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We are here as part of God's church, not because we are good enough, or because we are better than others, but because we recognise the need for God in our lives and seek to learn together what it is to walk the way of Christ in love and service of others.

We come from a variety of backgrounds and are at different points in our faith journey. This all adds to the richness of our lives together. Whether you are here as a visitor or looking for a place to be your spiritual home, I trust that you will find a welcome and something that nourishes your inner being.



Editorial

Figuring it all out

Welcome to the Spring edition of on the Vine.

We live in a crazy, fast paced world which is forever changing and challenging us. A world where we're constantly looking to the 'next big thing'. Whether it's the next movie star or pop sensation, politician of cause to protest. Once Father's Day is finished this weekend, Christmas will be starting to weave its way into our shops and lives. Already. Just watch!

So, in the middle of all this crazy chaos, I invite you to pick up a cuppa and take some time out

with our latest edition of On the Vine. I hope this edition can challenge you. While the world outside is spinning faster than a child's spinning top, our Faith doesn't stay too stagnant at all.

Read about the ongoing work of the Op Shop as people dare to reach out to our community. Read about the 500th anniversary celebrations of Luther's 95 theses nailed to the church doors. Have a look through photos from our church events recently and learn a little more about Lisa and her faith journey which has brought her here to Shepparton. Take some

time for prayer, to argue with what you don't agree with, to nod and laugh with what you do. Take some time to be challenged this week. Why is it that we think like we do? Challenge yourself to cross borders and to live out your faith in our wider community outside the church doors.

Most of all, I hope you can take time. For you. For God. For relationship.

Peace. Jen Shields.

Prayer Points Talking to God

By Breanna Graham (age 6)

Prayer is talking to God. We talk to God about happy and sad things. We can pray to God about things we want to thank him for like water and food, having ourselves, family and friends and for having books and things to read and do.

We can ask God for rain to make plants grow and water for animals and us. We can ask God for food for animals, people and birds. We can ask God so everyone can have places undercover to live.



We ask God to be with us when we are sick or alone.

We can also talk to God about what we did today when there is no one else around to talk to because God's our friend and he is in our family.

Dear God,

We hope you like what we just spoke about and how we can pray to you.

We thank you for the rain and plants because they look beautiful and nice and give us food to eat and water to drink.

We ask you to be with those who don't have food and water.

Amen

From the Minister's Desk

A Meeting Place

Some of us recently attended Wisdom's Feast – a day of spiritual feasting organized by the Centre for Theology and Ministry in partnership with our Presbytery. Held at Yarrawonga the theme for this year was "Crossing Borders."

I think of the life of our congregation and the borders that have been and continue to be crossed in order that we might be God's people worshipping and engaged in God's work of ministry and mission together. We have crossed denominational and congregational borders. Many have crossed geographical borders nationally and internationally to come to Shepparton. There are borders of race, culture and language. In our midst are various social and economic borders, and differences of age and gender. There are also ideological borders and those things we often disagree about – theology, politics, decisions of the church, how things "ought to be done".

At Wisdom's Feast John Flett, lecturer in missiology, reminded us that borders can be good and necessary.

They help maintain welfare and security. Borders are important because they keep us safe, they are part of who we are. But, borders can be very unwelcoming – used to keep others out, keep the power in our own hands. They can trap people in a reality that is filled with human suffering, poverty, neglect, and despair.

As Christians we find our identity in Jesus Christ who himself continually crossed borders.

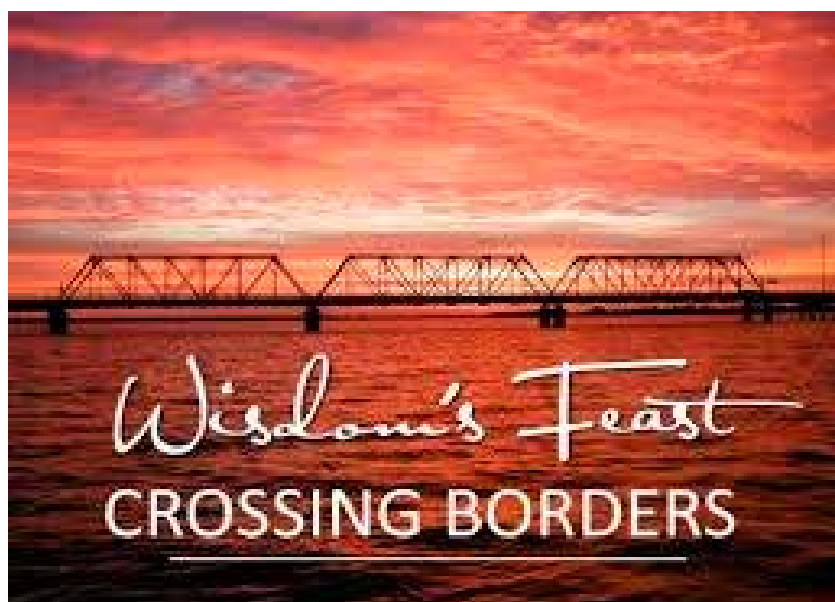
- Borders of geography – Jesus was always moving around.
- Moral and legislative borders imposed by the establishment and status quo. Jesus reached out and touched lepers, hung out with those deemed to be sinners and outcasts, and broke Sabbath rules that worked to the detriment of people's lives and wellbeing.
- Most importantly Jesus crossed the border between heaven and earth – divine and human
- In the resurrection the border

between death and life has been crossed.

John Flett pointed out that "Authentic borders are actually meeting points. They exist not to separate but to connect and reveal. They are not meant to ward off or drive away; they are places where we meet people halfway. A true border is a place of encounter and is by nature permeable."

I believe that in Jesus Christ we find our meeting place and are invited to sit in the space where the borders are, to share with one another, to learn from one another and to be welcomed and encouraged by one another. What are the borders that God is wanting us to cross at this time in the life of our congregation and in our ministry to those in our community with whom we come in contact through our work, our schools, our Op Shop and in our street? In the crossing of the borders new life comes and we grow in our understanding of what it is to be God's people in God's world.

Rosalie Rayment-Hewitt



Faith in Action

A Day at the Op Shop

The morning usually begins with a coffee/tea and chat with volunteers, "Day ladies" and the early morning shoppers before beginning to sort the overnight donated goods.

From this point on everyday is very different but includes some of these events.

- Opportunity to talk to the lonely.
- Giving directions to local attractions for visitors travelling through Shepparton.
- Listening to backpackers experiences when they work in Australia.
- Finding crockery and cutlery for the backpackers.
- Organizing the themed and seasonal displays.
- Finding rugs and blankets for people sleeping outdoors.
- Giving directions to the nearest public toilets.
- Providing a listening ear to the needy.
- Finding "costumes" for school productions and local musical shows.
- Suggesting places for the backpackers to get an evening meal.
- Sharing "Caravan stories" when the travellers "pop-in" on their adventures.
- Dusting and tidying shelves.
- Finding the pair to the shoe that the customer really wants to buy.
- Opportunities to relive memories of the past.
- Sorting books and magazines.



- Enjoying the fellowship of volunteers and customers.
- Planning lunch venues after the morning shift.
- Seeing happy and contented customers leave with their purchases.
- Dressing and redressing the models.
- Making plans for the temporary shift to the hall.

The day concludes with tidying up, counting the change and profits, going to the Bank and leaving everything ready for the next day.

Val Gibbs (Op Shop Committee)

*The Shepparton Uniting Church Op Shop is open
Monday- Friday: 10am-4pm
Saturday: 10am-12pm*

It's business as usual throughout the redevelopment of the site.

Ecumenical Action

Reformation 500: Something to Celebrate

A year ago, I wrote about the forthcoming 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. This will occur on October 31, Reformation Day, and marks 500 years since the German Catholic monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses or criticisms of some aspects of the life of the church on the door of Wittenberg Church.

The year of celebrations began in October 2016 when Pope Francis visited Lundt, a Swedish city, as guest of the Lutheran Church. Celebrations have been taking place in the Lutheran

Church and in ecumenical settings. I have been to two different functions when different panels consisting of a Lutheran pastor, a Catholic theologian and a former Methodist have discussed the Reformation for their churches. On July 5, 2017, the World Communion of Reformed Churches added their signature to the Joint Declaration of the Doctrine of Justification, signed by the Lutheran and Catholic Churches on October 31, 1999, then by the World Methodist Council in July 2006 and the Anglican Church a couple of years ago. [The Revd Denise

Liersch, of the Shepparton family, was at the WCRC.]

St Paul's Lutheran Church Shepparton will begin their celebrations in August. Planning is not yet complete, but these events will be held:

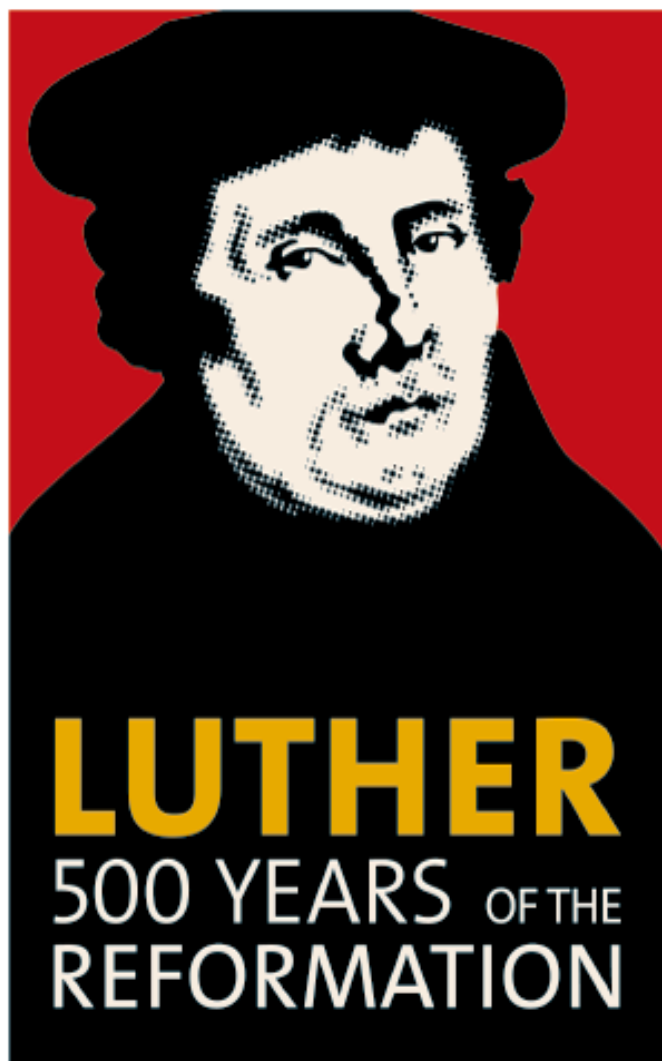
Sunday August 27, 2.30pm Screening of the BBC documentary *Bach and the Lutheran Legacy*, followed by afternoon tea. Donations to assist Sifa's project to build a church, health centre and school in Bujumbura, Burundi.

Saturday September 23, 6.30pm German-themed meal (probably Beer and Brats) and screening of the new PBS documentary on the Reformation, *Martin Luther: An idea that changed the world*. Proceeds to support Lutherans teaching theology in Africa.

Sunday October 29, 11.00am Service celebrating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. 2.30pm From Wittenberg to Shepparton - Lutheran hymnody through the ages, an afternoon of music that makes up world-wide Lutheranism - and reflects the Shepparton congregation. Donations for Sifa's project in Burundi.

Members of the Shepparton churches are warmly invited to attend these events and the other Bible studies and films to be publicised later.

Joan McRae



Reflecting On...

Challenged to Change

I've really enjoyed the celebrations of the 40th Anniversary of the UCA. I wasn't born when it all originally happened and so I love hearing stories of the 'old days' and what it was like. People were challenged. Things changed. We adapted. We grew into who we are today. Frankly, I think that's pretty cool.

We have seen kids arrive at youth group all through the say so of their friends. When was the last time I decided to go along to something just because my friend said it was 'fun'? There have always been so much more that goes into a decision. I distinctly remember the first time I decided to go along to youth group. I was 15 at the time and I had always liked the idea of it but my congregation was much older and there wasn't one at my church. My friends all went to the Baptist Youth Group. I remember one sticky, hot afternoon riding home on the bus and everyone was talking about what would be happening at the upcoming Easter camp. It was the kind of hot afternoon where you held onto the seat in front of you as the bus slowed so that you wouldn't slide off the vinyl bus seat from the sweat. Finally, after much nagging from friends on how 'fun' it would be I agreed to go. My issue wasn't the fact that it was a church camp- I longed for such things. The issue was more because it was run by a different

denomination from which I had grown up with. It was change.

I went, I had fun, I made lifelong friends and I had my faith challenged as I discerned what I agreed with and what I didn't as the Pastor lead activities and into small groups where people took verses out of context to justify their opinions while I muttered under my breath. I was challenged to change my opinions and in some occasions, I did. And in others, I strengthened my own beliefs.

The UCA has always been my home. I've been to other churches many a time- I believe that understanding others helps to articulate my own faith. I've always come back to the UCA though. It's something about our heritage which challenges me. It says we stand for justice for issues which hurt us and the world around us- environmental, social, political. It stands out to say change is OK. Change can be successful. Change can be scary. Change can be oh so rewarding. When was the last time you felt your faith challenged? How did you respond? Did you fight it or grow from it?

The last three months I have witnessed change in our congregation. People came together to celebrate something great. People came out and shared their

stories of faith and growth. This was a true example of an intergenerational community- people of all ages sharing their experiences which make them who they are while others asked questions about why and how it affected them in that way. People who really wanted to learn from each other instead of saying 'this is how we do it because this is how we've always done it'. People who had been brave.

So I challenge you to be brave and to share your story. We all have a story which makes us who we are. Some are funny, some are sad. Some are really hard to tell. Please keep telling those stories because it is when we tell our stories that we learn and we appreciate the things which have happened and we keep that heritage alive. But from those stories we find hope, bravery and the change which comes from the challenge. We find faith.

Jen Shields.



Assembly Action

What does the 2016 Census really tell us?



The figures for the 2016 Census are now available. News reports gave some preliminary findings, some with the statement "Losing my religion," the title of a popular song by the rock group REM in the 1990s. The number of people stating "No Religion" has been increasing each census – from 18.7% in 2006 to 22.3% in 2011 and is now 29.6% – up more than 10% in ten years. I suspect it is less a matter of people losing their religion as being more willing to say they were not connected to any religion. This was helped by putting "No Religion" the first option in the census list. Our society is predominantly secular and materialistic so the census figures understandably reflect this. We do well to note that Christianity still represents 52% of the population.

Catholics continue to be the largest religious group with 22.6% of the population down from 25.3% in 2011. Given the bad publicity surrounding the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse, it is no wonder that many no longer call themselves Catholic. Yet it was the Anglicans who had the biggest loss in terms of nominal adherents. Over half a million people less said they were Anglican. Anglicans now represent 13.3% of the population. The Uniting Church also saw a significant loss of people saying they were nominally linked, down more than 190,000. The Uniting Church is now 3.7% of the population. Its social services in particular continue to mean it is a major contributor to Australian life. It is in fact the largest non-government welfare provider with its aged care, child care, Lifeline centres etc. The multiethnic composition of the Uniting Church is increasingly significant. The Tongan National Conference organised by the Uniting Church had some 1,500 people recently. There are many Korean

congregations and there is a Korean presbytery in NSW. People worship in 26 languages across the Uniting Church as well as in a number of indigenous languages.

Islam has received frequent attention in the media, especially due to radical voices here and overseas and those joining terrorist groups such as Islamic State. Most Muslims want to live peacefully in Australia as Australians. They now represent 2.6% of the population and have overtaken the Buddhists who have 2.4%. Hindus have grown to 1.9%. They are here to stay as part of our Australian society.

Australia is a secular, multicultural, multiethnic, multi-religious society. While this is not new it is increasingly the case. The Australian population is now some 24.4 million people having doubled in the past 50 years. Those 50 years have also seen Australia become very multicultural having abandoned the notorious "white Australia policy." In the past five years there have been 1.3 million new migrants from 180 countries. We are a country made up of an ever increasing number of people from all kinds of cultural backgrounds. After World War II it was people from Europe who were assisted to migrate to Australia. Middle Eastern people have come and continue to do so, such as people fleeing the violence in Syria. Pacific islanders have come to make Australia home though they continue to have strong links to their countries of origin. Africans, such as from Sudan, have recently migrated here. However, it is people from Asia who are the majority of new migrants, especially from China and India.

Overall the number of people born overseas is 26.3% of the population. If you add parents born overseas, it is nearly 50%. Sydney and Melbourne are the cities with the greatest mix of people which is not surprising as New South Wales and Victoria are the most populous states. Two thirds of our population live in the capital cities with Sydney the largest at 4.8 million.

It is also worth noting that while many former mainstream churches are ageing, so too is the population.

One in six people are over 65 years of age. Ministry with older Australians is important and governments will have to provide adequately for an increasing number of older people.

The census is a snapshot of present Australia that represents a challenge to churches and to governments. How do we read the figures and respond appropriately? Governments need to think in terms of providing infrastructure especially in the growing cities but not forgetting rural people, and for the people who are in need, such as those who cannot afford housing, have disabilities, or are ageing.

Churches have to recognise the reality of the context which is no longer favourable to them. Sunday is just another day or a day for sport for many. Younger people are attracted to other younger people and technology. Older people can no longer do all the tasks that they willingly did in their mid-years. However, we also need to be discerning the new thing God's Spirit is doing. The challenge for churches in a less supportive and at times antagonistic environment is in fact the ongoing one of assisting people to become, grow and serve as genuine followers of Jesus Christ and not just be nominal in their allegiance. All churches are to point people to Jesus Christ and his message of God's reign of compassion, justice and peace and serve God's mission in the world.

World-wide Christianity continues to grow with China likely to become a source of active Christians not only in China but around the world. Many cities now have strong ethnic congregations and they are made up of whole families. Sports stars from ethnic communities are more likely to be openly Christian. My Uniting Church is aware of this change and is seeking to adapt appropriately to enable people to become and live as disciples of Jesus Christ serving God and the community.

Rev Dr Chris Walker.

<https://revdrchriswalker.wordpress.com/2017/07/05/what-does-the-2016-census-really-show/>

Synod Snippets

Wisdom's Feast: Crossing Borders

'God's love knows no borders.' The title of the closing prayer summed up proceedings for the roughly 60 people who attended two days of intense study and discussion at the 'Wisdom's Feast' conference, held on the borderlands of the Murray River at Yarrawonga over the weekend.

The event was a collaboration between the Uniting Church's Centre for Theology and Ministry (CTM) and the North East Presbytery, and involved the CTM staff 'hitting the road' to attend as a team.

Beginning with a keynote address by Prof Sean Winter titled 'Jesus the Transgressor', the theme of the conference 'Crossing Borders' flowed into exploring areas of identity, respect, faith and culture.

Prof Winter used the notion of how Jesus' physical travel into new areas aligns with new spiritual insights along the journey of ministry. In this Jesus becomes the 'transgressor' stepping across once rigid social and spiritual barriers, "pressing against the usual boundaries supported by the establishment".

For example, Jesus is called a 'sinner' and feasts with other 'sinners and tax collectors' – but he also presumes to 'forgive sinners'.

At another level, the whole notion of the Kingdom of God leads to the ultimate transgression, where the division between 'heaven and earth' collapses in Jesus' ministry: "God has crossed the boundary between Godself and us, to be 'near us,'" Prof Winter said.

The program included two challenging key-note sessions on:

'Crossing Borders and Finding Our Identity in Christ', with Dr John Flett who wrestled with issues of being an immigrant within a dominant culture, the notions of 'purity' of a nation and theological reflection on border crossing. "These investigations are not simply theoretical because neither refugees nor borders are theoretical. These are difficult questions of who we are in Christ as we seek his justice and his kingdom," Flett said.

'Ecumenical Accompaniment – Crossing Borders In Solidarity' with Rev Joan Fisher, who offered reflections on her three-month experience in the World Council of Churches' 'Ecumenical Accompaniment' program along the Palestinian/Israel border.

Later workshops covered a wide selection of border and transitional issues for individuals and congregations.

Topics included barriers to congregational development today (Rohan Pryor), understanding the meaning of LGBTI issues (Damien Stevens), 'crossing borders in communication' (Rev Jean Beale), intergenerational resources for congregations (Chris Barnett) and a workshop responding to the photographs from the Crossing

Borders Photo Challenge, led by Christina Rowntree.

The discussion flowed freely, provoking deep insight as the participants came back again and again to new concepts, challenging ideas and discovering fresh enthusiasm for the 'edgy' ministry of the church along the borders experienced in life.

In the wrap up session, one participant said she had now gained more confidence to speak up on issues of marginalisation – "to be a disciple of Jesus the transgressor". Another person wrote how they were pleasantly "surprised" to see LGBTI issues, amongst others, "discussed so openly in Yarrawonga Uniting Church!"

Border crossings, indeed.

Article by Kim Cain, originally titled 'Wisdom's Feast Explores Edgy Theology'.

Via <http://crosslight.org.au/2017/08/21/wisdoms-feast-explores-edgy-theology/>



Around the Congregation

Over the June long weekend, Cam and Jen took 8 youth from Shepparton, Mooroopna and Albury away to State Youth Games (SYG) where we joined with the Sonder Collective to make a larger group of 30 youth and young adults. The theme was 'Brave' and that we were! We had a great time making new friends, exploring our faith, enjoying the warmth of the fire and playing a variety of sports. We managed to bring home the under 15's boys Downball champions- well done Sammy and Jacob! It was cold, but a great time was had by all.



The last three months have been full of celebrations and growth for us as a whole congregation. June saw the 40th Anniversary of the Uniting Church in Australia and celebrated with dinner, entertainment and worship together. It was a time of sharing memories of times gone by and for telling our story for the younger generations to learn from. All of this was happening as we also continued the redevelopment of our own complex.



During August, Jen and Cam took our youth away for the Sonder camp where we were able to meet up with many of our friends from SYG and make new ones too. There were 40 youth and their leaders representing 7 different congregations for the weekend. Julian (Jools) Hamilton was the speaker for the camp and he was just great! We looked at the chronology of the bible and how each of the stories we know have their own significance- the Sonder moments. We came back feeling energised and encouraged after much fun, games and faith discussion with our youth asking new questions.



For the Kids

Have Fun!



Abraham

Abraham was a man that loved God very much. God told Abraham to leave his country and go to the land he told him to. God said he would make his name great. Abraham left his homeland and took his family. After some time Abraham and his wife Sarah had a baby named Issac. They were very old when they had a baby. Abraham was called The Father Of Many Nations.



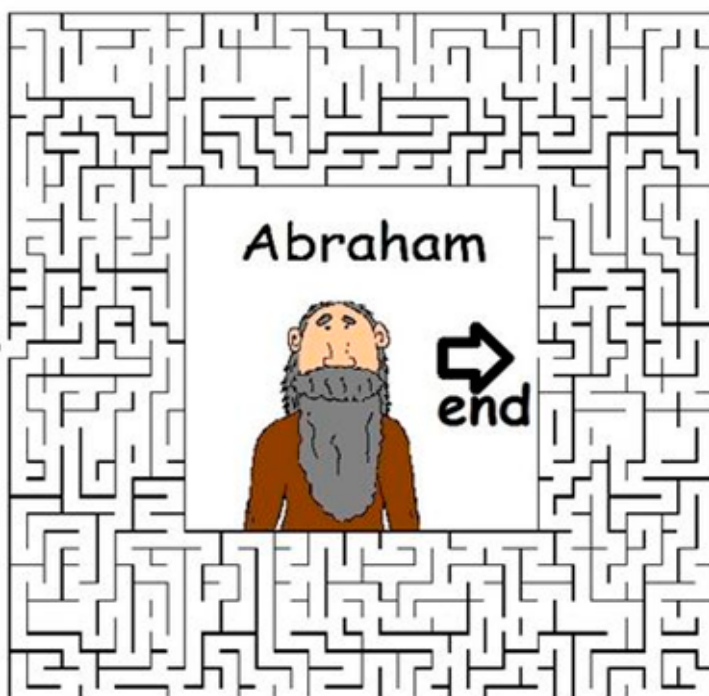
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Genesis 12:2- And I will make of thee a great nation and I will bless thee and make thy name great and thou shalt be a blessing.

How many words can you make out the underlined word?

ABRAHAM

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Individual Profile

Lisa Tu'ungafasi

Lisa was born in Broadford Victoria and went to school in Seymour and Puckapunyal. As a young child her faith journey began by Sunday School attendance at the Uniting Church in Seymour which she enjoyed a great deal.

Lisa and her family moved to Perth during her teenage years where they attended the Church of Christ - it was during this time her faith developed and deepened with the encouragement, influence and mentoring of the youth leader, Don. It was during this time Lisa was baptised.

Lisa married David McDonald (a military soldier) at the Seymour Uniting Church when she was almost 19 and shortly afterward moved to Brisbane. There were some unhappy memories for Lisa during this time as her husband was unfairly judged so she had a break from church.

She said that even during this time her faith never deserted her.

By 2003 Lisa, Dave and the children had moved to Tasmania but despite lots of prayer, Dave sadly passed away after a struggle with illness. Things didn't get any easier

and in 2004- only five months after her husband's death- a devastating house fire left Lisa and her five children alive but with the night clothes they were wearing their only possessions. Lisa told me this was the lowest point in her life and vividly remembers standing high on a hill saying "Well God, you have taken everything from me, please help me to get it back."

It was a totally overwhelming situation. However, one week later there was an offer from someone Lisa did not know to begin rebuilding her house. The man was a Pastor from a home church and with his wife the miracles began. Lisa said, "God was already working for me!" With miracle upon miracle and lots of love, prayer and support Lisa's home was rebuilt. A home church was established at her new house that continued for nine years, bringing many new people to worship and learn about God's endless love.

Lisa met Manartu in Tasmania and they married in Hobart shortly after. A move to Shepparton in 2014 meant that Lisa was able to be closer to her family. Lisa has five adult children and is the Grandmother of seven - including

Lucas who was baptised by Loni very recently.

Lisa is the legal guardian of three of her grandchildren Daisy, Blake and Charli.

Lisa came to Shepparton Uniting Church in early 2016 and was eager to become involved with church activities. She is currently assisting with Sunday School, KUCA, Messy Church, feeding homeless folk and backpackers, at the lake and hosting a mum's study group.

Lisa's faith is at the core of her being- "It is every thing to me."

Prepared by Jeni Fitzgerald .



UnitingCare becomes...

From 1 July, we will become Uniting. Uniting is a new community services arm of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.

Uniting is the coming together of 22 UnitingCare agencies and two church business units. Uniting for greater change.

As one organisation, we can prepare for current and future changes in the community services sector. We will have access to broader resources and be able to reach and support more local communities across Victoria and Tasmania.

We will remain as active as ever in your local community and are committed to delivering the same quality of services.

Our Purpose

To inspire people, enliven communities and confront injustice.

Our Values

Imaginative– We challenge convention, explore new possibilities and dare to dream for a better future.

Uniting

Respectful– We act with honesty and integrity, and open our hearts to all people without exception.

Compassionate– We are nurturing, generous and thoughtful in our words and deeds.

Bold– We face injustice head on and stand up for what is right and true with confidence and strength.

<https://www.kildonan.org.au/about-us/uniting/>

Building Project Update

As of 12/8/2017

Work on the Redevelopment began on April 18. Now, four months later, an immense amount has been achieved. The hall looks wonderful: windows have been lengthened, so that the hall is flooded with light. What was the stage is now the new toilets, almost complete. The Fryers Street entrance and the meeting Room have been plastered. The former kitchen, now the Children's Room, has been plastered. New doors and windows have been installed. Painting begins mid-August. The builder's plan is to complete the hall, except for resurfacing the floor, so that the Op Shop can move to the hall in early September so that the Op Shop can be enlarged and refurbished. Meanwhile, in the former church, the floor has been levelled, internal walls are being fixed and electrical work has been done.

The concrete floor for the new section was poured on July 10. Since then the walls for the kitchen (next to the former church) and the general and ministers' offices have been erected. Steel for the remaining walls has been cut off-site; the walls will be erected very soon. It will be very exciting to see the walls of the new worship space actually in place!

The Property Planning Task Group is delighted with the quick and generous responses to the invitation to make gifts of specific items or to specific larger items. By July 31, \$5,600 had been given for chairs, chairs with arms, timber for pergolas, the Op Shop fittings and solar panels. \$1,200 was also promised. As well, Shepparton Rural Parish has graciously made a gift of \$10,000 to the audiovisual

cost for the worship space. We offer warmest thanks to those who have already made gifts and invite others to consider making their gift. Special green forms are available in the church for this purpose. Later in August a revised green form will be available, listing some further items which people may like to give. All gifts will be recorded in a special book, a modern equivalent to the little gift plaques of former times.

The Property Planning Task Group offers thanks to God whose grace has brought us to this point and to all the Congregation and others who are making the redevelopment a reality.

Joan McRae

Chairperson PPTG August 12, 2017

Preaching Plan

September 2017

Sept 2017	<u>3rd</u> Pentecost 13	<u>10th</u> Pentecost 14	<u>17th</u> Pentecost 15	<u>24th</u> Pentecost 16
9.30am Shepparton Afternoon/ Evening	Loni HC	Shirley Marven	Synod Group 4:30pm Messy Church Rosalie Tues 19th 7pm Youth Focus Shepparton Lorraine	Rosalie 2.00pm Kialla Gardens Rosalie
Dookie 9.00am	Rosalie	Synod Prepared	Loni	Elders
Pine Lodge 11.00am	Rosalie	No Service	At Katandra West	No Service
Kialla West 11.00am	No Service	Synod Prepared	No Service	No Service
Katandra West 11.00am	At Pine Lodge	No Service	Loni	No Service
Lectionary Readings	Ex. 3:1-15 Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c. Rom. 12:9-21. Mt. 16:21-28	Ex. 12:1-14 Ps. 149 Rom. 13:8-14 Mt. 18:15-20	Ex. 14:19-31. Ps. 114. Rom. 14:1-12. Mt. 18:21-35	Ex. 16:2-15. Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45. Phil. 1:21-30 Mt. 20:1-16

Preaching Plan

October / November 2017

Oct 2017	<u>1st</u> Pentecost 17	<u>8th</u> Pentecost 18	<u>15th</u> Pentecost 19	<u>22nd</u> Pentecost 20	<u>29th</u> Pentecost 21
<u>9.30am</u> Shepparton Afternoon/ Evening	Joan McRae HC	Rosalie Tues 10th 7pm Youth Focus Mooroopna Richard	Rosalie 4:30pm Messy Church Lorraine	Loni & Rosalie 2.00pm Kialla Gardens Brian Hardy	Rosalie
Dookie 9.00am	Shirley Marven	Kevin Chapman	Joan Fisher	Elders	10:30 am Combined Service at Pine Lodge Loni
Pine Lodge 11.00am	Shirley Marven	No Service	At Katandra West	No Service	
Kialla West 11.00am	No Service	Kevin Chapman	No Service	No Service	
Katandra West 11.00am	At Pine Lodge	No Service	Joan Fisher	No Service	
Lectionary Readings	Ex. 17:1-7. Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16. Phil. 2:1-13. Mt. 21:23-32	Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20. Ps. 19. Phil. 3:4b-14. Mt. 21:33-46	Ex. 32:1-14. Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23. Phil. 4:1-9. Mt. 22:1-14	Ex. 33:12-23. Ps. 99. 1 Thes. 1:1-10. Mt. 22:15-22	Dt. 34:1-12. Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17. 1 Thes. 2:1-8. Mt. 22:34-46

Nov 2017	<u>5th</u> Pentecost 22	<u>12th</u> Pentecost 23	<u>19th</u> Pentecost 24	<u>26th</u> Christ the King
<u>9.30am</u> Shepparton Afternoon/ Evening	Loni and Rosalie HC	Rosalie Tues 14th 7pm Youth Focus Shepparton Lorraine	Loni 4:30pm Messy Church Rosalie	Lorraine 2.00pm Kialla Gardens Loni
Dookie 9.00am	Joan McRae	Loni	Shirley Marven	Loni
Pine Lodge 11.00am	Joan McRae	No Service	At Katandra West	No Service
Kialla West 11.00am	No Service	Loni	No Service	No Service
Katandra West 11.00am	At Pine Lodge	No Service	Shirley Marven	No Service
Lectionary Readings	Jos. 3:7-12 Ps. 107:1-2, 33-37. 1 Thess. 2:9-13. Mt. 23:1-12	Jos. 24:1-3a, 14-25 Ps 78:1-7 1 Thes. 4:13-18. Mt. 25. 1-13	Jgs. 4:1-7 Ps. 123. 1 Thes. 5:1-11. Mt. 25:14-30	Ex. 34:11-16, Ps. 100. Eph. 1:15-23. Mt. 25:31-46

Upcoming Events

September - October 2017

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				1 12pm Shared Prayer	2 1pm Wesley Social Indoor Bowls	3 9:30am Worship
4 7pm Indoor Bowls Pennant	5 10am Craft Group 10am Friendship Group 1:30pm Crazy Whist 7pm Youth Group 7:15pm Indoor Bowls	6 10.30am Mum's Group 5.30pm Church Council Executive	7 10am Multicultural Play G. 10am Craft Group 3pm Together in Voice	8 12pm Shared Prayer 5pm KUCA	9 1pm Wesley Social Indoor Bowls	10 9:30am Worship 6pm Faith Sharing Group
11 7pm Indoor Bowls Pennant	12 10am Craft Group 10am Friendship Group 1:30pm Crazy Whist 6pm Tea & Youth Service 7:15pm Indoor Bowls	13 10.30am Mum's Group 7:30pm Church Council	14 10am Multicultural Play G 10am Craft Group 10:45am Worship Banksia L 1:30 pm Worship at Hakea L 2pm Fellowship Group 3pm Together in Voice	15 10am Worship Ave Maria 12pm Shared Prayer 6:30pm Cafe Praxis	16 1pm Wesley Social Indoor Bowls	17 9:30am Worship 4.30pm Messy Church
18 7pm Indoor Bowls Pennant	19 10am Craft Group 10am Friendship Group 1:30pm Crazy Whist 7:15pm Indoor Bowls	20 10.30am Mum's Group 1:30pm UCAF	21 10am Multicultural Play G 10am Craft Group 10:45am Worship at Mercy Aged Care 3pm Together in Voice	22 12pm Shared Prayer 5pm KUCA 6pm Dookie Family tea	23 8am Men's Breakfast 1pm Wesley Social Indoor Bowls	24 9:30am Worship 2pm Kialla Gardens Service
25 7pm Indoor Bowls Pennant	26 10am Craft Group 10am Friendship Group 1:30pm Crazy Whist 2:00pm Worship at Acacia House 7:15pm Indoor Bowls	27 10.30am Mum's Group 1:30pm Women's Afternoon Group	28 10am Multicultural Play G 10am Craft Group 3pm Together in Voice	29 12pm Shared Prayer	30	

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30 7pm Indoor Bowls Pennant	31 10am Craft Group 10am Friendship Group 1:30pm Crazy Whist					1 9:30am Worship
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		1 All Saints Day 10.30am Mum's Group 5.30pm Church Council Executive	2 10am Multicultural Play G. 10am Craft Group 3pm Together in Voice	3 12pm Shared Prayer	4 1pm Wesley Social Indoor Bowls	5 9:30am Worship
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27 7pm Indoor Bowls Pennant	28 10am Craft Group 10am Friendship Group 1:30pm Crazy Whist 2:00pm Worship at Acacia House 7:15pm Indoor Bowls	29 10.30am Mum's Group	30 10am Multicultural Play G 10am Craft Group 3pm Together in Voice			



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