Reconciliation Week 27 May-3 June 2024

The Uniting Church Assembly is encouraging UCA members and congregations to mark and take part in National Reconciliation Week from 27 May – 3 June.

As we mark National Reconciliation Week, we also approach the <u>30th</u> <u>anniversary of the Covenant</u> between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and the Uniting Church in Australia.

Now more than ever - Reconciliation 30 years on from the Covenant National Reconciliation Week begins on 27 May, the anniversary of the 1967 referendum and concludes on 3 June, the day in 1992 that Eddie (Koiki) Mabo won and the lie of *terra nullius* was laid bare in the Australian High Court. This was not a land without people, and the sovereignty of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples was never ceded, they were never conquered, the lie now exposed. The week is preceded by National Sorry Day, on 26 May.

This year's National Reconciliation Week theme is '*Now more than ever*'. Indeed, now more than ever, is a time for us to recommit to <u>living in</u> <u>Covenant as we mark 30 years of this abiding commitment and</u> <u>relationship</u>

As Psalm 118:24 states, '*This is the day that the Lord has made*.' Let us not only '*rejoice and be glad in it*', but work to ensure that Australia's First Peoples can too rejoice in living flourishing lives free from injustice and discrimination.

The Uniting Church is committed to truth-telling about our shared history, acknowledging the trauma and grief that endures as a result of deeply unjust, colonial policies such as the forced removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their culture and communities.

In the wake of the majority 'No' result of the Voice to Parliament referendum last year, we continue to bear witness to the feelings of grief and disillusionment experienced by many First Nations people.

We walk together as First and Second Peoples on the continuing road to justice and healing.

One way for your local church, congregation, school or agency to answer the call to reconciliation and justice is to commit to <u>Living the Covenant</u> <u>Locally</u>.

As an expression of our covenant relationship with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC), this is an opportunity to grow understanding, deepen relationship and commit to action for a more just Church and nation. *(From the UCA Assembly Website)*

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Wagin Group

CONGREGATIONS OF DARKAN, DUMBLEYUNG AND WAGIN





To honour God through purposeful loving.

Pentecost 2 2 June 2024

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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.



For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.



Sunday, 2 June 2024 Darkan 9.00 am Wagin 10.15 am	Pentecost 2 Arthur Pederick Robyn Willey	<u>Bible Readings</u> 1 Samuel 3:1-20 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18 2 Corinthians 4:5-12 Mark 2:23—3:6
Sunday, 9 June 2024 Waratah 9.00 am Wagin 10.15 am Dumbleyung 11.00 am	Pentecost 3 Liz Pederick Wendy Pederick Arthur Pederick	1 Samuel 8:4-11, 16-20 Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13- 5:1 Mark 3:20-35
Sunday, 16 June 2024 Darkan 9.00 am Wagin 10.15 am	<u>Pentecost 4</u> Robyn Willey Graham & Ann-Britt Wasley	1 Samuel 15:34-16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6-17 Mark 4:26-34
Sunday, 23 June 2024Waratah9.15 amWagin10.15 am	Pentecost 5 Arthur Pederick Arthur Pederick	1 Samuel 17: 32-49 Psalm 9:9-20 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-51
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A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One child answered, "Mary."

The teacher then asked, "Who knows what Jesus' father's name was?" A little kid said, "Verge."

Confused, the teacher asked, "Where did you get that?"

The kid said, "Well, you know, they are always talking about Verge n' Mary."

DATES, MEETINGS, INFORMATION:

THE SOCK APPEAL in on again: Socks are the number one requested item at homelessness services, and there's never enough of them.

Everyone deserves to have cosy toes this winter. Bring new pairs of socks to the Wagin Church and put them in the "sock box" in the back of the Wagin Church. We will pass them on to those who minister to the homeless.

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

"Christ knows all that is true about our story,

the parts we own and the parts we would delete,

and He invites us to bring them all

into the spotlight of His grace."

Sheila Walsh, From The Shelter of God's Promises.



WAGIN REGULAR FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

TUESDAY HOME FELLOWSHIP meets every **Tuesday at 10 am** at Ann-Britt and Graham's, studying ' **faith runs deep',** unearthing stories of faith in Australia, by Karl Faase and Karen Morris. Contact Ann-Britt and Graham Wasley on 0428 611 724 or 98 611724

For information about Prayer Meeting Times, please contact Robyn Willey on 0417 924 823

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