

## STAMP NEWS

Uniting Church stamps sales for 2020 totalled \$18,659.  
From October 1977 to December 2020 used stamps have raised \$834,497.

Stamps can be supplied on envelopes or cut off with at least 2cm around the stamp.

Please leave at the back of the church or in the foyer and I will forward to collectors.

*Pam Carter*

## USED HEARING AIDS

and devices required for those with hearing difficulties in Malawi, Africa. Phone Steph 4344 7989 for a pickup or leave at church.



# THE GRAPEVINE

The weekly News sheet of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches  
7th February 2021



## WORSHIP SERVICES

THIS WEEK - Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday 7 February	UMINA	10:00 am	Rev Patty Lawrence
Friday 12 February	UMINA	4:45 pm	Family Fun Night

NEXT WEEK - Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Sunday 14 February	UMINA	<b>9.30 am</b>	Rev Patty Lawrence
Sunday 14 February	UMINA	2.00 pm	Rev Patty Lawrence
Friday 19 February	UMINA	4:45 pm	Family Fun Night

I have been asked about services and activities at **Ettalong Church**. We are not currently meeting at Ettalong due to the low numbers allowed under COVID rules.

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## Just for Laughs

Two pastors were riding very fast on a motorcycle. They were promptly stopped by a policeman who said, "What do you think you are doing? What if you have an accident?"

The pastor driving said, "Don't worry, Jesus is with us."

"In that case," the policeman said, "I have to book you. Three people are not allowed to ride on a motorcycle."

## Worship Services

**NEW TIME** our new worship service time is ... **9.30 am** starting Sunday 14th February

In addition to our Sunday morning worship services, the following **new services** begin in February

14<sup>th</sup> February 2pm a short worship service including Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> February 5pm 'Sunday Space' an time for quiet reflection and discussion

## Current activities

Sunday afternoon gathering: meeting by zoom, contact Patty

Monday Prayer meeting: meets at 9.00 a.m. via zoom

Bible study: Monday at Umina Church at 10.30am till 11.30am.

Parish Picnic: Thursday 18th February, meet at 5.00pm at Lions Park. BYO everything, chair, food, drink, jacket recommended.

Wednesday Wanderers: will keep you updated

Friday Night Tennis:

GRAPEVINE ITEMS FOR NEXT ISSUE—please forward to Patty by noon Thursday

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

From Patty:

For most of the past twelve months, The Grapevine and Daily Reflections have been printed by Carol and Stephen Wilton and delivered to people without email by Margaret and Ron Gregory, Stephanie and Keith Wood and Carol and Stephen Wilton. The printing has been done on Thursday so the deliveries would take place on Thursday or Friday most weeks.

We are reopening the office on Friday mornings from 12th February. That means the printing will happen on Friday rather than Thursday. Copies will be available at worship on Sunday for those who currently have a copy delivered. If you don't come to worship, your copy will still be delivered, but may be a few days later. This week your daily reflections will include some extra days.

It takes a lot of behind the scenes work to keep the Parish running, and we are grateful to all the people involved. As well as those in the office and doing deliveries, there are people writing COVID Safe plans so we can meet, people looking after the buildings and gardens, people who lead activities, SRE teachers, Kids Hope mentors, musicians, people who share technology skills, who lead prayers, and much more.

Thank you to everyone for making a contribution to the life of this church and community.

### **Zoom gatherings Sunday afternoon at 5pm-6pm**

If you need the Zoom phone number or internet link, contact Patty

We have spare copies of **With Love to the World** – a daily lectionary devotion. If you haven't received your copy or would like a copy, please see Pam Carter of Margaret Gregory. They are \$5.00 a copy for this coming quarter.

## PRAYER POINTS

- We pray with St John the Baptist Catholic Church
- And Tuggerah Lakes South Faith Community
- We pray for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs— Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee. [For inclusion of a name for the prayer list permission must be given by the person named]
- We pray for the Disaster Recovery Chaplaincy Network
  
- We give thanks for Connecting with God Mission Team.
- We join in prayer with people from Andorra, Italy, Malta, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Vatican City

### The fire prayer

(From the Book of Devotions – Devocionário – of the Franciscan Congregation of Nursing Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, Portugal.)

Holy Spirit, set me on fire with your wisdom,  
so that I may love only that which is holy.

Holy Spirit, enlighten me with your understanding,  
so that I may perceive only that which is holy.

Holy Spirit, kindle in me your counsel,  
so that I may see only that which is holy.

Holy Spirit, inflame me with your strength,  
so that I may desire only that which is holy.

Holy Spirit, pour out your knowledge upon me,  
so that I may do only that which is holy.

Holy Spirit, give me ardent devotion,  
so that I may seek only that which is holy.

Holy Spirit, make me blaze in the fear of God  
so that I may never again lose that which is holy.

<https://www.oikoumene.org/resources/prayer-cycle>



Current members of Church Council are: Margaret Read (Chairperson), Sue Sismey (Secretary), Wayne Read (Treasurer), Margaret Gregory, Heather Walker, Ann Thompson, Linda Kalantzis, Myrle Bowden, Carol Wilton and Rev Patty Lawrence.