



# DU Grape Vine



OCTOBER 2021

## WE WALK BY FAITH

The following Native American story portrays faith:

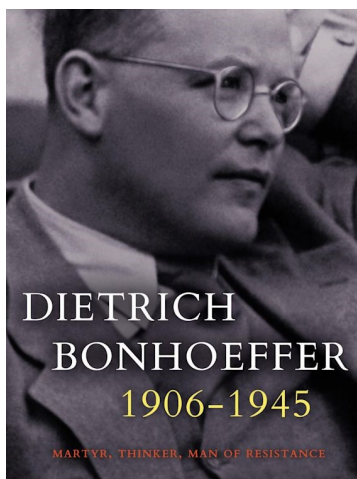
A father takes his son into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not to remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone. Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, but each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing his blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

The moral of the story is just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.



DIETRICH  
BONHOEFFER  
1906-1945

MARTYR, THINKER, MAN OF RESISTANCE

"The church is church only when it is there for others ... not dominating, but helping and serving. It must tell people in every calling what a life with Christ is, what it means 'to be there for others'."

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Congratulations to Marie Harris who celebrates her 70th birthday this month. We pray for God's blessing on your special day and the year ahead. One day we will celebrate 0 birthdays again.

## PRIORITIES IN MINISTRY

Thank you to all for your thoughts on the priorities. The summarised document is on page 3—listing the top 6 and 3 lows.

## UNITING CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please let Wayne know of order requirements by 10 October (5251 2210). The choice of cards is on page 3. Payment is not required until cards are delivered.

## SAMARITAN HOUSE LOOSE CHANGE

Our loose change offering for Samaritan House is up to \$1426. Thank you all. You may have seen in the Geelong Advertiser recently that they have opened their new self-contained units allowing for more homeless men to be accommodated. These units act as a training for returning to full community life.



## This months' services

3 Oct —Rev Temukisa

As Recorded service

10 Oct —10.30 am Denise's Team

By Zoom

17 Oct—10.30 am Wayne's Team

By Zoom

24 Oct—10.30 am Jenni's Team

By Zoom

31 Oct —10.30 am Portarlington  
Lay team (Keith & Dorothy)  
- hopefully in the church



Happy birthday!

### OCTOBER

Bob Stevenson  
Susan Duncan  
Heather Scott  
Nathan Polley  
Huyen Thi Dang  
Marie Harris  
Marg Macgillivray  
Sue Plummer

Happy birthday!

	MORNING TEA	WELCOME	READING	PRAYERS	VESTRY	COUNTING FLOWERS
OCT 31	Marg & Dianne	Carol	Win	Margo	Pat	Jonnie Melva

Web site: <http://drysdale.unitingchurch.org.au>

Facebook: [Drysdale Uniting Church](#)

***Our Vision—Reaching out with God's love and care***

### MOWING

OCT Marg & Norm

# ION STUDY ATTACHMENT 2 - YOUR PRIORITY IN MINISTRY for your new minister

As I would like our new ministry agent to focus on:

(your top 5 high priorities 1-5 (1 being the highest) and tick your lowest priority)

**DRYSDALE**  
**BASED ON**  
**35 RESPONSES**

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1. <b>Assisting congregations in vision for mission</b> (Assisting us to see where God is wanting us to reach out to others)	2	
2. <b>Assisting people and groups to work through difficult issues</b> (as individuals or a group)		
3. <b>Caring for marginalised people in the local community</b> (Helping us to care for people on the fringe of our community i.e. refugees, homeless people)		
4. <b>Developing covenantal understanding and relationships with indigenous people</b> (Helping us to seek to repair broken relationships and to work with our first people)		
5. <b>Developing cross cultural understanding, relationships, and ministry</b> (Teaching us to better understand people from other cultures and work with them in our church or community)		
6. <b>Enabling, training and supporting lay leadership of worship</b> (Finding ways to train and encourage church people to take part in leading worship services)	5	
7. <b>Engaging in new mission initiatives beyond traditional structures</b> (Building missional communities that connect with people in the community to talk about faith)		
8. <b>Establishing new worshipping communities</b> (Starting new worship groups like Messy Church, Café Church)		
9. <b>Fostering ecumenical understanding and practice</b> (Helping us to get to know and understand what other Christian Groups/Churches do and why and possibly building relationships together)		*
10. <b>Fostering mission and service in local community</b> (Teach us to share our faith with people who don't come to church in culturally appropriate ways)	6	
11. <b>Knowledge of church administrative procedures and finance</b> (To know the regulations and understand how money and admin work)		*2
12. <b>Leadership of worship and proclamation of the gospel</b> (To run a church service and teach us about Jesus/God)	1	
13. <b>Nurturing people in their faith, spiritual development, and capacity to share faith with others</b> (Helping us to know why, how, and what we believe and how we can tell others about it)	3	
14. <b>Pastoral care and visitation</b> (Being a good listener and enjoys visiting)	4	
15. <b>Reflecting theologically with the church and unchurched</b> (Being able to share the "God Story" with people who don't come to church and might have no idea about Jesus)		
16. <b>Working on issues of social justice and advocacy</b> (Encouraging us to stand up for the rights of others and find ways to help)		
17. <b>Working with older people</b> (To spend a good deal of time focusing on older people)		
18. <b>Working with people in the first third of life</b> (To spend a good deal of time focusing on younger people under 30)		*3
19. Other:		

Please expand on any of these priorities and why they are important.

## Let Christmas wishes support those in need.



**1 Bauble**  
 Sentiment: Season's Greetings and best wishes for the coming year



**2 Nativity**  
 Sentiment: May peace, joy and happiness be yours at Christmas  
 "The kings were overwhelmed with joy" Matthew 2:10



**3 Joy**  
 Sentiment: May the joy and peace of Christmas be yours throughout the year

Your purchase helps people in crisis this Christmas.

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 1800 668 426

Visit  
[unitingvictas.org.au](http://unitingvictas.org.au)



**4 Tree**  
 Sentiment: Wishing you every happiness this Christmas and throughout the New Year



**5 Kookaburra**  
 Sentiment: May you have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year



**6 Mixed pack (Peace and Dove)**  
 5 cards of each design  
 Peace sentiment: May the spirit of peace and goodwill be with you this Christmas and throughout the coming year  
 Dove sentiment: Wishing you peace, joy and hope this Christmas and throughout the New Year

Christmas cards can also be ordered online at [unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards](http://unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards)

Each pack of 10 cards is only \$11

Order forms available from:



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