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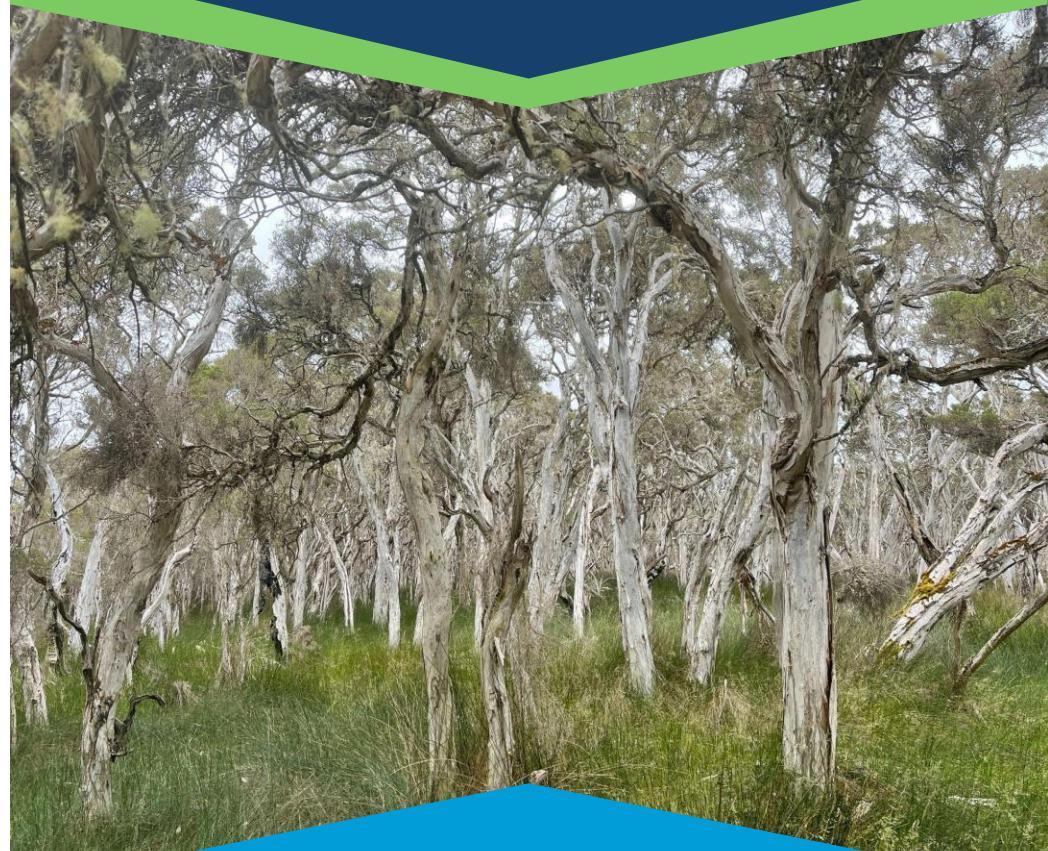
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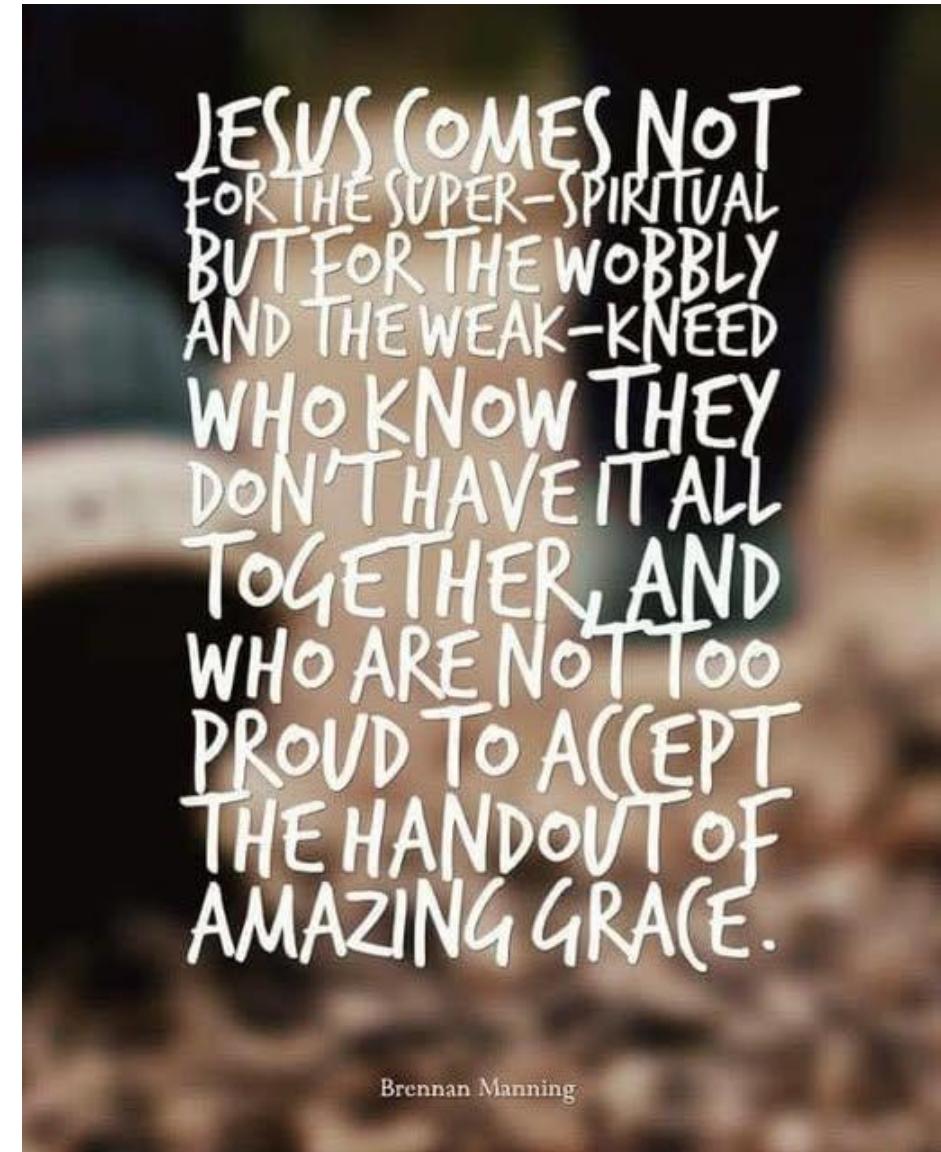
Wesley Uniting Church, morning tea is on the 3rd Sunday of the month; Denmark Uniting Church & Lockyer have morning tea after their Service.

1 February 2026.

Balance

The news from Minneapolis about ICE agents shooting another civilian has upset me. Random violence like this does not leave me indifferent.

These are globally turbulent times. There have been turbulent times before. When the known world was not much bigger than the Roman Empire, circumstances for the non-elite Romans – or their collaborators – were dire. People thrown to the lions and other wild animals served to amuse the privileged and distract the audiences from their own situation. People were publicly crucified if they stood in the path of the powerful. Jesus did not fear the powers of the day. He did not start a militant movement, or a guerrilla war. He gathered a group of unarmed people teaching the way of shalom, peace, non-violent resistance. The first Jesus followers had to change their minds about what real power looks like. Real power comes from within, not from anything outside. They had to repent, turn around, turn away from the ‘normal’ way of ruling it over others, to become servants of each other instead. This is not easy. Two thousand years have shown just how difficult it is to change the human condition, the intuitive reaction to cruelty. If I am hit, my first impulse is to hit back. Controlling this impulse is what we are called to do. Self-control is the basis for the ability to love our neighbour and even our enemy. I am not afraid of what is outside of me. Rather, I fear what lives inside.



Supplied by A. Hortin



February 1, 2026

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

February 8, 2026

8.30am	LOCKYER	E. Burns
9.00am	DENMARK HC	Rev. Corina
10am	DUKE ST	E. Burns
11am	MT BARKER HC	Rev. Corina

Dates every week

Museum: Open 9 – 11am Tuesday - Thursday

Tuesday Discussion: In recess until February 2026.

Wednesday Prayer group: Meets at 10am Heather's Place. All Welcome.

Thursday: A Taste of Spirituality: Meets at 10am – 11am at Rev. Corina's house. All welcome.

January 31 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

February

February 10 AUC Ladies Fellowship, Handasyde's, 2pm

February 13 Scot's Craft Markets. 9-3pm, CWA Hall

February 19 AUC Fellowship, Vancouver Café 10 am

February 28 Quiet Space, Wesley Church, 2-3 pm

A poem of today, to illustrate the point, by American poet Amanda Gorman.

We wake with no words, just woe and wound.
Our own country shooting us in the back is not just brutality;
it's jarring betrayal; not enforcement, but execution.
A message: Love your people and you will die.
Yet our greatest threat isn't the outsiders among us,
but those among us who never look within.
Fear not the those without papers, but those without conscience.
Know that to care intensively, united, is to carry both pain-dark
horror for today and a profound, daring hope for tomorrow.
We can feel we have nothing to give, and still love this world
waiting, trembling to change.
If we cannot find words, may we find the will; if we ever lose hope,
may we never lose our humanity.
The only undying thing is mercy, the courage to open ourselves
like doors, hug our neighbour, and save one more bright,
impossible life.
Count your blessings. Corina

News & Notes

Albany YouthCARE Council is taking part in the **Containers for Change** scheme. Our registration number is **C11675570**. Take your eligible containers to either IGA Spencer Park, or Container Recycling Depot, 93 Stead Rd, Centennial Park and **quote our number**. <https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa>

Homeless Project Denmark (HPD Homeless Project Denmark)
The main source of income for the **HPD** is a fundraising stall at the Denmark Sunday markets. Please leave items you want to donate in the Duke Street vestry, marked box HPD. Corina will see to it, so that they find their destination. <https://www.facebook.com/homelessprojectdenmark?mibextid=ZbWKwL>

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

Uniting World. If you would like to donate to Uniting World. Donations will be used to provide urgent assistance, supplies & support longer-term recovery. To donate online, go to <https://donate.uniting-world.org.au/donate-now>

Connecting people who cannot attend worship, can still stay in touch with us from anywhere in the world. You can receive the monthly Magazine, the weekly Bulletin and the Order of Service by email or in print. We also record Sunday services which can be sent on CD. Just contact Corina or Lisa.

Prayers of the week

AUC: Louise & Clint Munro, Helen Nicholson and their families.

Lockyer: Rod Marsh, Judy Thompson and their families.

Mt Barker: Pauline Hordacre, Carolyn & Doug Lincoln and their families.

Denmark: Margaret & Phil Cocks, Ruth Kershaw and their families.

Synod: St Luke's Carnarvon Uniting Church Synod of New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory.

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