

the grapevine

17 APRIL 2022

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

Each year we pause to reflect on the arrest, trial, crucifixion, and burial of Jesus. Jesus who is both human and divine. Jesus the one who held so much promise for those waiting for a Messiah. Then on Easter Sunday we remember that death does not have the last word.

With Good Friday we can be overcome with emotion at the cruelty done to Jesus, and I think of all the other people who have lived and been killed because they did not stay quiet or refused to be constrained by others. The torture and death of Jesus did not end torture and death.

But even on Friday, we know how the story ends, we know that resurrection is around the corner. After the resurrection the disciples are changed, they are more confident as they spread the message of a new kingdom, a new way of living, a way shown by Jesus. Each one of us is able, by the love and power of Jesus, to live this new life, life full of love and grace. Love and grace from God, that overflows from us to the people around us.

I wonder where you see love and grace overflowing in our world.

Rev Patty Lawrence

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worship services & regular activities

Friday Family Fun Night (FFFN) is a time aimed at families with young children - worship, activities, and a light meal.

FRIDAY 15 APRIL

Good Friday

Umina Church 9:30am
Easter • Full to the Brim -
A Cup of Sorrow

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 17 APRIL

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am
Easter • Full to the Brim -
An Expansive Life
Including Holy Communion

MONDAY 18 APRIL

Monday Prayer Meeting & Monday Bible Study

Resume May 2

next week

FRIDAY 22 APRIL

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 24 APRIL

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

we pray...

- with Umina Salvation Army
- with Toukley Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Yvonne and Doug Howson, Wil and Don Davies, Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Joice Tee, Val and Phil Juratowitch
- for those who have lost loved ones
- for Easter Celebrations
- for Presbytery Secretary Robin Harvey
- with people from Belarus, Moldova, Russia, and Ukraine
- for Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

We will be holding a stall
for Cancer Council Biggest
Morning Tea on

SATURDAY 11th JUNE

More details coming soon.
Donations of baked
goods appreciated.

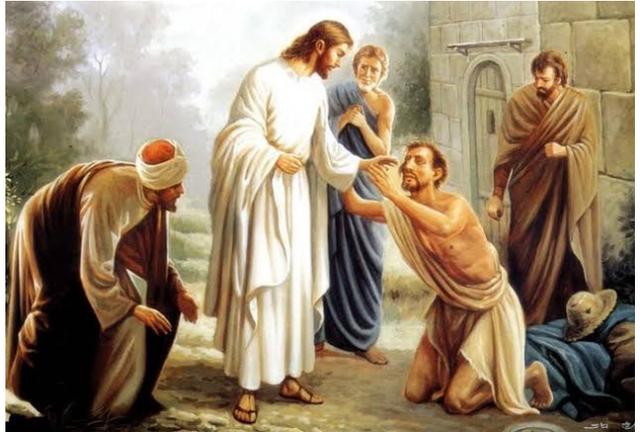
SAVE THE DATE!

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 17 APRIL	SUNDAY 24 APRIL
FIRST READING	Isaiah 65:17-25	Acts 5:27-32
PSALM	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29	Psalms 118:14-29
SECOND READING	Acts 10:34-43	Revelation 1:4-8
GOSPEL	Luke 24:1-12	John 20:19-31

prayer

Christ our God,
sun of righteousness,
by your divine touch
you gave light to the eyes
of the blind man
who had been deprived
of light since birth.
Enlighten also the eyes
of our souls,
and make us sons
and daughters of light
so that we cry out to you in faith:
great and beyond words is your compassion towards us!
Loving Lord, glory to you!



(Vesper Hymn, Sunday of the Blind Man. In: Let us pray to the Lord, A collection of prayers from the Eastern and Oriental Orthodox traditions © 1996 WCC)

winter pie drive

20TH MAY 2022

Order forms now available with Grapevine or by email.
Orders to be phoned or given to Keith, Pam or Carol by
Wednesday 4th May. Money can be paid when collecting orders.

Collection date:

Friday 20th May 10.30am – 12noon at Umina Church.

full to the brim: an expansive life

EASTER SUNDAY

Thursday and Friday thoughts were in last week's Grapevine.

Mary Magdalene, Joana, Mary the mother of James, and the other women go to the tomb with spices to tend to Jesus' body. When they find the tomb empty and are stunned by the presence and words of the men in dazzling clothing, they remember. They remember what Jesus had said, which compels them to go out and tell the story.

Even in utter shock, they return to their deepest knowing and allow themselves to receive the expansiveness of resurrection.

Their imaginations and hearts expand, and they must take action in response. Many of the disciples won't open themselves to this expansiveness and reject it. Peter is curious enough to return to the tomb, and as a result, he is filled with amazement and awe. How do we carry forth what we have learned this Lent? Can we be curious enough to return and remember? Can we allow ourselves to be filled with expansive hope? Can we trust in the expansive promise of new life, and carry that promise with us wherever we go?



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