

# Fram Judi



On Friday 24th and Saturday 25th June I attended the Presbytery and Synod meeting. I find some parts of Presbytery and Synod a challenge but others are energising.

We heard about financial matters, and other governance matters. We also had discussions on the proposed Nuclear Waste Repository, and we heard stories of evangelism. I found this story inspiring. On Good Friday Central Districts played a game of football. The local Uniting Church minister, Peter Riggs, after discussions with the club and other churches took a group of people to the match to share hot cross buns. He also started the match with some humorous banter and prayer. At the close of the prayer he asked that, after the game, the crowd applaud the umpires. Apparently this is not something which usually happens – but it did happen on Good Friday. Even more exciting, at that ground, there has been no booing as the umpires leave since – a cultural change that was unexpected. By engaging with the local community – his community – by sharing his faith – Peter made a difference.

We live in a post Christian society – many people do not know that they are loved by God – they only know Jesus as a swear word. By engaging with our local community, (making friends) and being alert to opportunities to respectfully and gently share our faith we too can make a difference. I encourage you to think about your story – your story of what God has done in your life and learn the basics of the Christian story – such as going to the Not a Bible Study afternoons – and this may help your confidence in sharing your faith. The thought of evangelism can be daunting but we are all called to share the good news of God's love and it can be done with respect, humour and love.

Blessings

Judi

## Spicer Community Lunch

# SA Country Women's Association Choir

Following our usual feast and birthday celebrations, we were royally entertained by the SA Country Women's Association choir conducted by our own Joan Atkinson, and accompanied on the piano by Betty Tothill. There were 14 choir members participating, and they looked very attractive in their fetching fuschia and black outfits. This group meets every Friday for practice at CWA House on Dequetteville Tce.

Being our first winter meeting, it was cold and damp outside. But the atmosphere in the hall was warm and cosy with good food, friendship and joyous music.

The choir's performance was a mixture of jokes and song. Here is an example of one of their jokes.

Husband and wife had exhibited early signs of dementia, and were advised by their doctor to write notes as an aid to memory. Husband offers to fetch ice cream, strawberries & cream for his wife who emphatically insists that he make a list of her requirements. Just as emphatically he refuses, and insists that he can remember without help. Twenty minutes later he returns with a tray bearing... bacon and eggs! She responds by saying, "But where is my toast?"

Many of the songs which the choir presented so enthusiastically and professionally were compositions of the famous Irving Berlin. According to Joan, he was a Russian emigre to the USA. He went on to write such classics as "Alexander's Ragtime Band", "Play a Simple Melody", "Blue Skies" and "Puttin' on the Ritz" (He also wrote the score and lyrics for the famous musical "Annie Get Your Gun") We were delighted to find all of these songs featured in the Choir's repertoire. Other highlights were "Do-Re-Mi" from "The Sound of Music" (the work of Rodgers and Hammerstein), "Swinging on a Star", "Dream a Little Dream of Me", "Pure Imagination", "Dream Angus", "A Song of Home", and "You Raise Me Up".

We are all extremely grateful to Joan and her team for a delightful trip down the memory lane of song.



# Are you ready to **ROCK?**

If so, come on down to

**Spicer Uniting Church**

on

**Saturday 20 August**

at

**7.30 pm**

for the musical  
extravaganza that is  
the annual

## Spicer Music Night

It's a night of musical fun and festivity for all the family, so bring your dancing shoes (just in case!) and prepare yourself for a journey through time listening to everything from the all time classics of rock 'n' roll to the latest in cutting edge musical trends!

Also featuring a special guest appearance by the Spicer Organ as you've never heard it before!

**Entry: by donation**

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### For your August calendar

Tues 2	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
	Movie Group	TBA
Sun 7	Messy Church	4.30 pm
Tues 9	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 10	Just COS	10 am
Sat 13	Eat Pray Care	10 am
Sun 14	Not the Bible Study	4 pm
Mon 15	RAD	7.30pm
Tues 16	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 17	Church Council	7.30 pm
Thurs 18	Community Lunch	12 noon
Sat 20	Music Night	8 pm
Sun 21	Youth Group @ Ice Arena	2 pm
	Hymns & Classics	2 pm
	Not the Bible Study	4 pm
Mon 22	Commissioning Service	6.30 pm
Tues 23	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am
Wed 24	Just COS	10 am
Tues 30	Playgroup	10 am
	Lunch	11.45 am

# KEVIN HOLLAMS

## A Retrospective

*Kevin is our longest, and most senior member of Spicer UCA. He started worshipping at Spicer in 1961. He was a regular attendee, only his annual holiday, or sickness would keep him from coming to worship.*

Kevin was born on 7 October 1926, in Walkerville.

He says he came from a broken home, his parents split up when he was about 6 or 7. Kevin stayed with his father, while his sister Thelma, who was 10 years older, went with his mother. But after his father was badly burnt in a domestic fire Kevin lived variously with his grandparents, his mother in Balaklava and with some friends of his father in Norwood for a time, until, fortunately his father became well enough to look after him again. This meant that Kevin went to various primary schools and he says, each new school would put him back a year.

He left school at age 14.

His father helped him get work with Monty Hindes, a local plasterer who took Kevin on as an Improver. Apparently an "improver" was similar to but not the same as an apprenticeship.

For a time he left plastering and worked as a machinist, but by the time WW2 was on, he was living with his sister on a poultry farm. He felt he should stay and look after his sister and being a primary producer gained an exemption. Later he did volunteer to join up, but was found to be medically unfit due to a perforated eardrum.

He returned to plastering, and other than his times of overseas travel he remained a plasterer all his adult working life, until a work injury at 58 forced him to retire.

Kevin's sister married George Fraser, and Kevin became great friends of his brother Clem. Clem was in the navy during WW2 and was a POW in Singapore.

Without a job lined up, Clem and Kevin travelled to Europe by ship in 1950. During this time in London, Kevin ended up managing the B&B he was staying in while the owner went away. He was away for 5 months before returning home.

He returned to plastering, helping his sister to renovate her home; and worked on housing trust homes. He describes the work as hard, and that his father at times would need to wake him to have his tea at night.

Kevin met Grace who was to be his wife when he was 35, Grace was 37. They were married in the Goodwood Methodist church in 1962. Grace and Kevin also travelled to Europe two or three times, he now can't recall. A photo of Grace on a donkey on one of their trips is displayed in his room.

Kevin and Grace lived at 104 Lambert Road for some 50 years. Kevin and his father built the house, and Kevin's dad lived with them for a while. Kevin described that he and his father lived in a temporary home on the block, which became the garage after the house was finished.

Kevin and Grace moved to the Aged Cottage homes on Payneham Road. Unfortunately Grace died only about 1 year later. Kevin stayed on there until November 2015 when, at his decision, he moved into Glenrose Aged care, where he is very happy.

Kevin describes his faith as being incredibly important to him. He went to Sunday School as a child, at Sydneham Road Methodist church, (and no doubt



other Sunday Schools) but he came to Spicer in about 1961.

But it was the Billy Graham Crusades that ignited his faith. He didn't go forward during the crusade, but was later baptised as an adult at Spicer.

Kevin has served on Spicer Property and Finance committee (now called RAD) and Church Council, helped with the Thursday evening kids club, was a back bone of the Tuesday activities /play group set up and pack up team, and the nursing home visiting team. One of his great loves was bible study and he participated in countless bible studies over the decades. He subscribed to the "With Love to the World" daily devotions, and another daily devotions service, reading his bible and the guide notes twice daily. He was a loyal participator in the community lunch.

He found his pray life fortifying especially in difficult times.

His other great love was singing, and it saddened him when he started to find singing difficult. If you had the pleasure of sitting in front of him when he was singing you would know what a beautiful voice he had.

Most of us at Spicer will remember Kevin's tireless battle with the leaves. Every Saturday Kevin would sweep up the leaves from the apron in front of the church, and Sunday do a quick tidy up, and always put the bins out.



He has many favourite hymns, but the one that came to mind was, "How great thou Art", the song from the Billy Graham Crusades.

And his favourite bible passage, John 3; 16, For God so loved the World that he gave his only son so that we would not perish but have eternal life.

Kevin was grateful for the send off Spicer gave him when he decided he was no longer strong enough to come to worship at Spicer, and grateful to Brenton Niven and Cassie Simenko who picked him up to worship at Spicer, and take him home again. He attends the service at Glenrose when he feels well enough.



## HYMNS & CLASSICS

*Sunday 21 August  
2 pm*

A Sunday afternoon of singing some of the great hymns of the church, along with some memorable classical music.

Vocalists Phoebe Paine and Hew Wagner will be accompanied by the Hahndorf Town Band.

In the ambient surroundings of the historic Spicer Uniting Church, followed by afternoon tea.

Tickets \$8 at the door.

## TOO GOOD FOR HARD RUBBISH?

Donate it to our fete on Saturday 29 October.

We will collect items in good order, such as furniture and bric-a-brac. No electrical goods or damaged items please.

Call the office on 8362 3771 Tuesday to Friday between 9am and 3pm before Friday 26 August.

Proceeds include the support of the pastoral care worker at East Adelaide Primary School.

# JOURNEY TO CUBA

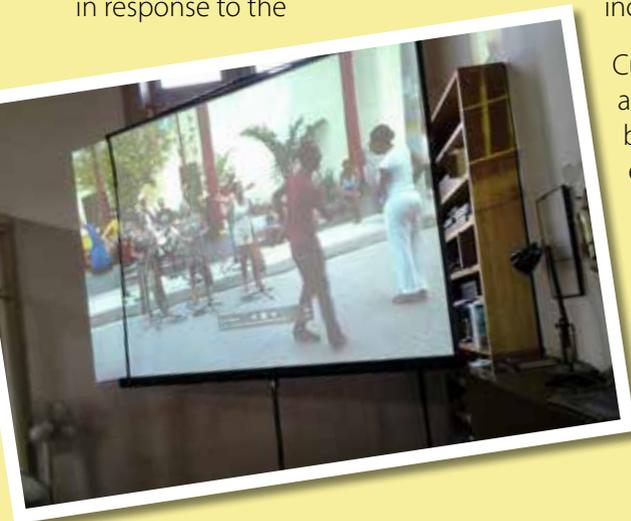
## Spicer Community Lunch

Our July Community Lunch allowed 36 diners to be entertained/educated with a report by retired teachers Merri and Jim on their three week visit to Cuba following the relaxation of the 51 year old US trade embargo on that Latin American nation. To those observers, it appears that Cuba is a model of racial, religious and intergenerational harmony, with daily life being coloured by street music, day and night clubs, and family celebrations involving young and old.



On the other hand there is still much poverty: there is still rationing of bread and horse drawn vehicles remain common. Poverty is softened to some extent by concern for the common good. The reasons for poverty are the trade embargo, the lack of private incentives to invest and innovate, and excessive government regulation etc. As an encouraging sign, many private dwellings are now being converted to tourist accommodation in response to the increased flow of tourists.

Cuba's physical infrastructure has also suffered from the embargo because there has been insufficient earnings of foreign exchange to buy the spare parts necessary for the maintenance of the private and public transport system – cars (many of which are of 1950's vintage) and buses. The maintenance of majestic old buildings has also suffered.



Much of the history of Cuba has been shaped by its proximity to the USA. Therefore the embargo had a catastrophic effect. Now, Cuba is exposed to a greater range of foreign influence: US dollars and Euros now circulate along with the Cuban peso, so the shopping experience for foreign tourists is complicated by constantly changing foreign exchange rates. There is also a local currency which is only used for basic necessities.

Over the years, Cuba has developed a special relationship with Canada who for many years has accepted as immigrants many people deported by the Cuban government for having socially unacceptable views.

After the talk, the highlight of the day was a practical introduction to Cuban dance, the Rumba in particular. For the rest of the afternoon, the hall was filled with the joyful sights and sounds of nearly everybody dancing to the sound of Cuban music.



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# Spicer Matters



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