



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches



Throughout the month of September Christians across the world will celebrate the Season of Creation, an annual invitation to pray and reflect on our shared call to care for the earth – our common home and the ‘household’ of God.

The Season of Creation takes place from 1 September (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation) to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) under the 2022 international theme, ‘Listen to the voice of Creation.’

President Rev Sharon Hollis has encouraged Uniting Church members to mark the Season of Creation in worship and advocacy, and to engage with

reflections the Assembly will share across the month.

“As the Uniting Church we celebrate the whole world as God’s good creation, and give thanks to God for the life that surrounds us,” said Rev Hollis. “At this time we also hear the cry of creation for renewal.”

“This Season of Creation I invite Uniting Church communities to listen closely to the world we inhabit and consider what actions they might take for the flourishing of creation and a sustainable future.”

This year the Assembly will share a range of Season of Creation resources that highlight First Nations voices and wisdom,

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following a resolution of the 16th Assembly to take seriously the voices and wisdom of First Peoples on climate justice and care of creation.

“As we pray and reflect deeply on how to be passionate advocates for the planet, the rich wisdom of First Nations peoples and cultures is an invaluable guide for us all,” said Rev Hollis. “We affirm and seek the leadership of First Peoples who know and have known for millennia how to care for creation and for these lands now called Australia.”

In the Assembly statement, ‘Our Vision for a Just Australia’, the Renewal of the Whole of Creation is identified as one of the key foundations of a just Australia and world. It’s described:

“We seek the flourishing of the whole of God’s Creation and all its creatures. We act to renew the earth from the damage done and stand in solidarity with people most impacted by human-induced climate change. Government, churches, businesses and the wider community work together for a sustainable future.”

“As we join the global Christian community in this Season of Creation may we take the time to reflect and to act so that all of creation can flourish.”

<https://uniting.church/seasonofcreation2022/>

worship services & regular activities

this week

FRIDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

A time aimed at families with young children - worship, activities, and a light meal.

SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

next week

MONDAY 12 SEPTEMBER

Monday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Monday Bible Study

Umina meeting room 10:30am

THURSDAY 15 SEPTEMBER

BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

FRIDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Friday Family Fun Night

Umina Church 4:45pm

SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

Morning Worship

Umina Church 9:30am

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER
FIRST READING	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Exodus 32:7-14	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Amos 8:4-7
PSALM	Psalm 14 Psalm 51:1-10	Psalm 79:1-9 Psalm 113
SECOND READING	1 Timothy 1:12-17	1 Timothy 2:1-7
GOSPEL	Luke 15:1-10	Luke 16:1-13

prayer

O God,
by the power of the Holy
Spirit,
set our hearts on fire with a
new love for Christ and for
one another.
Renew our desires and
labours to serve others.

We seek healing from
division, poverty and injustice
in all parts of the world.
We long for life which is full
and free.

Give us the courage to take
risks to build a highway in
the desert and let us find
protection under the shadow
of your wings.
Amen.

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we pray...

- with Woy Woy Presbyterian Church
- with Tuggerah Lakes South Faith Community
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Evol Hall, Fred Waqa, Joice Tee, Yvonne and Doug Howson, Wil and Don Davies, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart, Phil Juratowitch and their families
- and give thanks for all our Pastoral Carers
- and give thanks for Rev Bronwyn Murphy, Associate General Secretary of our NSW/ACT Synod
- with people from Ghana, Nigeria
- for the Buxton crash victims, their family and friends.

Baptism

NINA
MARIA
TREE



On the 28th August, Camilla and Aaron Tree brought their daughter Nina for Baptism. Her brother Samuel had previously been baptised at Ettalong Beach Uniting Church.

Nina is now part of the family of God.

We thank Rev Lorna Martin for leading worship and including Nina's brothers, William and Samuel, as helpers in the service.

It was a delight to see the brothers take such good care of their little sister.



As part of the service, Rev Lorna spoke about prayer and taught us how to pray using symbols and playdough, and reflecting on things around us.

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