

Developing a Multi-Ethnic Church.

The following is an excerpt from "Rob's Ramblings". Rob is our Presbytery Minister for Mission.

I attended a meeting this week organised by Missions Interlink about multicultural/ intercultural churches. The speaker was Victor Owour who is the Director of Ministries with the Baptist Churches in WA. Victor shared some valuable advice that I wanted to pass on to you today.

Victor began by challenging us to become a more welcoming church in relation to those people who live in our community who may not be a part of our own people group; the need for leadership culture to change, and for church worship to change.

There were five points that came out of Victor's talk about how to be intentional in the way we engage with people from cultures different from our own.

1. To know our community. Are we familiar with the statistical information that is available about the community in which we live and how we pray for those communities?
2. To interact with our community. There needs to be a desire to build authentic relationships. Attend the celebrations of multicultural groups, visiting their businesses and restaurants with only one aim: To make friends.
3. Re-shape our congregation's understanding of church. Many churches have adopted a culture of maintaining our church. We need to start thinking about relational outreach that goes beyond the four walls of the church and goes to other people. Find out about their important cultural events and celebrate with them.
4. Train your congregation to think like missionaries. God did not say to the Hebrew people "go into the Promised Land and sit on your laurels and enjoy the milk and honey". The people were to be His priests to the nations. That was God's mission. But they failed and had to be taken to other lands in exile.
5. Train your congregation to embrace ethnic diversity. The early church was a multi-ethnic church.

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30th August 2023

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Wagin Group

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OUR VISION

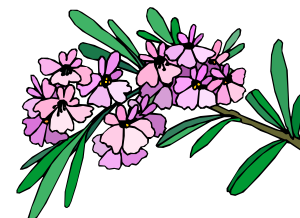
To honour God through purposeful loving.

Pentecost 14
3 September 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.*



**Then Jesus told his disciples,
"If any want to
become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross
and follow me.**

Matthew 16.24

Sunday, 3 September 2023

Darkan 9.00 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 14

Wendy Pederick
Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley

Bible Readings

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
Dumbleyung 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

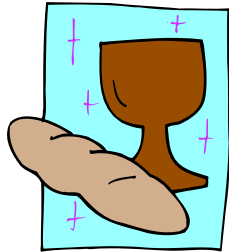
Sunday, 24 September 2023

Waratah 9.15 am
Wagin 10.15 am

Pentecost 17

Liz Pederick
Music Team

Exodus 16:2-15
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
Philippians 1:21-30
Matthew 20:1-16

**Communion**

Dumbleyung 10 September 2023
Darkan 17 September 2023
Wagin 24 September 2023

Darkan Flower Roster

3 September 2023 S Blake
17 September 2023 D Gooding

**THIS WEEK'S WAGIN ROSTERS**

Door: Joan Johansson
Morning Tea: Joan Johansson
Reader: Max Bell
Worship: Graham & Ann-Britt

NEXT WEEK

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Wendy Steels
Arthur Pederick



Two little brothers, Harry and James, had finished dinner and were playing until bedtime.

Somehow James hit Harry with a stick, and tears and bitter words followed. Charges and accusations were still being exchanged as their mother prepared them for bed.

The mother instructed, "Now Harry, before you go to bed you're going to have to forgive your brother."

Harry was thoughtful for a moment and then he replied, "OK, I'll forgive him tonight, but if I don't die during the night, he'd better look out in the morning."

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.

Yealering CampFire 2023. Friday 22th —Monday 25th September 2023. For more info or registration, contact Ann-Britt Wasley on 0428 611 724 or email: abwasley@westnet.com.au

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>.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
TO ALL DADS AND GRANDDADS
IN OUR CONGREGATIONS.
MAY YOU BE RICHLY BLESSED
TODAY
AND IN THE COMING YEAR!**

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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