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Adelaide West Uniting Church

Acceptance, Hope and Transformation in Jesus

3rd Sunday of Advent

Is 35:1-10

Ps 146:5-10

or Lk 1:46b-55

James 5:71-10

Mt 11:2-100

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

**News
of
the
church
15th December
2019**

Kurna miyurna, Kurna yarta, ngadlu tampinhi.
(We recognise Kurna people and their land.)

Joy ...

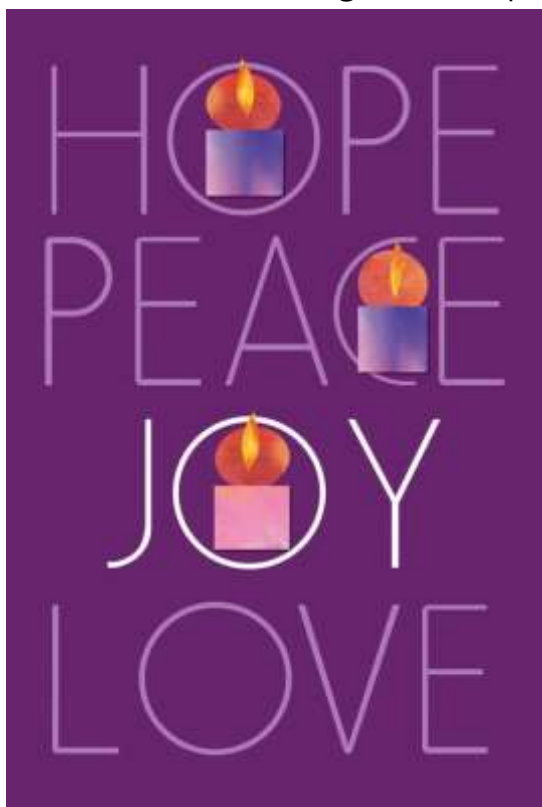
What is joy to you? Where do you find joy in your life? I find it helpful to remember that happiness is a feeling but joy is an emotion, and joy can be found in all circumstances, even in struggles. Joy is not necessarily the absence of suffering but the presence of God in our lives. So we can

experience joy in the busyness, in the hurting, in the fun, in the sad times and in the good times. In Romans 15:13, a verse we considered in our services last week, Paul prays that the God of hope will fill us with all joy and peace so that we will overflow with hope. How we long to filled with all joy and peace – today, tomorrow and every day! In this Advent season, as we prepare and wait for Christmas, we look for God's joy in our lives and commit to sharing this joy in our homes, in our church, in our community and in our world.

**Grace & peace in the Advent season,
Lynne**

Sunday Worship times:

creative traditional	9.15am
family worship	11.00am
worship	5.00pm



Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**



Thank you to all those who made our service fun last week!

This week we begin the Christmas break. There will be new activity sheets every week for those who need more stimulation.

Kids Space resumes on 2nd February, 2020.

**Blessings, Lorraine,
Children and Family Pastor**

Christmas services

Flyers available today to give to friends, family and neighbours.

Giving at Christmas – gift ideas

Choose a gift to 'give' to a friend or family member. Give a card for the gift and help fight poverty in our world. Ben from TEAR will have Useful Gifts in the foyer after morning services today. There are further catalogues for virtual gifts on the glass shelves in the breezeway for Uniting World and Leprosy Mission.

Christmas Carols Festival, 18 December 6pm – 9.30pm (carols 7.30pm), Mellor Park

This is a fun, free, local event that we are a part of as members of the Cooperating Churches of West Adelaide. Flyer in newsletter this week and plenty more available. Bring a friend!

Placement

Following the Congregation Meeting resolution to support that the ministry of Rev Lynne Aird be normalised from 1/1/2020 – the Placements Committee has now endorsed this decision. All approvals are now in place!



For youth in years 7-12

Fridays in term time, 6.30pm – 9.30pm @ church

Shared tea \$5

EY Sunday is every Sunday during the 11am service, except for the first Sunday in the month – for years 7 to 9. Questions/comments – contact Lynne 0439 600 220

Upcoming events

18 Dec 7.30pm

Christmas Carols Festival, Mellor Park

24 Dec 7 & 9pm

Christmas Eve services

25 Dec 9am

Christmas Day service

PRAYER POINTS

MON	Ministry team, staff, Church Council, volunteers
TUES	Preparations for Christmas Carols Festival at Mellor Park 18 Dec
WED	Christmas Carols Festival at Mellor Park
THU	Christmas services offered by all churches in area
FRI	Friday Youth - Christmas op shop formal dinner
SAT	Connect groups
SUN	Sunday services (3)

Giving to our community

We are collecting non-perishable foods and gifts for Uniting SA (at Port Adelaide) for pick up 16/12/19. After the 16th, items will be taken to Careworks SA (who provide emergency relief and food in our area) and St Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church in Glenelg (community aid providers). Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you to everyone who has helped to lead Youth and EY, or provided meals for Youth in the last 5 months – your commitment, enthusiasm, ministry and care is appreciated!

#togetherweserve



Scripture Union Beach Missions

Today there is a 'Cake with your Cuppa' fundraiser for Scripture Union Beach Missions - Port Vincent and Mannum, as there are some folk from the 11am service who will be joining those two teams in early January. Bring your gold coins to enjoy a delicious sweet treat to go with your morning cuppa. Thanks in anticipation of your support! (Sandy & Richard Altmann, Kylie Roberts, Louise Fielke & the Dow family)

Uniting Church calendars

Calendars are available in the foyer for \$3 each.

2020 Offering envelopes

Dated offering envelopes are available in the foyer for anyone who would like to use this form of giving.

What's on in the next week...

Today	9.15am	Lynne Aird
	11.00am	Lynne Aird - baptism
	2.00pm	Men's Choir Concert
	5.00pm	Simon Story
Monday	10.00am	Stitchers
Friday	6.30pm	Youth @ church – Christmas op shop formal dinner
Sunday	9.15am	Phil Carr
	11.00am	Phil Carr
	5.00pm	tba

Christmas brunch

A team is providing brunch for people that don't have anywhere to go on Christmas day. Do you know someone that we could invite? Please ring or email the office or Lynne.

On-line giving:

BSB: 805-007 | Account# 00703475

Account name: Adelaide west Uniting Church | marked 'offering'

CHURCH CONTACTS

Intentional Interim minister: (day off – Fri)

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