



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

July 2021. 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.

July at a Glance

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron
Friday 9th	7.00pm	Friday Night Fun—Board & Card Games
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron
Saturday 17th	3.00pm	Women of the Bible Study & Quilt-A-Long
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron—Communion Michele Hardy—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Tuesday 20th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron
	3.00pm	Messy Church

Friday Night Fun

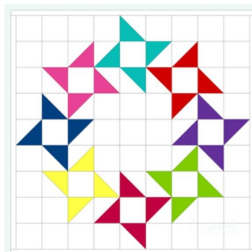
Board Games & Card Games

Friday 9th July 2021

7.00—8.30pm

You are welcome to bring along a game for us to play.

Women of the Bible



Study & Quilt-A-Long

Join Us...

Each third Saturday, 3.00—4.40pm

July 17th, August 21st, September 18th, October 16th, November 20th

WHUC 31 Douglass St., Herne Hill

See Joan Walker or Rhonda Dingle

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 20th July 2021

at 6.30pm

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035

Summary of Church Council Minutes 16 June 2021

- Devotions by Lynda Scott: Remember Your First Love - Revelation 2: 4 – 7
- “Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.” Every church community and every member of it needs to linger and live in the wonder of God’s gracious love.
- Rev. Linley Liersch, Presbytery’s Mission Development Strategist, assured CC that there was no need to rewrite the Church Profile for the Placement Process now that the Children & Families lay Ministry Worker has resigned. The Placement Process continues.
- CC waits to hear from Presbytery re the letting of the manse on a short-term basis.
- CC elections will be held at a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 1 August 2021. Nominations are due on Sunday, 11 July and will be announced on 18 July. Nomination forms will be available from Jan Grigg. A maximum of 10 CC members can be elected, for a period of 2 years, unless the nominee opts for 1 year.
- A Children & Families Task Group has been formed to enable some of Karen’s work to be continued.
- The Messy Church Planning Team will plan Messy Church for July and beyond, until CC decides on the future direction of the Children & Families Ministry at WHUC.
- The role of the Supply Minister will be reviewed by Rev. Bruce Waldron, Velma Oliver, Lynda Scott and Roger Dingle.
- The role of LAT (Leadership Advisory Team) has been reviewed.
- Lynda Scott, Rev. Bruce Waldron and Velma Oliver will represent WH at Presbytery’s Collaboration Across the Congregations Initiative At Grovedale UC on 23 June at 7:00.
- Next CC meeting is on Wednesday, 21 July, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. This is a reporting meeting, where all Church Groups report to CC.

Velma Oliver, Chair of CC.

Belmont UC Social Justice Committees

At Belmont UC, committees are having preliminary conversations about running a ‘Social Justice Month’ in October 2021. Some important events occur in October: Seniors’ Month, International Day of the Child, World Mental Health, International Day for eradication of poverty. The thoughts at the moment are that each week will feature a combination of seminar style presentations, info booths, guest speakers etc on social justice issues important to our region. Some of issues being considered at this stage are - Homelessness, Mental Health, Conversation/Cultural Awareness with First Peoples, UCA support for community - Uniting AgeWell, Uniting VicTas, Uniting Housing, Uniting World. It could be at one single location for the whole month or multiple locations each week.

If any member or committee of your congregation would like to be involved in the above conversations, could they let Rev. Ikani Vaitohi know on 0432 680 028.

Depending on the level of interests, we will then set a time for either zoom or if permitted face to face conversation.

Church Councils Elections 1 August 2021

The following are the elected members of Church Council: Geoff Coots (Treasurer), Graeme Hardy, Joan Hill, Peter Morgan (Correspondence), Sandra Neville, Velma Oliver (Chair & Secretary), Lynda Scott and Jan Taylor. They have all served at least 3 years on CC.

- Church Council elections will be held at a **Congregational Meeting on Sunday, 1 August, 2021.**
- **Nominations are called for and are due on Sunday, 11 July, 2021.** Nomination forms are available from Jan Grigg.
- **The names of the nominees will be announced and in the pewsheets on Sunday, 18 July, 2021.**
- Church Council members are to be confirmed members of the Congregation or members-in-association. The Congregation is asked to recognise those “bearing gifts and graces with which God has endowed them for the building up of the Church” (Basis of Union) and fitting them for the responsibilities of the office.
- The term of office will be for 2 years, ending in July, 2023, unless the nominee opts for 1 year.
- A maximum of 10 Church Councillors can be elected.
- Present Church Councillors are eligible for re-election.
- Church Council meets on the evening of 3rd Wednesday of every month except January. Church Councillors are expected to attend all meetings, where possible.

Lynda Scott, Congregational Secretary.

Pastoral Care as we ride the waves of a Pandemic

The Presbytery of Port Phillip West is pleased to offer training in how to deal pastorally with our current “Covid/Semi Post-Covid/Back into Lockdown” on-going experiences. How and why do people drop out of church and activities? What practical things can we do to help people as they consider returning to church?

We are running two three-hour seminars **Pastoral Care as we ride the waves of a Pandemic**

– Part 1 and Part 2 –

These seminars will contain the following material and are based on the study and training developed by Rev Dr John Savage, a United Methodist Minister from the USA.

Part 1 Seminar:

- Identifying inclusion and exclusion experiences
- Understanding the track that leads to on-going attendance or no further attendance

(relevant to church and any other group life)

- Identifying the implications for our own setting
- Coming back after Covid
- How to care for people who have stopped attending

Part 2 Seminar:

- Enabling tracks to return to church/group life.
- Entry/Re-entry process and the readiness grid
- Visiting inactive members and closure in a visit
- What keeps active members active?
- “*Why are you still a Christian?*” a module from **Makes you Wonder.**

There will be two time slots for each seminar to cater for as many people as possible.

Pastoral Care as we ride the waves of a Pandemic - Part 1.

Aug 12, Thursday 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm Zoom only

Aug 20, Friday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Zoom or in person at Hoppers Crossing UC.

Pastoral Care as we ride the waves of a Pandemic - Part 2.

Aug 26, Thursday 6.00 pm – 9.00 pm Zoom only

Sept 3, Friday 9.30 am – 12.30 pm Zoom or in person at Hoppers Crossing UC.

This training is offered free as a gift from the Presbytery of Port Phillip West. It is open and would be of benefit to ministers, pastors, chaplains, people involved in pastoral care, welcomers and church councillors.

You need to register through the following link <https://www.trybooking.com/BSEGF>

Pastoral Care Seminars

We have had over 200 people attend our previous pastoral care seminars with very positive feedback. The interactive nature and the ability to become more aware of how and why we listen have been common threads from the participants.

We are repeating our initial **Pastoral Care Seminar 1** on the following dates and you can register here for this seminar <https://www.trybooking.com/BRJHY>

July 16 Friday 9.30 – 12.30pm Zoom and in person at Hoppers Crossing

July 21 Wednesday 6.00pm – 9.00pm Zoom only

Sept 14 Tuesday 6.00pm – 9.00pm Zoom only

This seminar teaches you about active listening, communication, and the specific listening skills of paraphrase and perception checks. This session is a pre-requisite for other sessions of the Pastoral Care Seminars being run later in the year.

Seminar 7 “Dealing with Criticism, fogging and listening conversation”

September 16 or Sept 24

Seminar 8 “Neuro Linguistic Programming and listening conversations”

Oct 7 or Oct 22

You can register for these seminars here <https://www.trybooking.com/BSFZS>

Contact Details

Leadership Advisory Team:

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Bruce's days off are **Monday** and **Tuesday** so please refrain from contacting him on these days.

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Light Globes & Batteries

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.

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.

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**

Milk Bottle Tops

We are now collecting plastic bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your bottle tops in the bucket in the foyer for recycling.

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.