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Join us each Sunday for Worship
 via the Ballarat Central Uniting
 Church YouTube Channel.

**Weekly Brown Hill Uniting Church
 Communion Services**

are held on Wednesdays at 1.30pm.
 We invite you to join us for this combined
 Ballarat Central and Brown Hill Service.



**Update your
 contact info!**

**Have you changed
 contact details?**
 Please update
 information with the
 Office to ensure we can
 keep you updated with
 emails, etc. Thank you.



**Youth Group is meeting
 each Friday
 7-9pm week.**

Please contact Andy on
 0476 880 394 if you are
 interested or for more
 information.

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The Uniting Church in Australia
Ballarat Central Congregation
 — a pilgrim people — on the way



Notice Sheet for MAY 2021

The outpoured Spirit

*Then afterward I will pour out my
 Spirit on all flesh. Joel 2:28*



Read Acts 2:1-12

This Pentecost, I am drawn to
 re-live the story. I am in a room.
 Waiting. Jesus has promised power
 from on high. I will then be a
 witness to him. So I wait for him to
 fulfil his promise. I do not know the languages of the world. Nor the cultures.
 I barely understand my own people. They seem so distant from me, even those
 closest to me. I am helpless to make another person believe. So I admit my
 powerlessness in what really matters most to me. I wait upon God. Then,
 sovereignly, in his own timing, the Spirit of God imparts himself. Beyond the
 wind and beyond the fire. Jesus was explained that day, and people
 understood.

Prayer

It sounds such a simple thing I would like to do, to be able to tell my friends
 about Jesus so that they can believe. So simple. But quite beyond me. It needs
 a real work of God. Father, I bring before you the promise of Jesus, that he
 would ask the Father, and you would send the Spirit, and the Spirit would
 reveal Jesus to the church and would teach us everything of him. I thank you
 that you have fulfilled your own word. I thank you that you will fulfil it afresh in
 me. I pray that I may be available to all that you would do in this movement and
 action and filling of me with your Spirit. May my life and my conversation be a
 living witness to Jesus.

Sunset Rock Uniting Church, SA

DATE	READINGS	READER	PRAYERS	MUSIC
MAY 2 EASTER 5 Rev. Jane Monro	Acts 8:26-40 Psalm 22:25-31 1 John 4:7-21 John 15:1-8	Kim Daniel	Barry Wilkins	Evan Duggan
MAY 9 EASTER 6 Rev Bill Clark	Acts 10:44-48 Psalm 98 1 John 5:1-6 John 15:9-17	Lesley Lyons	Richard Jordan	Roger Peck
MAY 16 EASTER 7 Helen Duggan	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 Psalm 1 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19	Heather Gilbert	Barbara Snibson	Coad family
MAY 23 PENTECOST	Acts 2:1-21 Psalm 104: 24-34, 35b Romans 8:22-27 John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15	Bron James	Lyn Fleming	Ray Hodder
MAY 30 TRINITY SUNDAY	Isaiah 6:1-8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12-17 John 3:1-17	Macaulay family	Maureen Doonan	Roger Peck
JUNE 6 PENTECOST 2	1 Samuel 8:4-11 (12-15) 16-20 (11:14-15) Psalm 138 2 Cor. 4:13—5:1 Mark 3:20-35	Trevor & Karen Coad	Rev. David Leach	Evan Duggan

Anaditj – “The Lord said: My people, when you stood at the crossroads, I told you, **follow the road your ancestors took**, and you will find peace.” (Jeremiah 6:16, NRSV). First Nations Peoples find peace in the pathway of the ancestors. Aunty Denise tells how she has discovered Christ in Adnyamathanha creation stories and cosmology, in this to “grasp the deeper meaning when Muda are understood as *Ngalakanha Muda* – wisdom.”

The last chapter entitled ‘Standing at the Crossroads’ explores the moment in time Australia and First Nations Peoples are at. What of colonisation, racism, self determination and United Nations Rights of Indigenous Peoples – it’s time says Aunty Denise for ‘Reformation’!

This powerful book is a blend of wonderful Adnyamathanha story-telling and wisdom, challenging a fresh thinking from this Adnyamathanha Theologian, and a call for justice for First Nations Peoples within the Church and the nation.

The last word from Aunty Denise: “I don’t think God labels people. Does he? Does she? God doesn’t label anybody! Once you recognise this it brings a lot of freedom to determine for ourselves who we are.”

“In the beginning Arrawatanha (God) created, and nobody’s got a monopoly on that. That’s our identity. *Anaditj*.”

Copies of Anaditj are available for \$25 + 10% postage. For more information Contact Bev Freeman at bfreeman@sa.uca.org.au



From Stuart McMillan, Arraru man, National Consultant Covenanting Anaditj,
Aunty Rev Dr Denise Champion, © 2021

Follow the road your ancestors took

Aunty Denise Champion is a proud Adnyamathanha woman from the Finders Ranges in South Australia, and the Theologian in Residence at Uniting College in Adelaide. In her new book, *Anaditj*, Aunty Denise speaks of a life principal for Adnyamathanha Peoples, 'a state of being'.

A literal English translation of the meaning of *Anaditj* is 'the way things are', however as Aunty unpacks this the reader will discover far deeper and profound meanings. Speaking of the "dark spaces between the stars", Aunty describes "Dark Emu", from which Bruce Pascoe took the title of his book about the way First Nations Peoples cared for the land, cultivated it and harvested it; Adnyamathanha Peoples look at the night sky and see the dark spaces between the constellations.

How do you read the Scriptures? Aunty Denise begins to open the readers mind to fresh understandings: "Jesus... a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek"; could this be the "priesthood of all Creation"? She challenges the Western constructs and invites the reader to open themselves to Adnyamathanha ancient wisdom.

Speaking of restoring the dignity of the Gospel Aunty says: "What is the Gospel for us as indigenous people? When my culture and language is affirmed that is Good News." Speaking of the question Jesus asked, 'Who do you say I am?' Aunty answers: "*Nina urtyu Ngalakanha Muda*. You are the Christ. *Anaditj*. You are Big History." Aunty Denise points the reader to the wisdom of the Cosmic Christ – Big History!

In chapter three Aunty Denise says: "I don't like the concept of being in or out, the concept of being lost or found, which has shaped the institutional structure of the church." Aunty prefers to say: "I am *urupaku*, a follower of Jesus." She then unpacks these statements and speaks of Christ as "*Ngalakanha Muda*", talking of the love, care and protection of God. Aunty speaks about contemporary issues the church is challenged by and the Adnyamathanha wisdom which responds.

2021 OFFERINGS Weekly Budget for 2021 - \$4,327

Ballarat Central Offering	Weekly Offering	Received Year To Date	Budget To Date
4th April	\$5,061.35	\$51,162.21	\$60,578.00
11th April	\$2,023.85	\$53,186.06	\$64,905.00
18th April	\$2,953.10	\$56,139.16	\$69,232.00
25th April	\$3,237.87	\$ 59,377.03	\$ 73,559.00

5 PM SERVICE

**Family Evening
Service**



**The next Service is held on
Sunday 23rd May, 5pm
Look forward to seeing you then!**



Taize Service
Held on 1st
Sunday of the
month at 7pm.
We invite you
come and join us.

ANNUAL LEAVE

Please note that Rev. Lauleti will be on Annual Leave from Monday 3rd to Monday 17th May. Rev. Jane Monro will be leading the service on 2nd May, Rev. Bill Clark leading the 9th May Service and Helen Duggan will be leading the Service on Sunday 16th May.

Also please note:

The Office will be unattended from 17th May—21st May due to Leave
If you need pastoral care or have concerns, please contact Rod Devenish 0428 945 721 or the Pastoral Care team.
Thank you.

GIVING

THANK YOU FOR JOINING GOD
IN HIS WORK IN THIS WORLD

Ballarat Central UC Weekly Giving program

If you are not already involved with our regular giving program we encourage you to do so. There are ways you can be involved.

You can directly transfer to Bendigo Bank **BSB 633 000 Account 133779470** and enter the word pledge with your name or phone Ron Harris 5332 2456 who will provide you with a pledge number. Cheques can also be sent to: Treasurer, BCUC, PO Box 700, Ballarat 3353.
Thank you for your Offerings.

Chapel is changing channels ... and venue!

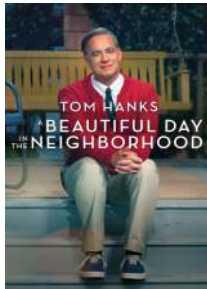
The mid-week chapel service will now also be streamed from the Ballarat Regional Healthcare Chaplaincy YouTube channel
Chapel will be presented from The Wendouree Chapel at The Bev Pratt Chaplaincy Centre in Brown Hill.

New weekly services available on Wednesdays 2pm - April 2021 onwards

Click: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCei1wxWQZXWotnzN9IJEROQ>

Search YouTube: Ballarat Regional Healthcare Chaplaincy
SUBSCRIBE

Visit: <https://www.ballaratchaplaincy.com.au>
Chapel services will still be available on the BCUC YouTube channel



SPIRITUALITY IN THE CINEMA Sunday 16th May 4-6pm "A beautiful day in the Neighbourhood"

An investigative journalist profiles Mr. Rogers, approaching the interview with scepticism, finding it hard to

believe that anyone can have such a good nature.
Followed by Discussion. BYO Snack and own Mug, hot drink will be supplied.

BALLARAT CENTRAL UNITING CHURCH "OPEN CHURCH" Will NOT BE held during Lauleti's leave, and will resume Thursday 20th May, 10am—2pm

... Space for Prayer ... Reflection/Contemplation
... Conversation Or just be yourself!

For more info contact Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvai (0413115711) or Office (0491 706 667).



Drawing Breath (in a CovidSafe environment)

Is meeting on the 2nd & 4th Monday at 9am in the Peart Wing.

Next meeting dates:
Monday 10th & 24th May.
Contact Andy Gault for more information.

OUT
TO
LUNCH

Sunday 16th May
12pm at "Lake View"
Restaurant, Wendouree Parade, RSVP to Bev Pratt

MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sunday 23rd May
8.00am Come and share in food, fellowship & fun.
Please contact Trevor Coad for further info.



You are invited to a Pentecost

Party on
Friday the 21st May
4.30pm-7.30pm

@ Ballarat Central Uniting Church.

All Young people from Kindergarten onwards are invited to join us for games, stories, crafts and food as we prepare for Pentecost (the Birthday of the church) on the Sunday.

Parents/Carers take a few hours to yourselves and go out for dinner in one of Ballarat's many restaurants or cafes in the CBD.

For further information contact Andy Gault

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 16 – 23 May 2021

"Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit"
We plan (confirming with other churches) to have a gathering for prayer at 2.30pm followed with afternoon tea at different churches within Ballarat (Catholic, Lutheran, Church of Christ, Uniting, Anglican) from Monday 17th to Friday 21st May. Information will be shared in the **Connect** email.



Meeting once a month on Sunday after Church for lunch. For information please contact Pam Toom M: 0419 884 117.



Lake Walking Group

meeting 9.30am Wednesday at Pipers, Lake Wendouree. Coffee drinks welcome at 10.30am. More info Joy Hobley 5334 1702.



(For people who live alone) will be held on Sunday 2nd May, 12pm at the Brown Hill Hotel,

385 Humffray Street North. For more info speak with Lesley Lyons or Janice Cook.

BCUC HOMEWORK CLUB

Will be re-starting on Tuesday 4th May in the Peart Wing
4pm—5.30pm

Afterschool Snack provided. (no cost)
All children are welcome, please bring your Homework.

Our wonderful Tutors will be available to help. For more information please contact Marg Littlehales M: 0407 501 724