



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

With our Summer holidays, February has always seemed like the start of the year. School is back, industries that close over Christmas and part of January are back at work, and most of the tourists have returned home. Usually, I would have spent some time in January with our church leaders looking at what was planned for 2022. But over the past two years we have so many changes, and our ability to gather has been limited, planning seems like a waste of time.

As we move into 2022, I am reminded that while planning is not a waste of time, with life comes changes that impact our plans. While planning is important, I think more important is our relationship with God and each other. The way we understand God impacts the way we live and relate to other people and creation.

please send all Grapevine article submissions to the below email address by noon Wednesday:

grapevineuniting@gmail.com

I encourage you to think about the image you have of God, is it an image of love, judgement, mercy, destruction? I meet each month with a Spiritual Director to help me see God in my life and in the world around me. We have talked about how I see God, and an image that has helped me is the image of Grandmother God – I had a wonderful Grandmother who was always excited to see me, and her other grandchildren, and gave the best hugs. The idea of God being excited to see me, and wants to embrace me, gives me confidence to approach God, with anything.

What is the image of God that works for you?

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worship services

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

regular activities

FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

MONDAY 7 FEBRUARY

Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Monday Bible Study

Umina meeting room 10:30am

next week

SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

Including Baptism of Nathaniel Cooper Law

Sunday Zoom

we pray...

- with Umina Salvation Army
- with Wyong Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Joice Tee and Val Juratowitch
- for those who have lost loved ones
- and give thanks for the REM teachers
- for Church schools
- with people from Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City
- for children and staff as school resumes
- for people in aged care isolated due to COVID

prayer

Prayer before the proclamation of God's word

Blessed are you, O God, for your word of strength, of encouragement, of hope - that contagious word which allows us to believe and to move towards the renewal of our world.

Grant us to hear your word and to persevere in it, putting it into practice.

(From the Waldensian liturgy)

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY	SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY
FIRST READING	Isaiah 6:1-8	Jeremiah 17:5-10
PSALM	Psalms 138	Psalms 1
SECOND READING	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	1 Corinthians 15:12-20
GOSPEL	Luke 5:1-11	Luke 6:17-26

sunday worship

As Margaret Read wrote last week, we are returning to in person worship this Sunday. COVID is still circulating in the community, and the numbers of people ill remains high. 258 people died in NSW from COVID in the past week.

- We still need to keep a record of who attends church activities for the Health Department, either QR code or register with the Welcomers.
- Please leave two seats between you and anyone not in your household.

All other advice remains the same:

- Wear a mask when indoors

- Maintain 1.5m physical distancing where possible
- Maintain hand hygiene – washing and sanitising
- Practice respiratory hygiene (cough into elbow etc)
- Stay home when sick
- Maintain strict COVID Safe cleaning regime
- Get tested if unwell

We will continue to video the service on Sunday mornings. The video of the service will usually be online on Tuesday. Printed and emailed copies of the service will continue to be distributed. Please let Patty know if you would like to be added to the email list.

national church life survey

Every 5 years we are invited to complete the NCLS. This survey is for church attenders and gives an overview of church participation and belief in Australia. If the Grapevine is delivered to you by one of our volunteers, you will probably receive a copy of the form to complete and return to the volunteers next Thursday. If you can access the internet, please fill in the form online, the link will be emailed on Saturday. Some copies of the printed form will be available on Sunday. All completed forms need to be returned by Sunday 13th February.

Any Queries, ask Patty.



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