May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing.

Romans 15:13 (RSV)
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

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

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<td>Income from investments</td>
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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 or 8236 4258.

Peter Battersby,
Executive Officer, Resources
28 September 2015
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

**Hope in strengthening relationships**
### January 2016

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- **1 JANUARY**
  - New Year’s Day
    - Ecc 3:1-13
    - Ps 8
    - Rev 21:1-6a
    - Mt 25:31-46
  - Mission & Service Fund contributions due

- **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 62:1-5
    - Ps 86:1-10
    - Ps 10:14
    - Acts 8:14-17
    - Lk 3:15-17, 21-22

- **10 JANUARY**
  - Baptism of Jesus
    - Is 43:1-7
    - Ps 29
    - Acts 8:14-17
    - Lk 3:15-17

- **17 JANUARY**
  - Epiphany 2
    - Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
    - Ps 19
    - 1 Cor 13:1-13
    - Lk 4:14-21

- **24 JANUARY**
  - Epiphany 3
    - Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
    - Ps 19
    - 1 Cor 13:1-13
    - Lk 4:21-30

- **31 JANUARY**
  - Epiphany 4
    - Neh 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10
    - Ps 19
    - 1 Cor 13:1-13
    - Lk 4:21-30

- **FEBRUARY**

- **1 JANUARY**
  - New Year’s Day

- **2 JANUARY**
  - Mission & Service Fund contributions due

- **3 JANUARY**
  - Australia Day (public holiday)

- **10 JANUARY**
  - Tour Down Under begins

- **17 JANUARY**
  - Epiphany 2

- **24 JANUARY**
  - Epiphany 3

- **31 JANUARY**
  - Epiphany 4
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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**2 FEBRUARY**
**Presentation of the Lord**
Mal 3:1-4  
Ps 84  
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  
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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
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| 1 March | Lent 4  
Josh 5:9-12  
Ps 32  
2 Cor 5:16-21  
Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32 |
| 6 March | Fourth Sunday of Lent, Clean Up Australia Day, Clipsal 500 ends |
| 13 March | Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday), Adelaide Fringe Festival ends |
| 20 March | Palm Sunday, International Day of Happiness |
| 27 March | Easter Sunday |
| 1 March | Lent 5  
Is 43:16-21  
Ps 126  
Phil 3:4b-14  
Jn 12:1-8 |
| 6 March |  
International Women’s Day |
| 13 March | March Public Holiday/ Adelaide Cup Day (public holiday), WOMAelaide ends, Adelaide Festival ends |
| 20 March | Harmony Day, UnitingWorld Lent Event ends |
| 27 March | Mission & Service Fund contributions due |
| 1 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 |
| 6 March |  |
| 13 March |  |
| 20 March |  |
| 27 March |  |
| 1 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 |
| 6 March |  |
| 13 March |  |
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| 1 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 |
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| 1 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 |
| 6 March |  |
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| 27 March |  |
| 25 March | Easter Evening  
Is 25:6-9  
Ps 114  
1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Lk 24:13-49 |

**Notes:**
- Lent begins on 6 March.
- Fourth Sunday of Lent is on 6 March.
- Good Friday is on 25 March.
- Easter Sunday is on 27 March.

**Holidays:**
- 13 March: St Patrick’s Day
- 20 March: Palm Sunday, International Day of Happiness
- 21 March: Maundy Thursday
- 22 March: Good Friday (public holiday)
- 27 March: Easter Saturday (public holiday)
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
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
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**May 2016 Timeline**

- **1 May**: Easter 6
- **5 May**: Ascension Day
- **8 May**: Easter 7
- **15 May**: Day of Pentecost
- **22 May**: Trinity Sunday
- **29 May**: Pent 2 [9]

**May 2016 Calendar Highlight**

- **1 May**: UnitingWomen conference ends
- **8 May**: Mother’s Day
- **15 May**: Pentecost Sunday, International Day of Families, National Volunteer Week ends
- **22 May**: Trinity Sunday

**May 2016 Important Dates**

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**Central Events**

- **21 May**: World Fair Trade Day
- **22 May**: Trinity Sunday
- **29 May**: Pent 2 [9]

**Natural Disasters**

- **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
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Pictured: Volunteers take a break in the community garden at The Grove.
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Ps 5:1-8  
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| 19 June | Pent 5 [12]  
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Lk 8:26-39 |
| 22 June | UCA Anniversary  
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1 Cor 3:10-17  
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| 26 June | Pent 6 [13]  
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Ps 7:1-2,11-20  
Gal 5:1, 13-25  
Lk 9:51-62 |
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### submarines

#### June

- 5 June: **World Environment Day**
- 12 June: **World Day against Child Labour**
- 19 June: **World Refugee Day, Refugee Week begins**
- 22 June: **World Blood Donor Day**
- 26 June: **UCA Anniversary**
- 26 June: **Mission & Service Fund contributions due**

### Submarines

#### July

- 1 July: **Queens Birthday (public holiday), Volunteer’s Day**
- 12 July: **World Day against Child Labour**
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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
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10 JULY
Pent 8 [15]
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Lk 10:25-37

17 JULY
Pent 9 [16]
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Ps 52
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24 JULY
Pent 10 [17]
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Lk 11:1-13

31 JULY
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AUGUST

Term 2 ends (SA),
National Young
Adult Leaders
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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
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 (UMN). 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

#### SUNDAY 4
- **Father’s Day**

#### MONDAY 5

#### TUESDAY 6

#### WEDNESDAY 7

#### THURSDAY 8
- **International Literacy Day**

#### FRIDAY 9
- **Royal Adelaide Show & Red Dove Café begins**

#### SATURDAY 10
- **KCO begins, World Suicide Prevention Day, R U OK? Day**

#### SUNDAY 11
- **KCO ends, Royal Adelaide Show & Red Dove Café ends**

#### MONDAY 12

#### TUESDAY 13

#### WEDNESDAY 14

#### THURSDAY 15

#### FRIDAY 16

#### SATURDAY 17

#### SUNDAY 18

#### MONDAY 19

#### TUESDAY 20

#### WEDNESDAY 21
- **International Day of Peace**

#### THURSDAY 22

#### FRIDAY 23

#### SATURDAY 24

#### SUNDAY 25

#### MONDAY 26
- **Frontier Services Birthday, Mission & Service Fund contributions due**

#### TUESDAY 27

#### WEDNESDAY 28

#### THURSDAY 29

#### FRIDAY 30
- **School Term 3 ends (SA)**

#### SATURDAY 31

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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
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- **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

- **3 November**: Labour Day (public holiday)
- **11 November**: SAYCO begins
- **15 November**: International Day of Older Persons
- **21 November**: Anti-Poverty Week begins
- **22 November**: Anti-Poverty Week ends
- **23 November**: Children's Week begins
- **30 November**: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

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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.

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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.
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

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