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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

May 2019 Newsletter

SAFE CHURCH

Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and well-being of all children and young people from all forms of abuse and neglect. We will make every effort to provide an environment of safety and support. All key leaders have completed a Working With Children Check. Western Heights UC has adopted the Synod "Keeping Children Safe" policy.

May at a Glance

Wednesday 1st	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Sunday 5th	10.00am	Worship—Velma Oliver
Friday 10th	7.00pm	KFG—Geelong After Dark
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Tuesday 14th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Wednesday 15th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall—Communion
Tuesday 21st	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00m	Messy Church
Tuesday 28th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation

Study Leave

Karen Morgan and Jan Grigg are taking study leave **1st – 17th of May** in the UK to attend the World Messy Church Conference and Godly Play Conference. We wish them both well and look forward to hearing of their learnings when they return.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Wednesday 1st May 2019

Speaker: Jan Pavlakis—"Her Story"

Also Reminder

Danny Blumes Clothing

Wednesday 8th May 10.00am

Belmont Uniting

Meet at our church 9.45am

Contact

Dorothy Matthews—5278 9491

Val Bray—5221 3396

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Geelong After Dark

Friday 10th May, 2019

7pm—8.30pm

Meet at City of Greater Geelong steps in

Gheringhap Street

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 21st May 2019

Film Night at St. Mary's Theatre

Drinks & Nibbles 6.30pm

7pm Movie—"Elsa & Fred"

Starring Shirley McLaine & Christopher Plummer

Followed by Tea , coffee & supper.

\$15 donation to Soroptimist Int. Geelong—
Community Projects

All Ladies Welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 26th May 4pm

Contact: Karen (0404435261) for more info or if
you'd like to help!

Uniting Funds Management

New Name for Uniting Funds Management: This will now be known as U ethical.

Summary of CC Minutes of Meeting held on 24 April, 2019.

1. Devotions by Peter Morgan. Psalm 145:1-13. We like sharing our good discoveries and experiences with others. As you grow in faith, you want to share it with others. Faith can be harder to share. Prayer.
2. 5 members of the congregation have been invited to review the Purpose and Goals of the present 3-year Strategic Plan, and to develop the next 3-year plan. CC awaits their responses.
3. CC members have individually visited some of the Church Groups this year. This has given CC an opportunity to be informed better, and has given the groups easier access to CC.
4. The Pastoral Care Referrals Group has been formed and will start working out the details of their operation. The Pastoral Care Learning Group is still seeking participants. Please see Isabel.
5. The renovation and refurbishment of the Tennis Club Room have been completed and 4GR has taken occupancy as of 23 April, 2019. A huge thank-you to Graeme Hardy and Bruce Rookes for all their great work.
6. A team has reviewed the role of our Children's Lay Ministry Worker, as Karen Morgan has been working many hours overtime. Cutbacks in her workload have been made and the success of its implementation will be reviewed in 6 months. A huge thank-you to Karen for her diligence and enthusiasm.

Velma Oliver, Chair of CC.

“An Attitude of Pastoral Care” Update

In the first part of this year the Leadership Advisory Team has been working on implementing the plan for pastoral care called “An attitude of pastoral care”. The first stage is well under way with the “Pastoral Care Referrals” team formed and beginning to consider how it will best go about its ministry. This will be rolled out in the coming months. For more information, see Isabel Greenall.

The second stage is a bit slower to get off the ground as it is proving difficult to find people to form the “Pastoral Care Learning Group”. The details of the group are as follows:

Purpose: To facilitate the WHUC community’s learning in relation to pastoral care.

Goals:

- a) Help every person to understand that pastoral care is everyone’s responsibility: both in the giving and in the asking for/seeking care
- b) Encourage ALL groups to develop a plan for pastoral care within the group and beyond
- c) Encourage communication between groups about how they approach pastoral care
- d) Resource groups and individuals in their approaches to and practices of pastoral care

Who: This group will include the Minister of the Word and at least three others.

If you have any suggestions of who might be good to approach to consider being a member of the group, please let Isabel Greenall know.

Easter Thanks

A big thankyou to everyone who helped out in different ways over Holy Week and Easter. Together we brought praise to God and opened ourselves to travel deeper on the lifelong journey with Jesus.

Sacrededge

Sacrededge is the festival of arts, music and ideas held each year at the Uniting Church in Queenscliff. This year it's on from **3 to 5 May**. There will be over 30 presenters, artists and performers, with representation of Indigenous, refugee, LGBTIQ people, environmental perspectives. They are the voices from the edge who are not normally heard.

To find out more see noticeboard or ring Kerrie on 0425 736 805.

Wesley Centre

2018 saw the Wesley staff working hard on promoting the Wesley Centre through a number of marketing avenues including a new version of our Fact Sheet and Brochure and were busy networking with other members of the community. After consulting with local GP’s a decision was made to subsidise the gap fee for any client who has a Health Care Card and Mental Health Care Plan from the 1st June. The Anger Management Program and our relationship with Corrections continued to grow and receive great feedback. 2019 sees the Wesley Centre branch out further into the Mental Health field with a view to offering Dual Diagnosis Counselling. This will complement other areas already included such as ; Relationship and Family issues; Grief, loss and bereavement; Depression; Anxiety; Trauma; Anger Management and Stress Management. Our counsellors are highly experienced and our fees are based on a sliding scale. We can be contacted directly or receive referrals from other agencies. You will be supported to cope, grow and heal in an environment that nurtures you and protects your privacy and dignity.

Quotes

“With a warm greeting once stepping inside, it’s obvious how safe the Wesley Centre is. Clean & fresh surroundings with staff whom are at ease, soon help you feel comfortable. There’s a knowing of no judgement with all the staff and rise in self-esteem with grace from the staff. A genuinely humble place to sit and chat and feel empowered.”

“Everything’s gotten a lot lighter now. I can see a future.”



The above is a photo copy of a small plaque which was retrieved by Mr Peter Dalton when a building was being demolished 20 years ago behind the old Ashby Church.

Peter sent it to us for a keep-sake.

Looking for a Mother's Day or Just a Present?

The 2019/2020 Entertainment Books have just been released in time for Mother's Day. These books make great gift idea. Still just \$60 giving you over \$20,000 worth of offers.

Offers of up to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers, from best restaurants, hotels, activities, travel and more.

WHUC gets 20% of sales for each book. See Helen Sleep

Also don't forget the Trading Table with more gift ideas.



Western Heights Uniting Tennis Club

On Friday 12th April 2019 a presentation was made honouring Bruce Rookes, Mark Wrigley, Andrew Gibson and Bruce Chisholm for their extensive contribution to the club over many years. You can see their signs over the gates to each court.



Kids Friendship Group, members of the Western Heights Uniting Church & community members partnering together to pack hygiene bags for Uniting Barwon

“Postcards With Purpose”

During May I'd ask our church community to prayerfully consider signing and mailing several **Postcards** that are supported by our UCA Synod of Victoria and Tasmania.

Postcard Advocacy appears to have become a powerful way of drawing our political leaders' attention to critical issues.

There are **four Postcards currently available in our church foyer** urging different levels of Government:

1. Not to imprison the whistle-blower who ensured funding for Timor-Leste Healthcare;
2. Assist asylum seekers with their water and energy bills;
3. To follow a NSW model that is currently helping curb alcohol related violence and harm;
4. To enable independent investigation into complaints about misconduct by Victorian Police members;

Please take the time to read the postcards (-- perhaps one per Sunday in May? --) and see if you feel able to sign and mail them.

It's a way to help make a difference in our society. The cost is simply a \$1 stamp.

Robert Van Zetten



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Postage stamps

Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.

Pew Sheet

If anyone wishes to receive the Pew Sheet information by email each week, please give your name and email address to Jan in the office.

Aluminium Foil

The Leprosy Mission is able to raise funds from the sale of aluminium cans and foil pie plates. Please assist this worthy cause by leaving your used foil in the appropriate box in the foyer.

Light Globes & Batteries

Playgroups are held in the Horizons Room on: **Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings 9:30-11.30am.**

Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

Future Monthly Newsletters

To be included in the Monthly Newsletter, please ensure your notices are at the church office by the **20th of the preceding month**. They can be dropped in to the office in a clearly marked envelope, or emailed to the office, at **office@whuc.com.au**