



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

October 2015 Newsletter

October at a Glance

Friday 2nd	10.00am	Vines Options Op Shop—coffee morning
Sunday 4th	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
		Daylight Savings starts
Tuesday 6th	12.30pm	WHISH
Wednesday 7th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 9th	7.00pm	KFG—Bike Ride
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Café Church in Horizons Room
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 20th	2.00pm	Midweek communion
	6.30pm	Friends from Vines
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 24th	7.30pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Frontier Services Sunday
		Followed by Fundraising Luncheon
	4.00pm	Messy Church

October Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 4th	8.45am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	10.15am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 11th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	Café Church in Horizons Room
Sunday 18th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	All Together Service & Communion
Tuesday 20th	2.00pm Rev. Isabel Greenall	Midweek communion
Sunday 25th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	Frontier Services Sunday
	4.00pm Messy Church	

Other Services:

Sunday 4th	Michele Hardy	Rokewood
Sunday 11th	Michele Hardy	McKellar Centre
Tuesday 27th	Audrey Kateena	Vincentian Village 3.00pm

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2015

Wednesday 7th October 2015

Remembering School Days with Joan Murphy

1.30pm Horizons Room

Contact: Dorothy Matthews - 5278 9491

Vines Options Op Shop—Coffee Morning

All past volunteers from Vines Options are invited to catch up for coffee and a chat at Soft Café in Minerva Road on **Friday 2nd October at 10.00am.**



KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Bike Ride

Friday 9th October, 2015

7pm—8.30pm

\$3.00

**RSVP to Jan or Karen by
Wednesday 7th October**

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au



Café Church—bring a friend

10-11:15am 11th October, Horizons Room

Café Church aims to provide an inclusive, informal and welcoming space for everybody. It is a “growing together” type sacred space, revolving around open discussion, creative expression, prayer and song.

Our Café Church on Sun 11th Oct will be over brunch and so would be a perfect opportunity to bring along a friend. Food and drink provided.

Friends from Vines

“Cup Day”

Tuesday 20th October, 2015

6.30pm Horizons Room

Come and be part of “Cup Day Celebration”

Fashions on the Field & Hat Parade. (Optional)

Meal & Competitions

Donation to Cancer Research

All Ladies welcome

Joan 5241 5683

0438 722 035

Friendship Club

A warm invitation has been extended to Gary & Ros McIlvena to attend our Meeting which will be held on **Saturday 24th October, 2015 at 7.30pm** in the Horizons Room.

Gary is heavily involved in helping and supporting the homeless people in the Geelong area and has volunteered to address us in this regard.



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 25th October 4pm

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

Want to earn some extra money?

Expressions of interest are invited for a person(s) to clean our Church building (including the Horizons & Pool rooms) on a temporary basis.

Mary, our faithful and conscientious cleaner for many years, is now on the “shortlist” (sometime in the next 6 months?) for knee surgery, so we will need to replace her for the period of her surgery and rehabilitation, expected to be 2 – 3 months.

Presently, cleaning is performed on a Monday when the building is normally unused, although there may be some flexibility possible if this was required. Award rates (casual) will be paid, for 5 hours per week.

Please contact Graeme Hardy if you might be interested in this position.

Tennis Club News— Open Invitation

Sunday 4th October, the Tennis Club will hold a barbeque after church at **11.30am** (gold coin donation). Followed at **12.00pm** by the club presentations for the past season. Two senior and two junior teams will play in this years grand finals. All welcome



SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

national mission
**Frontier
Services**

10am Worship followed by

Fundraising Luncheon

To support Frontier Services

Our Challenge

“ Provide the FOUR TYRES

needed for one vehicle “



All Saints Service 2015

This years All Saints service to honour the memory of loved ones who have died during the past year, including those who were associated with our church, and those whose family is associated with us, will be held on **Sunday 1st November**.

If you wish to ensure that a loved one is remembered in this year's service please contact Audrey on 0435 064 088 or Jan at the office on 5229 2681 or by email: whuc@bigpond.com, by Sunday 11th October.

Report from Outreach

International – The Leprosy Mission afternoon tea meeting saw over 50 people gather to hear of the work of Anandaban Hospital in Nepal, helping injured and homeless following the earthquake. An offering of \$3,950 was given.

Australian – Sunday 25th October our worship will be centered on the work of Frontier Services followed by a fundraising luncheon (see separate notice beside).

Local – Invitation posters to our church have been given and accepted gladly for each room of the Parkview Motel and the Shannon Ave Motel and one for the reception area of the Eldorado Caravan Park.

Western Heights Secondary College Breakfast program now is serving over 130 students each Wednesday. Please keep all of our Outreach programs in your prayers.

Steve Singline

Between Moments Beginning

Exhibition Opening
Thursday 1st October 2015 5-7pm

Exhibition dates
1st October – 30th October

Karingallery
4 James St Geelong
Ph (03) 5221 1789
Gallery opening hours Mon - Fri 10am - 3pm

Steve Singline **m** 0425 746 945 **e** stevesingline@icloud.com

Vision Sisters Fundraiser!



Did you know...that every hour, 33 women still die from pregnancy or childbirth complications. In Uganda, almost half of all pregnant women give birth without the assistance of a skilled health worker, often in unclean conditions that threaten the lives of both mothers and babies. So...this term our playgroup is going to support the fundraising efforts of world vision and will be raising money to assist mums in Uganda!

Giving birth shouldn't be a matter of life or death

World Vision works around the world to improve maternal and child healthcare. In Uganda, we are training health workers and encouraging women to give birth in a health clinic. World Vision also partners with the Birthing Kit Foundation (Australia) to provide health clinics with clean birthing kits so that mothers and babies can avoid infection and survive childbirth.

What is a clean birthing kit?

A clean birthing kit is so basic that it costs less than a cup of coffee. Yet it can help prevent infection and save lives. One birthing kit costs \$3! Each birthing kit contains six items needed to ensure a clean delivery:



Our playgroup's goal is to donate 200 birthing kits!

So...what can you do?

- * make a \$3 donation and receive a fridge magnet.
 - * take a five pack of magnets and spread the word about what we are doing and maybe some of your family and friends would like to support Ugandan mums too!
- See Karen for more info or to make a donation. Thanks! 😊

Small Groups Update

Introduction

The Small Groups Program has been running at Western Heights for about twelve years, with seven groups currently in operation. Small groups provide opportunity for getting to know a group of people very well and through those relationships to then share, care, grow in faith, and pray together.

Small Group Core Values

To develop real, authentic, supportive relationships within a safe environment.

To be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.

To offer opportunities for personal growth and understanding.

To be open and willing to be a place where a person new to the faith or to the Church is welcome.

Practicals

The groups ideally comprise of about 8-10 adults who meet together usually twice a month. Some groups meet regularly for a few months, then have a break. It is up to each group to decide what's best for them. The groups meet in the homes of the members, mostly in the same home each time, and share the leadership.

Current Groups

The groups currently meet as follows:

Monday – fortnightly (1 day & 1 night group)

Tuesday – 2nd & 4th (1 night group)

Wednesday – 2nd & 4th (1 group)

Thursday – 2nd & 4th (2 groups), 1st & 3rd (1 group)

New Groups

In the next 12 months, according to the 3 Year Strategic Plan, we are planning on developing two short term interest/action based small groups. If you are interested in exploring the possibility of joining one of these short term groups or one of the ongoing groups, see Isabel Greenall or Roger Dingle.

Queries/Comments

The Small Groups Program is co-coordinated by Isabel Greenall & Roger Dingle. Please see either for anything to do with the Program.



Safe Church Training

Sunbury Uniting Church

Saturday 17 October 2015

9.30am – 1.00pm

The Uniting Church affirms that all people are made in the image of God.

The Uniting Church commits itself to the care, protection and safety of all people with whom it comes in contact.

As a community of faith, we are committed to providing a safe environment for both children and adults to encounter God, to develop relationships as part of a community and to grow in faith.

Who should attend a Safe Church Workshop?

- ❖ Anyone who is involved in ministry with young people (0-18 years old)
- ❖ People in leadership and pastoral roles within the congregation, such as Elders, Church Council members and Ministers.
- ❖ Anyone interested in learning more about practical ways of making our churches safe places.
- ❖ Each participant will receive a comprehensive manual. Topics covered in the workshop will include:
 - ❖ Safe Church foundations
 - ❖ Protecting vulnerable people
 - ❖ Child Protection
 - ❖ Duty of care and accountability
 - ❖ Understanding and responding to abuse
 - ❖ Protective behaviours
 - ❖ Safe leadership
 - ❖ Safe programs and environments
 - ❖ Uniting Church Policy and procedures



Participation in Safe Church Training is a requirement for Safe Church Recognition.

Safe Church Workshops are offered across the Synod without cost to church members.

To register for this workshop please follow this link:

<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/safechurchtraining2015/registration/sunbury/>

For further information please contact the Safe Church Educator Josh Woollett.

Phone: (03) 9340 8810 or email: safechurchtraining@victas.uca.org.au



Forming Disciples in Mission

Colloquium

Wednesday
18 November
3.00–9.30 pm

Korean Church of Melbourne
Glendearg Grove, Malvern

Photo: National Young Adults Leaders Conference members exposure visit to the HolySide Chapel in Sydney

The Colloquium is an opportunity for the sharing of research, innovation and reflection around the connections between formation, discipleship and mission in relation to the Uniting Church. The purposes of the Colloquium are to encourage critical thinking, foster dialogue, and provide encouragement and inspiration both in terms of thinking and practice within Australia.

Keynote Speaker: Dr Deidre Palmer

Deidre Palmer has a PhD in Religious Education and a Master's in Degree: Social Work. She has been at lecturer at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, USA and the Dept of Theology, Flinders University and the Adelaide College of Divinity. Deidre is the Moderator of the Presbytery and Synod of SA and President-Elect of the Uniting Church in Australia.

For more information, contact
 Anna Catliffe annac@natu.ca.org.au
 Craig Mitchell craigm@natu.ca.org.au
 National Director – Formation, Education & Discipleship

Program

- 3.00 pm** Welcome
- 3.10 pm** Keynote Speaker: Dr Deidre Palmer
- 4.00 pm** Presentations
- 5.00 pm** Presentations
- 6.00 pm** Dinner
- 7.00 pm** Worship with Korean Church of Melbourne
 Preacher: Rev Dr Ian Price
- 8.00 pm** Presentations
- 9.00–9.30 pm** Panel reflections and prayer

Presentation details overleaf.

Cost: \$25 includes dinner

Register online: [go to assembly.uca.org.au/fee](http://go.to/assembly.uca.org.au/fee)

Closing date for registrations: Friday 6 November.

Presenter	Title
Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler	Eucharistic communias: nourishing unity in diversity through music-making and storytelling
Rev Dr Jenny Byrnes	Learning from neuroscience for faith formation: enhancing our creation of the environment and practices for faith development.
Rev Michelle Cook	On being a covenanting and multicultural church: how do people see church in our current context?
Rev Dr Tony Floyd	Riding the rainbow of promise: discipleship as diversity – difference – destination
Rev Christine Gilbert	Deep down and all around: facilitating conversations with the sacred through multi-sensory engagements
Rev Sean Gilbert	Paying attention to divine beauty: Jonathan Edwards, spiritual practices and the forming of affective disciples
Rev Dr Paul Goh	Toward a contemplative model of evangelism: evangelism as spiritual guidance
Rev Rob Hanks	Forming young disciples in mission: reflections on story, Scripture, stations and experiences
Rev Graeme Harrison	Forming disciples according to your Gospel; but which Gospel are you using?
Rev Tim Hein	Christian vocation redux: why the mission of God needs disciples 'Beyond Sunday'
Rev Duncan MacLeod	The gospel and communities of practice: intentional communities of prayer, theological reflection, prayer, action and rhythms of life.
Rev Dr Rob McFarlane	Grounding the Bible: the role of biblical pilgrimage in adult faith development
Rev Dr Adam McIntosh & Rev Rosemary Broadstock	Developing missional leadership: reflections on the Port Phillip West "Regenerating the Church" strategy.
Rev Dr Ian Price	Resourcing congregations for lifelong faith: changes in Christian publishing and implications for leaders
Mr Rohan Pryor	Towards a training and recognition framework for local lay leaders within the Uniting Church
Rev Dr Ian Robinson	Makes You Wonder: ways to help everyone share faith in their own voice for their own world
Rev Dr Ian Robinson	How university chaplaincy is changing: models of engagement from experience at the University of WA.
Rev Wendy Snook	Ministry and mission in Cranbourne: Ephesians and processes of discipleship and mission development
Dr Christine Sorensen	Self-awareness and mindfulness: exploring how tradition and contemporary trends together contribute to forming reflective leaders and disciples
Mr Neil Thorpe	Deepening and growing faith in disciples in an information, communication, and technology age: an Australian case study
Rev Dr Apwee Ting	Mission from and with a diverse community: embodying mission in an Australian context
Rev Dr Ian Tozer	Preaching and mission: the renewal and transformation of Uniting Church congregations
Dr Val Webb	Celebrating doubt: as a catalyst in authentic faith formation
Dr Val Webb	Evolving metaphors for Divine Mystery: God-images and faith formation
Rev Dr Ji Zhang	Formation of faith in Asian context: Christianity transformed amidst religious plurality and cultural diversity

Intercultural Conference

Theme “On becoming an intercultural church”

October 16 & 17

Koornang Uniting Church

See further information see Horizons noticeboard.

Pilgrims on a Journey— The Celtic Way

Beechworth **Sunday 8th – Friday 13th November**

If you would like to have further information or would like to register to participate then contact Don Pope 5728 2835 or email: beechworthcelticpilgrimage@gmail.com

2015 Advent Festival

Newman College November 28-29, 2015

If you have ever imagined yourself in the cloisters of a medieval monastery—surrounded by the peaceful sounds of Gregorian chant, splendid architecture, and beautiful manuscripts—then the Advent Festival will open this world to you. The festival offers the opportunity to side step the Christmas rush and pause in Melbourne's culturally rich oasis of Newman College.

Gary Ekkel, Artistic Director

Pamphlets and booking forms are available from the information table.

Pilgrim Theological College Open Day

Thinking of studying theology for fun, out of interest, or as the foundation to a career in Ministry or within the church?

We're throwing open the doors of Pilgrim Theological College for our inaugural Open Day on Tuesday, 20 October and you're invited to come and visit our college and experience the Pilgrim difference.

Featuring public lectures and the opportunity to meet our faculty and staff as well as plenty of refreshments, prospective and current University of Divinity students can also find out about the huge range of new units unique to Pilgrim that we're offering in 2016.

Available at undergraduate and post-graduate levels, and as on- or off-campus units, these new units will offer plenty of choice for students planning to enter or continue theological studies.

Our status as a Uniting Church college, our focus on providing ecumenical studies, as well as our fantastic facilities and highly regarded faculty all combine to ensure we're in the best position to help you to take the next step in your learning journey.

We look forward to welcoming you at Pilgrim Theological College Open Day.

Centre for Theology & Ministry - 29 College Crescent, Parkville, Telephone: 9340 8800

Handel's Messiah

29th November 2015 2.30-5.00pm

Parks Hall, Newcombe St., Portarlington

Featuring Melbourne Opera & Essendon Choral Society

(More details on Horizons Room Noticeboard)

*Write Your Own Icon
praying with a paint brush*

Paint an icon in the tradition of Eastern Orthodox Churches under instruction from an experienced iconographer. No previous painting or drawing experience required.

15 – 19 February 2016, 9.00 to 5.00

Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Cres, Parkville

Inquiries: Peter Blackwood – pdblackwood47@gmail.com

OR 9434 4742

More information: writeyourownicon.wordpress.com



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

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 many forms of recycled aluminium foil and cans. Please assist this worthy cause by leaving your used foil in the appropriate box in the foyer.

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**