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Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

welcome

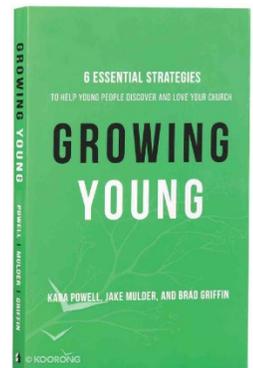
Morning Worship **9:30am**
led by Rev. Dr Les Hewitt

Evening Worship **6:00pm**
led by Liana Whitten

Thought for the week

I've recently been inspired and challenged by reading the book 'Growing Young'. I am no longer a young person (45 is well into middle age!) and I see the Church in general is growing old. In the last few months our entire church council has read the book and met with the UCA Pulse team on the 24th of September to start discussing the book's contents more deeply.

"The truth is, every church needs young people. Their passion enriches the soil around them. The curiosity they bring to Scripture and the authenticity they bring to relationships keep your church's teaching fresh and fellowship fruitful. Young people also need a thriving church. A thriving church both grounds them in community and sends them out to serve. Your church needs young people, and they need your church. One without the other is incomplete. ...Thankfully, the news for the church is not all gloom and doom...light is breaking through here and there." **Growing Young: 6 Essential Strategies to Help Young People Discover and Love Your Church**, by Powell, Mulder and Griffin



The thing I liked about the book was the book's honesty, current day relevance and a strategy that can be put into action. And the great thing is that the book tells us that we don't have to be flashy, have lots of money, nor have a live band on stage on Sundays to grow young!!

I believe God is challenging and leading us at Keiraview to better connect with younger people and to 'Grow Young'. Lets Grow Young together at Keiraview, in Christ's name. If you would like to borrow the book, please feel free to ask any of our church council members as they will happily lend a copy to you. *By Scott Morrisson*

PRAYERS

Pray for all those in COVID isolation, those suffering from the disease, the medical teams caring for them, and those impacted through loss of their jobs or downturn in business.

Pray for the students, families and staff of West Wollongong Public School, and for our neighbourhood.

Pray for those in our Church Family undergoing tests, treatment, and for those suffering bereavement.

COMING UP AT KEIRAVIEW

Day	Time	Activity
Sun 27 th	08:30	Prayer Meeting
Tues 29 th	13:15	Know Your Bible Bible Study Group for Women

Activities in Recess Eden Playtime & Community Gardening, Kids' Club and Good Samarateens will be on recess during the school holidays, and return in the week beginning 12th October.



From the Safe Church Team

The Safe Church Team would like to remind the congregation to ensure they maintain the 1.5m physical distancing as far as practical at all times. For those having Morning Tea please ensure you maintain social distancing while getting your cuppa and whilst sitting at the tables. This is one of the best ways to limit the spread of the COVID virus. If you have any questions regarding our COVID Safe Plans or the procedures we have put in place, please speak to the Safe Church Team (Gavin Whitten, Vi Richardson or Pauline Doyle) or email

safe-church@keiraview.org

Church Council met in August and the decision was made to continue onsite worship services and group activities.

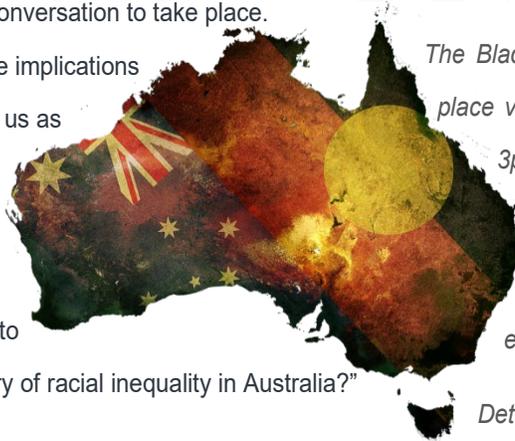
We continue to recommend the wearing of masks at worship services as per the NSW Government guidelines.



Australian Christians Respond to Black Lives Matter

On Sunday, 27 September, the Uniting Church Chaplaincy at CSU Port Macquarie will host a webinar on the subject matter of Black Lives Matter. The webinar will explore the way that Christian faith shapes responses to the Black Lives Matter movement, its relevance to Australia, and how Australians may face the truth of their history. The panel will be led by Rev. Tau'alofa Anga'aelangi (Tertiary Chaplain at Charles Sturt University). It will be the first in a series of webinars that provide a space and platform for this necessary and overdue conversation to take place.

"As a church, what are the implications of the BLM movement for us as followers of Jesus Christ in the Australian context? What does it mean to be disciples of Jesus, called to face the truth of our history of racial inequality in Australia?"



The Black Lives Matter webinar takes place via Zoom **today**, 27 Sept from 3pm to 4.15pm. The meeting ID is 833 1226 2555.

To register for the webinar, email ucc.csu@gmail.com

Details here: <https://bit.ly/2RMieGy>



As October is coming it is time to think about getting your Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes in. This year the shoebox gifts are going to Fiji, Cambodia, Madagascar and Malawi. The shoebox gifts are possibly the first gift that child ever receives.

After they receive their boxes they are invited to do a 12 week discipleship course "The Greatest Journey" and doing this many children and their families come to know the Lord and many new churches are formed.

This year you can "name a koala toy" at the back of the church to help raise funds for box postage.

If you would like to know more or want resources contact *Robyn Johnson*, 0414307910.

Yarning at Coffee & Chat

We extend our thanks to all the knitting and crochet people and thanks to Annette and Megan Arthur for delivering to the Homeless Hub a great variety of lovely garments and rugs. The hub is very grateful and thankful on behalf of all those who will benefit.

Norma Coudrey

Daylight Savings

Don't forget that the clocks change for Daylight Savings next Sunday (4th October). Remember to set your clocks forward.

NOTE: Evening services will also shift to 6:30pm.





Safe Church Training during COVID19

Due to the COVID19 pandemic, Synod has suspended all face-to-face Safe church training. UCA's Safe Church Unit are offering training via Zoom. Dates of the training are: Sat 10th October, Wed 14/21 October (split over 2 evenings), or Sat 21st November. Times shown in the tables to the left. **Pre-registration is required.** Cost: \$20 (including workbook that will be posted to you).

Safe Church Awareness Training is available for anyone requiring either initial or refresher training. All ministry leaders in church-run programs/events with direct contact with children or other vulnerable people, as well as representatives from the pastoral and practical oversight of each congregation.

Any Uniting Church member of a faith community, congregation or presbytery can request to attend Safe Church training.

Register here <https://bit.ly/3cpfyYM>

Saturday Training

Course No	Date	Time Session 1	Time Session 2
SCTA Z 02	Sat 10 October 2020	10:30 – 12:00	1:15 – 2:45
SCTA Z 04	Sat 21 November 2020	10:30 – 12:00	1:15 – 2:45

Wednesday Evening Training

Course No	Time	Session 1	Session 2
SCTA Z 03	7:30 – 9:00	Wed 14 October 2020	Wed 21 October 2020

Frontier Services Fundraising @ Keiraview

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions the N & F MAT (Nurture & Fellowship Mission Action Team) have decided on a new way to Fundraise for Frontier Services this year instead of our

usual Family BBQ Fun day. Though we can't do what we usually do the mission to the Remote Areas of Australia still need our assistance in fact they need our help more than ever due to ongoing drought and the Pandemic. So throughout October we will welcome your financial & prayer support.

For the first 2 Sundays (4 & 11 October) we will hear about some of the work of the Frontier Services and our plan for fundraising. Then on the 18 October you will be invited to respond and on the 25 October we will finalise our Fundraising with thanksgiving.

Please be prayerful as you consider how you can assist financially this worthy mission of the Uniting Church. Curious?!!! More next week.



Fae, for the N & F

Calling for Volunteers The evening worship gathering is calling for volunteers to assist with leading and/or doing some parts of the services (including music).

If you feel a calling to serve and minister in these ways, or need more information on what is involved, please let Evening MAT know. Specifically we would like someone to help lead 18th October and 15th November, but if these dates do not work for you, there are other opportunities available. Talk to Liana, Kerryn, Khairul or Gavin.

Thanks, in expectation of lots of offers!

Gavin Whitten

ROSTER

4th OCTOBER 2020

Flowers

Leonie Erskine

AV/Streaming

Colin Gold

Welcomers

Sandy Brisbane

Pat Robinson

Announcements

Clive Arthur

Elder

Annette Arthur

Music

Robyn Bradley

Bible Reader

Ross Bryceson

Prayer

Norma Coudrey

Communion Preparation

Alayne Guerin

Communion Elders

Pauline Doyle

Alayne Guerin

Offering Counting

Clive Arthur

Lyn Jones

Morning Tea

Allan Kew

Thelma Smyth

Don Townsend

Sue Townsend

READINGS

PENTECOST 18

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalms 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

Please send notices for this news sheet to Grace/John

by noon Wednesday.

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