



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 National Aboriginal and Islander Children's Day	5	6
7 Lay Preachers' Sunday	8	9 International Day of the World's Indigenous People	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 Refugee and Migrant Sunday	29	30	31			

## 7 AUGUST Pent 12 [19]

Is 1:1, 10-20  
Ps 50:1-8, 22-23  
Heb 11:1-3, 8-16  
Lk 12:32-40

## 14 AUGUST Pent 13 [20]

Is 5:1-7  
Ps 80:1-2, 8-19  
Heb 11:29-12:2  
Lk 12:49-56

## 21 AUGUST Pent 14 [21]

Jer 1:4-10  
Ps 71:1-6  
Heb 12:18-29  
Lk 13:10-17

## 28 AUGUST Pent 15 [22]

Jer 2:4-13  
Ps 81:1, 10-16  
Heb 13:1-8, 15-16  
Lk 14:1, 7-14

## SEPTEMBER

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*September*

## Hope in compassion

Last year the Uniting Church SA formalised its partnership agreement with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines in Middle Luzon. The partnership builds on a relationship between the Marisol settlement and the Uniting Church SA Urban Mission Network (UNM). Member churches of the UMN coordinate a clean water supply project with a local community organisation working in the Marisol settlement. Through this project, three wells have been installed in the area. Improving access to water has transformed the vulnerable community – time that local girls used to spend collecting water two kilometres away can now be spent on furthering their education.

**Pictured:** Uniting Church SA Moderator, Dr Deidre Palmer and people from the Marisol settlement blessing the well.

**Photo:** Courtesy of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines



# September 2016



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

## 4 SEPTEMBER Pent 16 [23]

Jer 18:1-11  
Ps 139:1-6, 13-18  
Phlm 1-21  
Lk 14:25-33

## 11 SEPTEMBER Pent 17 [24]

Jer 4:11-12, 22-28  
Ps 14  
1 Tim 1:12-17  
Lk 15:1-10 G

## 18 SEPTEMBER Pent 18 [25]

Jer 8:18 -9:1  
Ps 79:1-9  
1 Tim 2:1-7  
Lk 16:1-13

## 25 SEPTEMBER Pent 19 [26]

Jer 32:1-3a, 6-15  
Ps 91:1-6, 14-16  
1 Tim 6:6-19  
Lk 16:19-31

## OCTOBER

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October

# Hope in growing faith

SAYCO (South Australian Youth Camp Out) is the Uniting Church SA's annual camp for young people in high school (Years 8-12). SAYCO's unique environment provides a safe space for youth to grow and explore their faith, participating in worship, games and more! The camp aims to nurture lifelong disciples and grow leaders through small group sessions, addresses by guest speakers, challenging workshops, and time spent in community.

**Pictured:** Campers joining in the fun and games at SAYCO in 2015.

**Photo:** Catherine Hoffman



# October 2016



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

## 2 OCTOBER Pent 20 [27]

Lam 1:1-6  
 Lam 3:19-26 or Ps 137  
 2 Tim 1:1-14  
 Lk 17:5-10

## 9 OCTOBER Pent 21 [28]

Jer 29:1, 4-7  
 Ps 66:1-12  
 2 Tim 2:8-15  
 Lk 17:11-19

## 16 OCTOBER Pent 22 [29]

Jer 31:27-34  
 Ps 119:97-104  
 2 Tim 3:14-4:5  
 Lk 18:1-8

## 23 OCTOBER Pent 23 [30]

Jl 2:23-32  
 Ps 65  
 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18  
 Lk 18:9-14

## 30 OCTOBER Pent 24 [31]

Hab 1:1-4, 2:1-4  
 Ps 119:137-144  
 2 Thes 1:1-4,  
 11-12  
 Lk 19:1-10

## NOVEMBER

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## Hope in taking a stand

White Ribbon Day occurs on 25 November, which is also the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women. White Ribbon Australia aims to educate men about the role they can play in preventing violence against women. On White Ribbon Day, members of the Uniting Church SA were invited to take the White Ribbon pledge: "I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women. This is my oath."

The Church has also expressed its commitment to respectful relationships through the Beyond Violence campaign, educating and bringing awareness of domestic violence to individuals, people in placements and pastoral carers.

**Pictured:** Uniting Church SA leaders sign the White Ribbon pledge.

**Photo:** Bindy Taylor



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 All Saints' Day	2	3 Presbytery & Synod Meeting begins	4	5 Presbytery & Synod Meeting ends
6	7	8	9	10	11 Remembrance Day	12 Credit Union Christmas Pageant
13	14	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 Advent Sunday	28	29	30			

## 1 NOVEMBER All Saints Day

Dan 7:1-3, 15-18  
Ps 149  
Eph 1:11-23  
Lk 6:20-31

## 6 NOVEMBER Pent 25 [32]

Hag 1:15b-2:9  
Ps 145:1-5, 17-21  
or Ps 98  
2 Thes 2:1-5, 13-17  
Lk 20:27-38

## 13 NOVEMBER Pent 26 [33]

Is 65:17-25  
Is 12  
2 Thes 3:6-13  
Lk 21:5-19

## 20 NOVEMBER Christ the King

Jer 23:1-6  
Lk 1:68-79  
Col 1:11-20  
Lk 23:33-43

## 27 NOVEMBER First Sunday of Advent

Is 2:1-5  
Ps 122  
Rom 13:11-14  
Mt 24:36-44

## DECEMBER

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## Hope in new life

Each year Noarlunga Uniting Church plays an integral part in the community Christmas carols at the Colonnades Noarlunga Shopping Centre. The fun-filled evening is a gift to the community from local organisations including the Onkaparinga Council, Country Arts SA, Colonnades, and the Uniting Church SA's Community Outreach Mission Network. Working together, these groups create a Christmas event with children's activities, food, crafts, community information and much more!

**Pictured:** The Noarlunga Uniting Church choir and Morphett Vale Primary School choir sharing carols with the local community at Colonnades in Noarlunga.

**Photo:** Courtesy of the Hopgood Theatre, located next to Colonnades Shopping Centre. The theatre was named after past Uniting Church Moderator Dr Don Hopgood.



# December 2016



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

**4 DECEMBER**  
Second Sunday of Advent

Is 11:1-10  
Ps 72:1-7, 18-19  
Rom 15:4-13  
Mt 24:36-44

**11 DECEMBER**  
Third Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-10  
Ps 146:5-10  
or Lk 1:46b-55  
Jas 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

**18 DECEMBER**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-16  
Ps 80:1-7, 17-19  
Rom 1:1-7  
Mt 1:18-25

**24/25 DECEMBER**  
Christmas Day 1

Is 9:2-7  
Ps 96  
Titus 2:11-14  
Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)

**24/25 DECEMBER**  
Christmas Day 2

Is 62:6-12  
Ps 97  
Titus 3:4-7  
Lk 2:(1-7), 8-20

**24/25 DECEMBER**  
Christmas Day 3

Is 52:7-10  
Ps 98  
Heb 1:1-4, (5-12)  
Jn 1:1-14

**JANUARY 2016**

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**Pictured:** Blossoms in Spring at Naracoorte Uniting Church.  
**Photo:** Nicole Mugford



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