



*We believe we are called by God to be an inclusive  
Christian community, committed to justice,  
learning, service and care.*



## **BLACKWOOD UNITING CHURCH**

*More than a Sunday Church...*

**Week of 8<sup>th</sup> February ~ Service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**9:15 & 11am: Dr Craig Mitchell**

**Worship Leaders: Pat Collette & Jan Wiseman**

**Lectionary readings – 10<sup>th</sup> February (Epiphany 5)**

Is 6:1-8, (9-13) • Ps 138 • 1 Cor 15:1-11 • Lk 5:1-11

**Next week 17<sup>th</sup> February – (Epiphany 6)**

Preacher 9:15am & 11am – Dr Craig Mitchell

Worship Leader 9:15am Joan & Ewan Hazeldine & 11am – Jan Wiseman

### **Reflections on the Reading**

John Wesley's Covenant Prayer was first used at a worship gathering of about 1800 people in 1755. The prayer and its accompanying charge became significant in the Methodist movement, particularly as an annual renewal of faith and allegiance to God. Many churches around the world, including the Uniting Church, still hold Covenant Services as reaffirmations of faith. This coming Sunday we will be including part of the Covenant Service in our morning worship. The words are included here for you to consider and reflect upon. Obviously, saying the words is a matter of personal choice. The language certainly comes from another era, yet in my view still holds a challenge for us.

Leader:

Christ has many services to be done:

some are easy, others are difficult;

some bring honour, others bring reproach;

some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests;

others are contrary to both.

In some we may please Christ and please ourselves;

in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

Yet the power to do all these things is given us in Christ, who strengthens us.

Therefore let us make this covenant with God our own,

trusting in the God's constant love:

Congregation:

*I am no longer my own, but yours.*

*Put me to what you will,*

*rank me with whom you will;*

*put me to doing, put me to suffering;*

*let me be employed for you or laid aside for you;*

*exalted for you or brought low for you;*

*let me be full, let me be empty;*

*let me have all things, let me have nothing;*

*I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things*

*to your pleasure and disposal.*

*And now, glorious and blessed God,*

*Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*

*you are mine and I am yours,*

*to the glory and praise of your name.*

*Amen.*

**Craig Mitchell**

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## ***This Week***

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### **Blackwood Roundabout update**

**Construction work** will resume in mid-February – initially with changes to footpaths and kerbing prior to replacing the actual roundabout. Major work will be done at night and access to the Church will be maintained although there will be some redirection of traffic. The **War Memorial** is currently being restored but will be relocated close to the path on the northern side of the Church gardens before ANZAC Day. **Parking on Main Road** outside the front doors of the Church will be for drop off and pick up only.

Bob Lyon (BUC Property Secretary)

### **Belair Uniting Invitation**

On Sunday February 10th, the Belair Uniting Church have invited Rev Jan Trengove (Sarah Williamson's mother) to come and talk to them after church about her experience of Lay Leadership.

For her community this was a case of "having to" but turned out to be a very good experience. As you know, many other churches have found or will find themselves in the same situation.

We'd like to invite anyone from the Blackwood congregation to come and share this opportunity with us. Jan will be preaching at Belair on the 10th. I imagine we would start this segment about 11.00am and it will go for somewhere around an hour. We are suggesting that people bring something simple to share for an early lunch so that they can stay on after and chat/ask questions.

### **11 O'clockers lunch**

On the 17<sup>th</sup> February after worship the 11 O'clockers will be having a lunch. All catering organised – please feel welcome to come. Small donation would be appreciated.

### **'Hold them Close' by Sarah Agnew:**

Copies of Sarah's new poetry book are again available, cost \$15.

Contact Marnie: 0408 474 699, [agnew05@bigpond.net.au](mailto:agnew05@bigpond.net.au)

### **HAVE YOU MARKED AUGUST 10<sup>th</sup> IN YOUR DIARY YET?**

Yes, Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> is the date of our Quiz Night this year. No football (Power fans will have plenty of time after their match for tea and some last minute swotting up before the big night.) And you can put aside that brand new extra crock-pot that you got for Christmas for the silent auction. It's never too soon to start organizing your table, and purloining trivia champs from wherever you can!

## ***Wider Community***

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### **Environmental Action Group App Launch**

You are invited to The International launch of Environmental Action Group's Lenten App 'Just Earth' by UCA President Dr Deidre Palmer on February 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. It will be held at the Effective Living Centre, Christ Church, 26 King William Road, Wayville. The guest speaker will be Dr Ingo Weber, Doctors for the Environment, Australia and he will be discussing the health impacts of climate change, especially on children.

### **Lent & Easter Resource Showcase**

The CMLA (Centre for Music, Liturgy and the Arts) will be showcasing their Lent and Easter Resources on the Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7:30pm. It will be held at The Corner Uniting Church, Cnr Oaklands & Diagonal Roads, Warradale. All welcome.

### **Twilight Market**

The Noarlunga Uniting Church will be holding a Twilight Market on Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> February from 4pm to 8pm. It is located at 23 William Road, Christies Beach. All welcome.

### **Urban Mission Network Gathering**

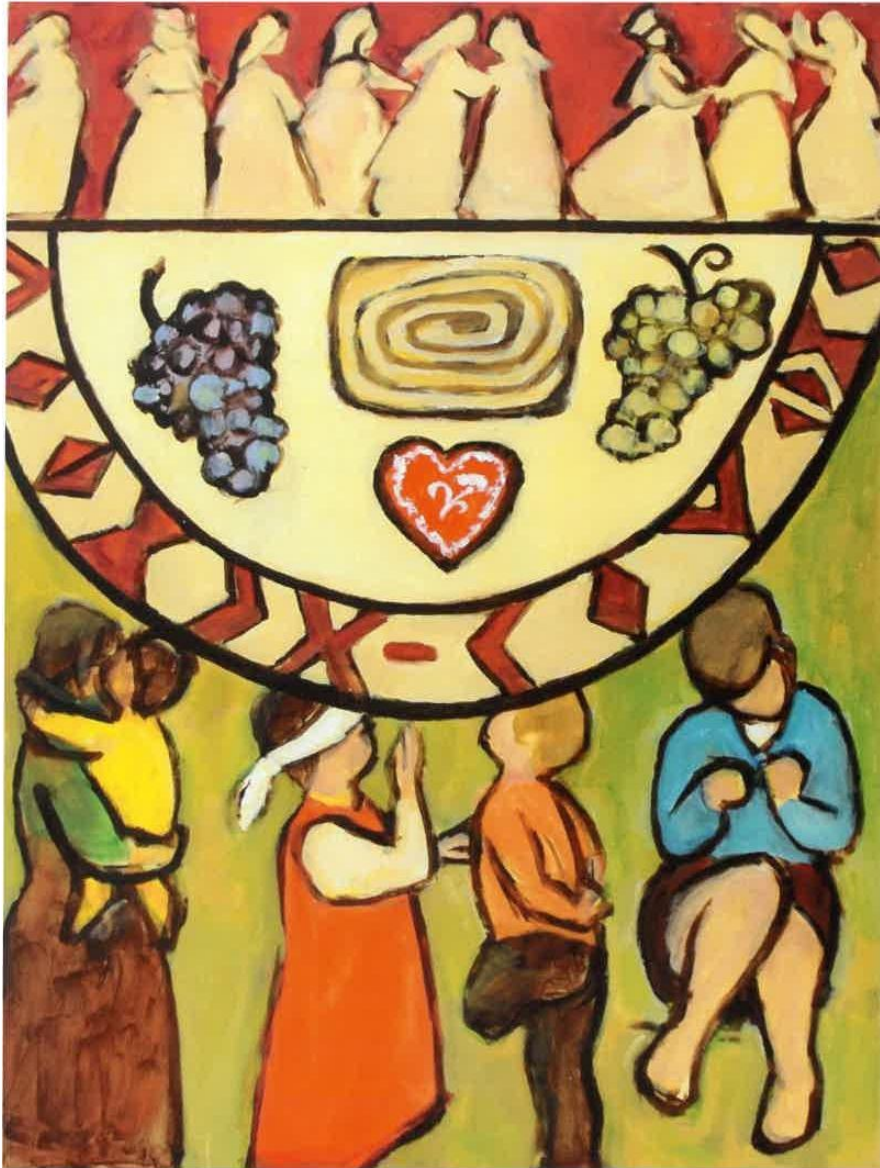
The next UMN Gathering will be on Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> February at Rosefield Uniting Church at 7pm to 9:15pm. The topic of discussion will be Presbytery restructure: a missional response for an evolving church. Dessert and refreshments will be provided – RSVP for catering purposes by 19<sup>th</sup> February to [susan@urbannetwork.org.au](mailto:susan@urbannetwork.org.au)



World Day of Prayer—March 2019

**SLOVENIA**

**'Come—Everything Is Ready'**



Date FRIDAY MARCH 1<sup>st</sup> 2019

Time 10-30 AM

Place HOLY INNOCENTS ANGLICAN CHURCH  
BELAIR



## Looking ahead in 2019 ...

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Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Feb	12:00pm	11 O'clockers lunch
Friday	1 <sup>st</sup> Mch	10:30am	World Day of Prayer
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	7:00pm	BUC Quiz Night

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**Life is like a piano:** the white keys represent happiness, the black keys show sadness. But as you go through life's journey, remember that the black keys make music too...

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