

Church Council News Update

The process of finding a minister goes on and on and on...

Advertisements have been placed in UCA publications, both in print and online, across WA and in the Eastern States; however there has been no response or interest shown as yet.

It seems that there is a dire shortage of suitably trained and equipped ministers/pastors right across Australia. The fact is that most small congregations can no longer afford to employ a minister even if one was available.

One possibility that might make our vacancy more attractive to ministers would be to consider establishing a shared or joint ministry position. Presbytery wishes to provide support to the many small rural congregations that do not have a minister in placement. This could be achieved by occasional visits to some congregations and networking through telephone or digital technology.

The Presbytery Minister (Pastoral) has visited Wagin and spoken with our Church Council about the willingness of the Council to support a ministry, based in Wagin, that would work within our own congregations for 50% of the time and spend the other 50% networking and supporting rural congregations that have no minister in placement.

Our Church Council has offered "in principle" support to this idea. The Presbytery is now in the process of drafting a Memorandum of Understanding as to how this joint ministry could work.

Thankfully our faithful band of lay preachers, musicians and worship leaders continue to use their gifts and talents to enable public worship to occur within our group of congregations. A BIG THANKYOU to all who contribute in any way to the ongoing worship and witness of our congregations.

Property maintenance continues to be a significant concern to the Church Council and the Property and Finance Sub-committee. The asbestos roofing on Wesley Hall needs to be attended to. Inspections of the roof have been carried out and the Property and Finance committee is arranging for quotations for the work to remedy the problem.

On behalf of the Church Council I would like to thank you for your faithful support of our congregations. I urge you to continue praying for God's blessing upon our group of congregations.

Grace and Peace, Graham Wasley

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Wagin Group

CONGREGATIONS OF
DARKAN, DUMBLEYUNG AND WAGIN



OUR VISION

To honour God through purposeful loving.

Pentecost 13
27 August 2023

Members of



OUR MISSION

*To be a prayerful,
Spirit-filled people,
encouraging one another
to Christ-like maturity,
reaching out and
affirming all people
with the love of God.*



**I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven,
and whatever you
bind on earth
will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you
loose on earth
will be loosed in heaven.**

Matthew 16.19

Sunday, 27 August 2023

Waratah 9.15 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 13

Liz Pederick
Wendy Pederick

Bible Readings

Exodus 1:8 –2:10
Psalm 124
Romans 12:1-8
Matthew 16:13-20

Sunday, 3 September 2023

Darkan 9.00 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 14

Wendy Pederick
Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley

Exodus 3:1-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26
45b
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 16:21-28

Sunday, 10 September 2023

Waratah 9.15 am
Wagin 10.15 am
Dumblebung 11.00 am

Pentecost 15

Arthur Pederick
Arthur Pederick
Wendy Pederick

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 149
Romans 13:8-14
Matthew 18:15-20

Sunday, 17 September 2023

Darkan 9.00 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 16

Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley
Neil Vagg

Exodus 14:19-31
Psalm 114
Romans 14:1-12
Matthew 18:21-35

**Communion**

Wagin 27 August 2023
Dumblebung 10 September 2023
Darkan 17 September 2023

Darkan Flower Roster

3 September 2023 S Blake
17 September 2023 D Gooding

**THIS WEEK'S WAGIN ROSTERS**

Door: Mick Biddulph
Morning Tea: Biscuits
Reader: Liz Pederick
Worship: Wendy Pederick

NEXT WEEK

Joan Johansson
Joan Johansson
Max Bell
Graham & Ann-Britt

A Sunday School teacher was testing her pupils after a series of lessons on God's omnipotence.

She asked, "Is there anything God cannot do?" There was silence.

Finally, one lad held up his hand. The teacher, disappointed that the lesson's point had been missed, asked resignedly,

"Well, just what is it that God cannot do?"

"Well," replied the boy, "He can't please everybody."

**DATES, MEETINGS, INFORMATION:**

Special Event: On Friday evening 8th September, Pastor Warren Harvey from the Collective Hope Church in Northam will lead a PRAYER QUAKE in Wagin. This will take place between 8 pm and 4 am at the back of our church. For further information contact Julianne Evans on 0466 502 931.

CommuniTEA Hub, Wesley Hall, Ranford Street, Wagin. Every Thursday, 10 am to 1 pm. A place for a cuppa, chat and connection. For more information contact Wendy Pederick on 0429 171 676, Ann-Britt & Graham Wasley on 9861 1724.

Please Note: We now have a new website as part of the Uniting Church WA website, <https://wagin.ucwa.au>.

*God does not call
those who are qualified.*

He qualifies those whom he calls.

Brother Andrew, Founder of Open Doors

**WAGIN REGULAR FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUP is in recess until further notice.
Contact Liz Pederick on 0429 087 733

FRIDAY MORNING CELL GROUP meets every Friday at 10.00 am at the back of Wagin church. Contact Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley on 98611724.

The FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING is at 12 noon at the back of Wagin Church.
Contact Graham & Ann-Britt on 98611724

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