



NEWSLETTER

18 December 2023 – 14 January 2024

Revive
Restore
Reach Out

Epiphany 3

Worship Services Sundays 9am

Supply Minister

Hello everyone! I am Deborah, your supply minister for the next 6 months.

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as your minister, even for this short period. I believe that a minister is called to a particular place, for a specific time, with a particular purpose, and I have prayed about it since accepting your call.

I am aware that this is a transitional period, and I pray that your hopes will be met with great success.

The American tennis player, Arthur Ashe Jr., once said, "Success is a journey, not a destination. The doing is often more important than the outcome." Sometimes, we run so fast to reach the destination that we miss wonderful moments in the middle of the journey. What if the best parts of the journey are happening in the middle of it?

Paul says in 2 Corinthians 6:2, "... Today is the day of salvation." The past is to be reflected upon, and the future is to be anticipated, but "today is the most important time because it is the only time that we have any power" (Leo Tolstoy).

Let's walk with the LORD today!

Let's seek the LORD today!

Let's love and serve the LORD today!

Let's share our blessings, whatever they are, with others, whoever they are, today! ...

Today, it is the day of salvation!

(Deborah's contact details can be found at the end of this newsletter)

Worship Roster

We are preparing the worship roster up to the end of April. If you would like to be included on the roster or change your involvement in any way please contact us:

Val R - Welcoming & morning tea, Darren - grounds, Cathy - other rosters. If you will be away for an extended period please let us know so that we can work around those dates.

Dates for your Diary

Community News and Notices

Uniting Church Assembly and Synod News Links

Uniting Church Assembly: <https://uniting.church/news/>

NSW & ACT Synod: <https://nswact.uca.org.au/communications/newsroom/>

Reflection of the Week

How often do you read instruction manuals for new appliances, toys, or gadgets? Most of us are guilty of either not following the directions closely or tossing out the booklet completely. But there is one instruction manual we cannot afford to ignore—the Bible. It is our spiritual operations manual. And when we ignore it, the consequences can be eternal.

Scanning through the Scriptures for the main points won't stretch us. Randomly flipping through the pages won't develop our spiritual maturity. We can't skim the surface and expect to find the pearls. We need to dive deep under the surface to find the treasure. To truly grow spiritually, we need to devote time, effort, and focused attention to learning from God's Word

Before we begin reading God's Word, we need to prepare our hearts. Our first step is to ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in learning, to give us discernment, and to help us recognize our own distorted viewpoints. We should come to the Bible seeking the Truth—not our own hidden desires

Prayer: Father, forgive me for the times I've merely skimmed Your Word for my own agenda. I pray that You would help me to devote time, effort, and attention to truly studying Your Word. Guide me, give me discernment, and show me areas where I need to grow. I pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

"Blessed is the one . . . whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night" (Psalm 1:1-2).

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Prayers

If you have any prayer requests or would like to know of those with particular pastoral needs to pray for, please contact Robyn, or Pastoral Care Team.
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Church Council

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