



Gloucester Uniting Church *Messenger*

Then I heard the Lord say, "Whom shall I send? Who will be my messenger?" I answered, "I will go, send me!"

Fay's advice for living



What a wonderful farewell service for our dear Fay de Witte on Friday morning.

There were loving tributes from Audrey, Sam and Jeff and some of Fay's favourite music was played.

And what we could all do well to take to heart, this advice for living from Fay herself, which Audrey had recorded:

- Stand up for what you believe
- Always tell the truth
- Look for the best in people
- Be content with what you have
- Do not envy others
- Pray always

If we all followed Fay's example, what a wonderful world we would have. Thanks Fay, we will miss you greatly. — Hilary

Mid North Coast Presbytery

Retreat

at Stuarts Point from Thurs. to Sat.

17 to 19 September

See full details overleaf

A doctor working in a remote area of the USA many years ago had a Native American family beg him to come and help their aged grandmother.

He went, made a diagnosis and gave detailed instructions for her care.

The lady recovered and some weeks later the entire family travelled to town and ceremoniously presented the doctor with a pair of moccasins 150 years old which had been made by their ancestors. The doctor protested because he realised that the gift was a cherished item and very valuable.

The head of the clan replied: "you saved my mother's life. We insist that you accept the moccasins. We do not express great appreciation with a cheap gift"

Thanks Fay *by Claire Reynolds*

Life's a constant flow of people, we meet them then we part, and some we hardly notice, but some affect our heart.

When parting from a special friend we think of what they gave.

To know them made us better -- kinder, loving and more brave.

We think of special things they did, the way they pray for us, their simple attitude to life: do right without a fuss.

For if we tread that same straight path and choose that way to live, we surely will be better folk and have much more to give.

Be sure to seek for others' best like treasurers in a vault and speak and think of all that's good instead of finding fault.

When others seem to have much more than ever you'll possess just be content with what you have while cheering their success. Make sure that you are honest; don't lie, cheat or deceive, and if your standard's questioned, defend what you believe.

To tell the truth, be kind and fair - that's surely the best way. Hold firm your faith and trust in God --- and pray, and pray, and pray.

Events and services:

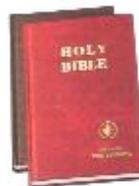
TODAY: Sunday, 26th July: Laurie Selby to lead the service.

Tuesday, 28th July: Bible study by Zoom, 7.30pm.

Sunday, 2nd August: Communion service led by Rev Dr John Hoskin.

Tuesday, 4th August: Adult Fellowship.

Tuesday, 4th August: Bible study by Zoom, 7.30pm.



Sunday church rosters

Bible reading roster for today Sunday, July 26:

Genesis 29:15-28 — Hilary Kite.

Psalms 105: 1-11, 45b or Psalm 128

Romans 8:26-39 — Bob Tebbet

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 — Sandy Tebbet.

Rosters for next Sunday, August 2:

Door stewards: Marg and Alan Cornish.

Counting the offering: Ray Creek and David Collett.

Bible reading: Shirley Smith, Elynne Graham and Jenny Shaw.

Duty Elder: Megan de Witte.

Power Point: Kerry Chisholm.

Intercessory prayers: Bruce Chisholm.

Elaine Maslen has reported that a total of \$17,986 has been contributed to the Australian Uniting Church Stamps for Sale fundraiser so far this year, and the Stamps for sale Committee has appreciated the continued support towards this total from the Gloucester Congregation.



Mid North Coast Presbytery RETREAT 17-19 September 2020 "Communities of Hope"

Yes.....the Presbytery Retreat is still going ahead. At this stage we hope to be able to meet once again at the beautiful and tranquil Seventh Day Adventist Conference Centre, set in an area of natural beauty and adjacent to the beach at Stuarts Point. The managers at the Centre have assured us that social distancing can be adhered to in the dining room, hall, outdoors....and with a few minor changes in the accommodation. However numbers may be restricted to 50 attendees only.

Who will be our guest speakers.....MEMBERS OF THE SALTBUSH TEAM. Who or what is Saltbush you may ask ???

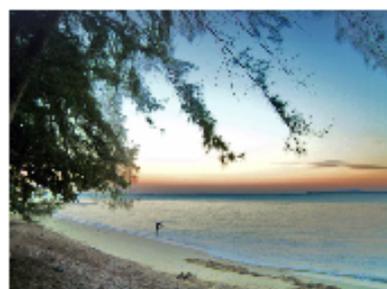
"Uniting the Scattered Community is an initiative of the NSW-ACT Synod. It seeks to reaffirm that the way of Christ (and the Uniting Church) is not bound by numbers, wealth, success or location, and that together we can enable and encourage those who often feel they are the least. Saltbush affirms the value of rural and remote Christian communities within a changing world and society. It seeks to find creative, risky and faithful, new life of the church beyond rural/urban, Presbytery/Synod, us/them boundaries. Uniting the Scattered Community is an invitation to us all to be affirming and enabling of Uniting Christian communities living out the way of Christ within their local communities and the wider world."

Relevant to all congregations and individuals within the MNC Presbytery!

When: Starting with lunch on Thursday 17 September 2020 and finishing with lunch on Saturday 19 September 2020

Who: Any member of the Mid North Coast Presbytery is welcome to attend. Ministers of the Word and Pastors are required to attend. Lay Preachers, Lay Presiders, Worship Leaders, Elders, Church Councillors & Presbytery representatives are strongly encouraged to attend.

Cost: To be finalised. Depending on what accommodation you select (ie cabin, house, motel room or your own tent/van) after Presbytery's subsidy the cost will be between \$ 80 & \$ 300 for two nights accommodation and all meals.



**A time of
connection,
reflection,
renewal and hope**

Registration forms will be available from **1 August.....**
but it would be appreciated if you could **indicate your
intention to attend to Marie Battle by 31 July**
(marie.battle@bigpond.com or 0431 735 251).

If **COVID 19** restrictions are tightened, all efforts will be made to hold the retreat in some other format.

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