

Advent 3 Living

Matthew 1:18-25

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24



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If you are new or visiting Adelaide West Uniting Church we are pleased you are here.

We acknowledge that we meet on the traditional lands of the Kaurna people. We pay respect to their traditions and their elders and commit to working toward reconciliation in our land.

This week we focus on simple lifestyle. The way we use simple in our society may lead us to believe that a simple lifestyle is a lesser life than some others. As with the previous weeks, though, simple also means deep and profound. This week we are looking at a life that not determined by society norms or expectations but a life lived in harmony with the Holy Spirit. This type of life is not meant to be a burden but one of freedom and joy and hope.

In the gospel reading today (Matthew 1.18-25) Joseph makes a choice to follow the leading of the Spirit. It was a courageous choice that led him to be with the Emmanuel. May this last week before Christmas be one where we are aware of the presence of God in every area of our lives.

Rod Dyson | Lead Minister

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional	9.15am
family worship	10.45am
youth & young adults	5.00pm



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Welcome to Worship,

Thank you to all those who helped with the Kids' Space Celebration Service last week. We had lots of fun.

Kids' Space has finished for 2017 and will resume on Sunday 4th February, 2018.

Today during the 10.45 service we will have a VeggieTales Video. If you would like to know the content please see me.
Blessings Lorraine, Children and Families Pastor.

A place to belong, learn to believe in & become like Jesus

The Muller Family would like to thank their church family for all the prayers, love and support, while John was in hospital until his passing to be with his lord in November. Thank you for all the beautiful flowers, cards, phone calls and text messages. Special thanks to Rod Dyson, Suzi Cousins, home group (you know who you are), the catering team, and special friends. Love and God bless you all from Trina Muller, Kelly & Barry and family, David & Melissa and family.

Office News

The application process for the Administration Support role is now closed. We have had one applicant and they will be interviewed this week.



Progressive Christianity Services will continue in 2018 on the third Wednesday of the month at 7.00 pm in the Chapel commencing on Wednesday, 17th January and you are very welcome to attend. For further information on Progressive Christianity, you are invited to contact John Maddern or Esmond Dowdy, or visit

<https://progressivechristianity.org/the-8-points/>

May the ways of peace, hope, joy and love be born in us anew this Christmastime.

Please note there is no December Service



Over 65 years of the Christmas Bowl

Every year AWUC have an offering at all of our Christmas services that is donated to the Christmas Bowl and envelopes are available next week.

Maternal healthcare

Every day approximately 830 women die from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. 99% of all maternal deaths occur in developing countries (World Health Organisation). [\\$27 can pay for a refugee mother to attend a mother's group in Jordan, providing essential supports and counselling.](#)

When did I see you sick?

Act for Peace's partner, Of ERR, trains healthcare workers to screen and treat refugees, provides financial assistance for patients requiring urgent hospital care, and delivers a wide range of health education sessions across the camps to help prevent further illness. [\\$210 can provide lifesaving medical treatment for families who don't have access to basic healthcare.](#)



Christmas at Adelaide West

You are invited to join us for Christmas this year. Our service times are

Christmas Eve

10am Combined service - [please stay for morning tea following the service.](#)

2:30pm Children and Families

9pm Carols

Christmas Day

9am Combined service

If you wish to join a celebration this Season or wish to offer hospitality this Christmas season please contact Dorothy, Ruth or the office.



"A creative team, from Scripture Union, have completed a 'mustard tree' mural on the Southern external wall of AWUC. This creative work is around the verse Matthew 13:31-32. May we have Faith like a mustard tree that creates shelter.

This artscape piece was created free of charge for us and SU have donated paint for touch ups. The same creative team painted a sister mural in a Palestinian refugee camp in Beirut in Lebanon. The mustard tree is also the symbol of our current moderator. What a beautiful blessing and reminder to pray for growth in faith

We have an opportunity to apply for an **"Aging & Wellness" Grant**. This would allow us to run an activity or program, fund a day trip, invite a speaker. If you have any ideas please inform the office.

Ideas so far: a day trip to Monarto, a bus tour visiting the sacred Kurna sites of the Adelaide plains - lunch included. A workshop on how to make home brew ☺, weekly exercise classes run by a physio, painting classes, a trip to the art gallery. Some of these could include being picked up and dropped off. We are seeking your ideas around what you would like to do.

What's on this week...

Today

Advent 3

9:15am

Rod Dyson

10:45am

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5:00pm

Simon Story

Many of our regular events are now having a break until the new year.

Tuesday 19th

7:00pm

Prayer & fasting - AWUC auditorium

Wednesday 20th

Lockleys Carols @ Mellor Park.

24th December

Advent 4 & Christmas Eve

10:00am

Combined Service

Engage Youth | returning in 2018

Engage Youth welcomes all youth in years 7-12 to come, hang out, relax, eat, make new friends, meet awesome leaders and most importantly *Engage* with God!

Engage Youth runs from 6-9:30pm at AWUC and includes dinner and dessert for \$5.

Any questions? Please contact Jack: 0433 763 908 or youth@awuc.org.au

Jack Harington | Adelaide West Uniting Church

25th December

2:30pm

Rod Dyson

mainly music Christmas Eve Service

9:00pm

Christmas Eve Service

9am

Christmas Day Service

An audio copy of every sermon is available on our web site if you want to hear it again or you miss attending any week. You can also catch up with newsletters or join a mailing list to receive them every week.

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AWUC personal name tags can be ordered from the office.

Costs are:

standard pin \$6.00;

dual pin and pocket clip \$7.00;

magnet \$9.00.