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Welcome to our service.

Duke St Church morning tea is on the 3rd Sunday of the month, Denmark Uniting Church & Lockyer have morning tea after their Service.

17 November 2024.



Discerning

Don't mention the election results? Or go into great depth, speculating about what is going to happen next? Maybe we can be a little thankful that no second civil war will break out. In my services on the most recent three Sundays, the images I chose were of small things. Very, very tiny creatures, plant and animal. Big world politics may be dominating the news, but we cannot change these. I sincerely doubt that anyone in the Albany Regional congregations of the UCA craves the power to overturn the tables in the world's political temples... I will continue to focus on small things like the tiny dewdrops on a spider's web; a bee buzzing in the wedding bush; smelling a golden bunny rose; the beauty of orchids in full bloom; a butterfly drying its wings; the smile of a toddler in a stroller; on and on, these little things add up to a joy filled day, a day to give thanks for life. Don't get this wrong, please, don't just do the ostrich thing, and put your head in the sand, ignoring the state the world is in. What I mean to get across is that we can choose which things we will focus on, to somehow find a balance, to find inner peace, the peace we are promised – and can find – in Christ. Here is an image to ponder. In the bigger picture, we are as small, or smaller than this honey eater, and loved just the same.



Conversation with God

Me: The world is completely out of control!

God: I know. It's such an adventure, right?

Me: No! It's like being on a runaway train! I need to feel like I am in control of my life.

God: You want to be in control?

Me: Yes!

God: You are living on a spinning wet rock of a planet that resides next to a constantly exploding fireball in the middle of an ever-expanding universe that is filled with mysteries beyond your wildest imagination.

Me: Um, okay....

God: And on this planet that you are hurtling through the great expanse in - you are coexisting with billions of other people who have free-will and their own experiences that shape their perspectives and beliefs.

Me: Yeah...?

God: And while all this is going on your soul is residing in a physical body that is such a miracle of delicate engineering that at any given moment could produce its last heartbeat.

Me: Right...

God: What is it about your existence that you think you have any control of?

Me: Um...

God: Come on - you know the answer to this. What can you control?

Me: How kind I am to people?

God: Yep, and one other thing.

Me: What's that?

God: How kind you are to yourself. Aside from that - most of everything else is a bit outside of your design.

Me: This is a bit terrifying...

God: All great adventures are!

John Roedel

Submitted A. Hortin

November 17

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	A. Hortin
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

November 24

8.30am	LOCKYER	Rev. Corina
9.30am	DENMARK	Rev. E. Sanderson
10am	DUKE ST	Rev. Corina
11am	MT BARKER	S. Wilson

Dates every week

Museum: Open Tues-Thurs, 9-11am.

Tuesday Discussion: Meets at 9.30am for 10am start at Elizabeth's place. All welcome to come and discuss a wide variety of topics.

Wednesday Prayer group: Meets at 10am at Heather's place. All welcome.

Thursday Bible Study group: Meets at 10am, Lockyer, Townsend St. All welcome.

November 15 AUC Church Council Meeting, Lesser Hall, 4pm

November 21 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

November 30 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm



Blessings, Corina

Prayers of the week

AUC: Helen Oxenburgh-Lowe, Emma & Jay Pell and their families.

Lockyer: Jennifer & Alistair Anderson, June Bowman and their families.

Mt Barker: Philip Webb, Sue Wilson and their families.

Denmark: Margaret & Phil Cocks, Michael Cranny and their families.

Synod: Esperance, Katanning and Kojonup Uniting Churches. Uniting Church Synod of Queensland.

Photo: Banksia- A. Hortin. If you have a photo you would like featured and is appropriate for the front page, please send it in.

Email: unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com Hard copy photos will also be accepted.



News & Notes

★ **Albany YouthCARE** Council is taking part in the **Containers for Change** scheme. Our registration number is **C10331167**. Take your eligible containers to a collection point at either IGA Spencer Park, or Container Recycling Depot, 93 Stead Rd Centennial Park and **quote our number**. The money you raise will go straight into our Albany bank account. Most aluminum, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible. For more information, check out the Containers for Change website.

★ **Offerings** We gratefully accept financial contributions ("offerings") to continue the work of the Church. Cash or cheques may be placed in the offering bowls at Sunday services. Direct bank transfers (EFT) are also welcome. For Albany, please use the details below:

BSB: 086 554 (National Australia Bank)
Account Number: 496 865 760
Account Name: Albany Uniting Church
Reference: Offering or Youthcare

For Denmark, Mount Barker and Lockyer please contact your treasurer for details. All offerings are anonymous. Feel free to ask for envelopes if you wish.

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