



Yorke Peninsula News

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Welcome everyone, to the second issue of this monthly newsletter designed to reach the members of all UCA congregations on YP. I have had a few possible names for this epistle sent to me and I have listed them at the end this one for you to vote on, or offer other suggestions. I will ask the final decision to be made at the August meeting of the YPRMC.

Our esteemed treasurer of the YPRMC, Joylene Potter, has asked that I share the addresses for the YP Facebook page and the YP website so here they are:

(Facebook page) <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087937735891>

(Website) <https://yp.unitingchurch.org.au>

Joylene is keen to share on these two sites stories and photos from across the YP.

You can forward these to Joylene's email address: treasurer.yprmc@gmail.com and don't forget — anyone already on facebook can become friends on the YP page.

Don't forget — this enterprise belongs to the people of the YP UCA. The YPRMC and your Ministry Agents hope YOU will get on board and provide more than enough exciting 'stuff' for the August issue and the rest of the year. You can email me directly, or tie a message to the leg of one of your homing pigeons to reach me by the first Sunday of each month.

Don't be shy or hesitant — we are One in the Lord and sharing our stories, our hopes, our dreams, prayers and even our questions will help to build the UCA community across God's wonderful rural garden we call Yorke Peninsula.

May the Lord bless you today and everyday.

Rev. Jane McDonald Email: sjanemcdonald71@gmail.com

PS: We've had a nice drop of rain recently. How about the rest of you?

Lectionary Readings

July 6	July 13	July 20	July 27	August 3
2Kings 5:1-14	Amos 7:7-17	Amos 8:1-12	Hosea 1:2-10	Hosea 11:1-11
Ps. 30	Ps. 82	Ps. 52	Ps. 85	Ps. 107:1-9, 43
Gal.6:7-16	Col. 1:1-14	Col. 1:15-28	Col. 2:6-15	Col. 3:1-11
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20	Luke 10:25-37	Luke 10:38-42	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 12:13-21

Want to learn more

New Times Autumn edition has interesting articles from around the UCA in SA.

Uniting Church in SA news can also be found online at: engagement@sa.uca.org.au

Renewal Workshops are underway again: Maitland UC Monday, from June 16 2.00pm

Kadina UC Wednesday, from June 18 2.00pm

By Zoom Wednesday evenings at 7pm contact Joylene 0417 821 109 for code)

For more information contact Pastor Brenton: 0461 582 367; email: brentonsm@gmail.com

Teaching and training sessions led by Rev June Ladner in the following subjects have begun:

Sacraments and UC regulations — Stansbury UC; Worship leading — Ardrossan UC. June is also leading another Renewal workshop at Edithburgh UC. Please contact June to find out more.



Hi all from Wallaroo Church Fellowship.

We usually have 14 members but on a cold wet day on 9th July, 9 members came out for a shared luncheon which lasted 3 hours with fun and laughter, which included a prayer and a few devotions and funny stories from each other. A nice hot cuppa finished the day off. Many blessing to you all from the Wallaroo Uniting Church.



How would you explain what the Holy Spirit does?

It's one of those tricky questions that is not all that easy to answer. In John 14:15-17 Jesus calls the Holy Spirit 'Advocate'. Another word often given here is 'Comforter'. However, we were not sent the Holy Spirit just to make us feel better about ourselves and our faith.

We need to do a bit of digging here into the origin of the word 'Spirit'. Hopefully, we understand what 'holy' means. The root of the word Spirit is the Latin word "spirare". There are other words that share the same root, words like inspiration, aspiration, respiration, transpire, expire, conspire and so on. Spirare means to breathe, and breath goes both in and out. On that basis, the Holy Spirit is instrumental when **we breathe in** all that Jesus taught. In John 14 Jesus was telling his followers that the Holy Spirit would help them to remember him, recall and study his teachings, turn to God in prayer and help us to firm up our faith. When **we breathe out** the Holy Spirit directs our actions, our behaviour and our care for others. In doing so, all that we then do in the name of Jesus Christ will offer a tangible message to the world that God is with us all and everyone is worthy of our care and attention. After you breathe in, don't forget to breathe out!

Names for this newsletter — so far — what do you think?

Church Chatter

From the Lamb's Fold

YP Family Matters

Sheep Fodder

Together

Second Sunday Serving