



## Regional Directory

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Albany Region Congregations



## Welcome to our service.

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

**18 January 2026.**



## Summer

In our hymnbook Together in Song, number 315 is the Juia Ward hymn known as the Battle Hymn (of the Republic). Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord.... Mark Twain wrote a parody of this hymn, as a critique of the then President William McKinley (Theodore Roosevelt was vice president at the time) and the Philippine-American War of 1899-1902. This war you may never have heard about. For the first time, US Marines were recorded using “waterboarding” torture against Filipino freedom fighters. Here are Twain’s protest lyrics, which – more than 200 years later – have lost nothing of their power.

“Mine eyes have seen the orgy of the launching of the Sword; He is searching out the hoardings where the stranger's wealth is stored; He hath loosed his fateful lightnings, and with woe and death has scored; His lust is marching on.

“I have seen him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps; They have builded him an altar in the Eastern dews and damps; I have read his doomful mission by the dim and flaring lamps—His night is marching on. “I have read his bandit gospel writ in burnished rows of steel: “As ye deal with my pretensions, so with you my wrath shall deal; Let the faithless son of Freedom crush the patriot with his heel; Lo. Greed is marching on!”

“We have legalized the strumpet and are guarding her retreat; Greed is seeking out commercial souls before his judgement seat; O, be swift, ye clods, to answer him! be jubilant my feet!

Our god is marching on!

“In a sordid slime harmonious Greed was born in yonder ditch, With a longing in his bosom – and for others' goods



## The Senility Prayer

God grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway, The good fortune to run into the ones that I do and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Now that I’m older (but refuse to grow up) here’s what I’ve discovered...

I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.

My wild oats have turned into prunes and All Bran.

I finally got my head together now my body is falling apart.

Funny, I don’t remember being absent minded.

All reports are in, life is now officially unfair.

If all is not lost, where is it?

It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.

Some days you are the dog, some days you’re the hydrant.

I wish the buck stopped here, I sure could use a few.

Kids in the back seat cause accidents.

Accidents in the back seat cause kids.

It’s hard to make a comeback when you haven’t been anywhere.

The only time the world beats a path to your door is when you’re in the bathroom.

If God wanted me to touch my toes, he would have put them on my knees.

When I’m finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?

It’s not hard to meet expenses...they’re everywhere. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.

These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter...I go somewhere to get something and then wonder what I’m here after.

Supplied by R. Anderson



### January 18, 2026

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	Elizabeth Burns
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	S. Wilson

### January 25, 2026

8.30am	<b>LOCKYER</b>	Rev. Corina
9.30am	<b>DENMARK</b>	J. Wilson
10am	<b>DUKE ST</b>	Rev. Corina
11am	<b>MT BARKER</b>	A. Hortin

## 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:** Starting 22 January 2026 at Rev. Corina's house. All welcome.

January 22 AUC Council meeting, Lesser hall 3pm

**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

an itch. As Christ died to make men holy, let men die to make us rich –Our God is marching on.”

It may be summer. We live in mid-winter days, as I see it. Unrest, rumours and threats of war or invasion and other forms of violence abound. There are disastrous bush fires in Victoria, Argentina, USA and South Africa as well as threats of floods in the Northeast of Australia.

Here is another hymn for times like these. “All my hope on God is founded, all my trust he will renew, through all change and chance he guides me, only good and only true.” I pray. God of love and light, bring peace to our hearts and minds, today and always. Amen

Blessings, Corina

## Prayers of the week

**AUC:** Aileen Lucas, Rev. Judy & Allan McKechnie and their families.

**Lockyer:** Joy Dunbar, Meg Hannington and their families.

**Mt Barker:** Anne Mackie, Philip Webb and their families.

**Denmark:** Trish, Miriam & Aidan Thornber, Carlien Trotter and their families.

**Synod:** Osborne Park and Wanneroo Crossways Uniting Churches Assembly Circle of Interest: Seeking Common Ground.

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## 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.

### **The NOMADICS supported by Charling**

With a brand-new album, the Nomadics continue their journey of bringing transformational folk songs to stages across the country. Their Soul infused Country music is wrapped in the sweetest of harmony singing evocative of wide-open spaces with an ever-present waft of an outback campfire.

Charling is the solo project of well-known Western Australian musician Charlie Mgee, founder of the funk/swing band Formidable Vegetable. Friday, 16 Jan, 7pm - 9pm at Albany Uniting Church, Duke St, Albany.

### **Tickets for The NOMADICS supported by Charling**

**Bulletin dates & Hall bookings for 2026:** If you would like your groups to be included in the future Bulletins, Magazines, news & notes, calendar & hall bookings. Please email your information to the office. Many thanks to all who have contacted the office already. [unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com](mailto:unitingchurchalbany@gmail.com)

