



Bulletin – February 2016

And this happened! A new year, new and renewed hopes, and a path of possibilities and opportunities unfolding.

Before we travel too far into the year, the UMN Reference Group encourage you to look over the diary dates included in this bulletin and mark them in your calendars.

Sharing our missional objectives and strategies

First Network Gathering for 2016

Thursday 25 February

The Spire Community: Clayton Wesley Uniting Church
Corner of The Parade and Portrush Road, Beulah Park

- 5.30 pm – Goodies Op Shop will be open for browsing and shopping before moving to...
- 6.00 pm – nibbles, drinks, and connecting informally, then moving into..
- 6.30 pm – Hope Café
- 9.00 pm – conclude



Experiential, interactive, reflective, we will have opportunity to:

- browse Goodies Op Shop
- be treated to a beautiful Persian meal
- savour a morsel of English as second language class
- hear from the owner of a boat building business who is involving Hope Café community members in a community boat building venture
- engage with Hope Café community members (your table hosts) as they share their experiences of and participation in Hope Café's many offerings
- Reflect with Rev. Paul Turley on spiritual but not religious conversations with volunteers, and offering assistance to new arrivals as they navigate the system
- gain insights from Paul Turley and David Winderlich into this new model of Parish Mission Council
- be informed about the challenges facing refugee and asylum seekers as they navigate a maze of applications, reviews, and continual re-classification of visas

A recommended donation of **\$10.00** will contribute to the cost of your meal, as well as meals for members of the Hope Café community who will be joining us at our tables. However, we would **not** want cost to prohibit any from attending. Please indicate in your reply if cost is a concern, and pay what you can.

Due to the nature and design of the evening it is *very important* that we have notification of your intention to attend on, or preferably before, Friday 19 February. It is possible we will need to limit numbers.

Please reply to susan@urbannetwork.org.au, including any dietary requests.

Articulating the Gospel for 21st century hearers



An afternoon with **Hugh Mackay**

7 May, 1.30 pm



Hugh Mackay is a social researcher and the author of sixteen books – ten in the field of social psychology and ethics, and six novels.

At this special **Urban Mission Network** event, Hugh will explore the interconnection between his book *Art of Belonging* and his new book *Beyond Belief*, which will be launched at our seminar.

Art of Belonging advances the argument put forward in Mackay's bestselling *The Good Life*: a "good life" is not lived in isolation or in the pursuit of independent goals; a good life is lived at the heart of a thriving community, among people we trust, and within an environment of mutual respect.

Beyond Belief Most Australians think of themselves as basically Christian. Around 67 per cent of us say they believe in God but only 7 per cent attend church regularly. Why the gap? Mackay believes that what and how we believe is one of the great unexamined topics of our time.

We encourage you to mark this date and time in your diaries. Watch for details in future bulletins, and Urban Mission Network Facebook page and website.

News from the churches

Welcome Rev. Jenny Walker to the Urban Mission Network

A registered nurse all her young adult life, by her thirties, Jenny had begun to contemplate retraining in psychology, after working in a multi-disciplinary psychiatric team with children, youth and families. Things changed for Jenny when she came to faith in early 1990. She soon became involved in lay ministry, but found herself very drawn to the ministry of Spiritual Direction. However, the training was hard for a lay person to access at that time. The door that did open for Jenny was to the ministry of Deacon. After a long period balancing family and ministry training, Jenny was ordained in late 2001 to a placement at St Andrews by the Sea Uniting Church, Glenelg. From there, Jenny ministered as chaplain at Annesley College for four years and then at Lefevre Uniting Church, Taperoo, for seven years. She also spent 3 years as Chaplain to Parkin-Wesley College from 2008–10.

A persistent call to a more contemplative spirituality continued to draw Jenny until 2011, when an opportunity came along for her to train as a spiritual director. As a contemplative, Jenny is concerned with the question of how the church can help bring people to experience a sense of the Presence, a sense of the Holy in their own lives. As a Deacon, Jenny is concerned with matters involving justice, mercy, and peace for the whole creation. As a pastoral minister, she's interested in creating loving, hospitable communities of faith. Jenny commenced in placement at Prospect Road Uniting Church on 1 January 2016 and was inducted on 10 January.



Reflecting theologically

Lenten Studies

Morialta Uniting Church

Invites you to join them in one of the four groups that will be reflecting on the Lenten journey and Easter story.

- *A History of Christianity, Sunday 11:15 am – 12.30 pm*
- *Giving up God for Lent, Wednesday 7.30 pm*
- *Refreshed by Grace, Thursday 10.00 am*
- *The Last Week, Friday 7.30 pm.*

Go to <http://www.morialtauca.org.au/events/> for details and registration form.

Intervention and Reconciliation



A theological and sociological reflection on intervention and reconciliation in the light of the Easter story.

Led by Rev Dr Jonathan Barker
Sponsored by PCNet

**17 February through to
23 March 2016**

**Wednesday evenings
7.30 pm – 9.30 pm**

**At Christ Church Uniting
26 King William Rd Wayville**

Bookings: Jonathan, Mob: 0438 012 227

Email: Jonathan Barker
jkjmbarker@bigpond.com

Cost: \$30

Addressing issues of social justice

PCNet and Pilgrim Pathways Joint Event

Friday Forum, Effective Living Centre

26 King William Rd Wayville

19 February, 2016, 7.15 pm
Wine and Cheese

Climate Change: What can I do and how can I make a difference?

Presented by **Andy Chambers**.
A Director of Seed Consulting Services
(Sustainability Planning, Environmental
Management Systems and Natural
Resource Management project
services.)

Climate change presents many challenges for the future. Confronting these challenges will require changes within ourselves. Andy will discuss mixing motivation for action, with fun and hope for the future. He will explore recent international and Australian action on climate change, and suggest some simple and everyday responses we can all adopt to make a difference.

Tickets: \$20 waged, \$15 concession,
\$12 Friends of ELC

Phone bookings and enquiries:
Pilgrim UC Office ph (08) 8212 3295

Payment at the door (cash only)

Diary Dates

Network Gatherings – 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Thursday 26 May at Oasis: faith spirit community – Flinders University

Thursday 25 August

Thursday 24 November

Devonshire morning tea for ministers

Thursday 14 April 10.30 am

Tuesday 20 September 10.30 am



28 April – 1 May

Uniting Women's Conference <http://unitingwomen.org.au>

7 May 1.30 pm

Hugh Mackay

13 – 15 May

Rosefield teaching weekend

21 June

All day retreat

23 July

Workshop for Church Councils

AT THE CROSSROADS

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

ROSEFIELD TEACHING WEEKEND 13-15 MAY 2016

REV DR SUNNY CHEN
CHAPLAIN
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

Uniting Women Adelaide 2016

28 April - 1 May

A nationwide movement of faithful Christian women sharing the ways Christ is inspiring hope in their lives and communities.

UnitingWomen 2016 is an activity of the Uniting Church in South Australia.

Uniting Women   Uniting Church. **Uniting People.**