



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

April 2016 Newsletter

April at a Glance

Friday 1st	10.00am	Vines Options Op Shop—Coffee morning
	7.00pm	Under 30's Get Together
Sunday 3rd		Daylight savings ends
	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Wednesday 6th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 8th		WHISH
	7.00pm	KFG—Making & Creating
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Worship
Sunday 17th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 19th	2.00pm	Midweek Communion
	6.30pm	Friends from Vines
Wednesday 20th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 23rd	7.30pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Easter Sunday
	4.00pm	Messy Church

April Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

	Daylight Savings ends	
Sunday 3rd	8.45am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	10.15am Rev. Isabel Greenall	Baptism of Alice Harriott
Sunday 10th	10.00am Small Group to lead	
Sunday 17th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Tuesday 19th	2.00pm Rev. Isabel Greenall	Midweek Communion
Sunday 24th	10.00am Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	4.00pm Messy Church	

Other Services:

Sunday 3rd	Michele Hardy	Birregurra/Warrion
Sunday 24th	Michele Hardy	Newington/McKellar Centre



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 1st April at 10.00am.**



Western Heights Mission Outreach 2016

Wednesday 6th April, 2016

1.30pm Horizons Room

Speaker—Jackie Hucker “My Life”

Devotions: Val Bray

Afternoon Tea: Jean Thompson

Jackie’s life journey is most interesting

Come along you are most welcome

Contact: Dorothy Matthews - 5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Making & Creating

Friday 8th April, 2016

7pm—8.30pm

Years 3—7

\$3.00

**RSVP to Jan or Karen by
Wednesday 6th April, 2016**

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Easter Events & Services Thanks

A big thanks to everyone who has been involved in the planning and leading of the various Easter events and services this year. The offering of your time, skills, and energy has helped provide meaningful opportunities for Western Heigher’s and the wider community to engage with the Easter story. Thanks!

Friends from Vines

Tuesday 19th April, 2016

6.30pm in Horizons Room

Film Night—”Healing”

Meal—Finger Food

All ladies welcome.

Gold coin donation

Joan 5241 5683

0438 722 035

Friendship Club

We are very pleased to announce that Ian Wood will be giving us a talk on his experiences while working with the Victorian Railways throughout various areas in Victoria.

Most informative evening is guaranteed and all will be welcome to our meeting held on **Saturday 23rd April, 2016 at 7.30pm** in the Horizons Room.



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 24th April 4pm

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

WHISH

Western Heights Inclusive Sharing & Helping.

WHISH is a group of people who acknowledge their various challenges in life and aim to:

1. Provide an inclusive and safe place for members of the group to share and grow together in matters of life and faith.
2. Be companions for one another through the journey of life, acknowledging our diversity and offering encouragement, care and support.
3. Welcome new people into the group.

Transport is available.

WHISH meets regularly each month, usually on **2nd Friday of the month at 12:30pm** over a shared lunch and activities organised by the group.

In April we are heading to Melbourne Zoo. For further information contact Audrey on 0435 064 088.

Under 30's Get Together

If you're post Secondary School, under 30, and interested in exploring the possibility of meeting with other young adults associated with Western Heights Uniting then this is for you!

7:00-8:30pm Friday 1st April
Little Creatures Brewery
Cnr Fyans & Swanston St,
Geelong

Info & RSVP by Wed 30th March:
Isabel 0419602006, Roger 0407528533,
Janet 52751711

Supported by the Small Groups
Program at WHUC

OUR PURPOSE

Loving God:

Growing
Together,

Partnering
Community,

Sharing Faith.

You're invited to a...



World Food Dinner

Saturday, 14th May
6-8pm

Western Heights Uniting Church
31 Douglass St, Herne Hill

Bring a world food or make a donation



*In support of Vision Sisters:
providing clean birthing kits
to the women of Uganda*

*For more information
contact Karen:
karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com
or Jan:
office@whuc.com, 5229 2681*



Mountain to Mouth 2016—Partnering the Community

In Advent last year our contemplative community, *With Intention*, joined with the Geelong City Council and Corangamite Catchment Management Authority to provide a temporary labyrinth beside the Barwon River in Newtown. It provided a safe, quiet space for people to slow down, reflect on life, pray, prepare for Christmas. Out of this project came a request from the Mountain to Mouth 2016 Project for us to be involved with providing a walking circle at one of the stations on this arts walk. We have since met with a few reps from the project and have moved forward with our involvement in the project.

For those of you who don't know about Mountain to Mouth 2016 (M~M 2016) it is a multi-award winning 80km extreme arts walk/journey of discovery over two days and 11 stages. M~M begins at the You Yangs mountain range, crosses Geelong's industrial heartland at nightfall and arrives in the city centre to collide with Geelong After Dark, a night of extreme and unexpected arts. At dawn the next day, it follows the Barwon River through rolling Bellarine farmland, along the ocean beach to reach river mouth at sunset. The walk is punctuated with artworks commissioned for M~M, bringing people together through shared experiences of extreme arts that celebrate our land. At each stage along the way is a walking circle which in some cases is like a labyrinth.

It has been interesting engaging with key leaders in what is hoped to be achieved and how we might best bring our skills and experiences as a Christian contemplative community to the project. We will provide some resources to help people walk the circle in a meditative-type way, to engage with some deeper spiritual-type questions. We will also help collect old metal cooking vessels that will be used to create the walking circle (through Western Heights & hopefully UnitingCare Geelong Op Shops) and help set it up the day before.

The dates for the event are **6-7th May**. If you'd like to learn some more about the Project, go to <http://www.mountaintomouth.com.au/what-is-mm-2016/>

This really is an exciting opportunity for partnering the community which naturally involves building new relationships and exploring questions of life and faith with people of all walks of life.

WANTED – OLD METAL COOKING VESSELS Could be baking trays, saucepans, cake tins, etc. Just bring them to Western Heights and leave them in a box in the foyer. We need lots!!!!

For further info see Sue Ekkel or Isabel Greenall



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Friends of The Leprosy Mission invite you to an afternoon tea with **Heather and Trevor Smith**



Thailand – a current perspective

Date: Sunday 10 April 2016
Time: 2.30pm
Place: Western Heights Uniting Church
 31 Douglass St, Herne Hill, 3215
Donation: a collection will be taken during the afternoon
Enquiries: Barry Edwards T: 03 5241 7073

For over 40 years Trevor and Heather Smith have worked among vulnerable people in northern Thailand. Their stories of how God is using them continue to inspire many.

Join us for an afternoon of fellowship with Trevor and Heather, if you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation to the changing of lives in Thailand please use the enclosed form. Thank you

All welcome

Sacredodge

Spirituality in Diversity

Including:

- Welcome to Country & Smoking Ceremony
- Music Performances
- Interactive Art Space
- Keynote Speakers
- International Dinner
- Kid's Space
- Mindfulness Space

Exploring:

- Living together in an enriching way.
- Newer and broader ideas about the sacred
- building inclusive community

Focusing:

- Refugees
- Indigenous
- LGBTI
- Mindfulness
- Sustainability

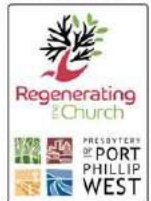
a festival of arts, music, & spirituality

Queenscliff Uniting Church
 April 29, 30, May 1 - 2016

Festival Enquires: 52581986

Registration: 5258 2854
unitingqueenscliff@iinet.net.au

www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au
 contemplation creativity compassion



Synod Meeting 2016

The meeting of the Synod of Victoria and Tasmania occurs approximately every 18 months and consists of around 300 members appointed by presbyteries and reporting bodies. It meets over five days to worship, enjoy fellowship, receive reports and make decisions regarding the general oversight, direction and administration of the Church's worship, witness and service.

Opening worship and the installation of the new Moderator, Rev Sharon Hollis, will be held at 7.30pm, Friday 3 June, at **Wesley Uniting Church, 148 Lonsdale St, CBD**. The business meeting will run from 9.00am Sat 4 June to 4.00pm Wed 8 June, and has a new location: **Box Hill Town Hall, Whitehorse Road, Box Hill**.

Art of Story 2016

Discover the art of storytelling.

Storytelling is one of humankind's oldest and most enduring art forms. In its simplest form, a storyteller captures the attention and interest of an audience with their telling. Whether it is an epic tale of adventure, or a simple wisdom tale, the craft of the storyteller is rarely visible to their audience. It can appear deceptively easy as most storytellers do not draw attention to their craft.

WHEN

7:00pm – 2:00pm
 Thursday, 16, 23 Jun, 14, 28 July 2016

WHERE

The Centre for Theology & Ministry
 29 College Cres., Parkville VIC 3052

CONTACT

9340 8815; info@ctm.uca.edu.au
<http://ctm.uca.edu.au/artfull-faith/category/reflect/storytelling/>



Chaplaincy and Youth Faith Formation

Full time position

A unique and exciting opportunity to shape and form young people in a Parish and School setting involving: leadership in the faith formation of youth and young adults through worship events and community/social justice activities at St Leonard's Uniting Church

being part of a ministry team delivering chaplaincy services to St. Leonard's College through pastoral care and educational opportunities

A background in teaching and theological formation at a tertiary level will be well received.

Position description available at <http://www.stleonards.org.au/>

Applications: Secretary St. Leonard's Church,
2 Wolseley Grove, Brighton VIC 3186
or email contact@stleonards.org.au

Initial inquiries can be directed to **Rev Kim Cain 0419 373 123**

Uniting Church Studies

An intensive program exploring the Uniting Church in Australia.

This program provides a fantastic opportunity for people who want to know more about the Uniting Church, its foundations and its priorities. It offers an introduction to the theology, history and life of the Uniting Church.

WHEN

Monday 20 Jun – Friday 24 Jun, Sun 24 July 2016

WHERE

The Centre for Theology & Ministry
29 College Cres., Parkville VIC 3052

CONTACT Rohan Pryor - 03 9340 8816



ART for WELLBEING
29 April - 1 May 2016
Exhibition continues till 26 May at Queenscliff Uniting Church, Cnr Hesse and Stokes Streets, Queenscliff

Stories of Childhood Conference

The annual Stories of Childhood conference is especially suitable for anyone – including Playgroup leaders, Pre-school music program leaders, Messy Church leaders, Sunday program leaders/teachers, ministers, pastors, church leaders, worship leaders, program leaders/volunteers – involved in ministry with children 0-5 and their families.

Gather others from your congregation or team and come along for a fantastic day of learning, sharing and growing together.

WHEN

9:45am – 3:00pm
Saturday, 30 Apr 2016

WHERE

The Centre for Theology & Ministry
29 College Cres., Parkville VIC 3052

CONTACT

03 9340 8815; explore@ctm.uca.edu.au

<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/stories2016/registration/>



Art for Wellbeing 2016 Launch

Speakers: Lara Bardsley and Lyndel Wischer, with Christina Rowntree.

Artists and friends please come to the launch, celebrate the exhibition, and stay on for the Welcome to Country and opening performance by Stanley Gaykamangu. You may like to register for the whole SacredEdge Festival.

WHEN

5:30pm – 9:00pm
Friday, 29 Apr 2016

WHERE

Queenscliff Uniting Church
Cnr Hesse and Stokes Streets, Queenscliff

CONTACT

Christina Rowntree; 9340 8813; info@ctm.uca.edu.au

<http://ctm.uca.edu.au/artfull-faith/2016/03/10/art-wellbeing-2016/>

Working With Children Policy

There is a new synod **Working With Children Check/Registration Policy** that will mean changes for us here at Western Heights. The synod is committed to ensuring that children who participate in Uniting Church activities, programs and events within the synod of Victoria and Tasmania are safe and led by adults who have obtained either a positive **Working with Children Check (Victoria and NSW)** or a **Working with Children Registration (Tasmania)** as required by relevant state government legislation. The new **Working with Children Check/Registration Policy (WWCC/R)** www.victas.uca.org.au/wwcc was approved by the Synod Standing Committee at its meeting on 12 February 2016. This supersedes any previous synod Working with Children Check policy.

The most significant and notable difference to new the WWCC/R requirements is the broadening of who now requires a check to remain active in congregational leadership. This includes, but is not limited to all Ministers and Pastors, Lay Preachers, Elders, Church Councillors, worship leaders, anyone commissioned by the Church Council to perform a leadership role, music leaders, organists and Bible study leaders as well as all those involved in programs with children and young people.

In the coming months we will roll this new policy out at Western Heights so please keep an eye out for more details.

Lenten Offering

The annual UCA Synod of Victoria and Tasmania Lenten Offering is conducted during Lent and Easter at a time of reflection, renewal and recommitment. In response to God's love for all people and the giving of his Son to the world, an opportunity is provided for people of the church to make a sacrificial offering to support important mission projects that have limited funding opportunities.

The 2016 Lenten Offering will support some wonderful local and international projects providing care and support for disadvantaged or vulnerable people.

Projects include:

- Post-war Ministry Restoration Project - Sri Lanka
- Adult Literacy and Numeracy Education Program – Victoria
- Thirsty Ground: Sharing Faith through Music – Tasmania
- Disability Inclusion – National

WINCHELSEA UNITING CHURCH

ANNUAL AUCTION

SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND. SELLING FROM 9.30.am

HESSE STREET, RESERVE, WINCHELSEA.
CHARLES STEWART & CO. HON. AUCTIONEERS.

ITEMS SOLD ON 15% COMMISSION UP TO \$500. 10% ABOVE \$500.
PLUS \$2.00 LOT FEE

HOUSEHOLD - Furniture, Bric a Brac,
Plants, Books, Variety of Sundries..
No T.V's or Mattresses accepted.
LIVESTOCK & PLANTS -poultry, birds etc.
WHITE ELEPHANT STALL

Contact Jeanette 52672488 or 0409 418766

MACHINERY - Farm equipment, Tools, Hay,
Fencing, Mowers, Sundries galore.

Contact Geoff 0417059683



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HOT JAM-FILLED DONUTS



CAKE STALL
PRODUCE
JAMS ETC

SANDWICHES
CAKES
COFFEE & TEA



ITEMS FOR SALE WILL BE RECEIVED AT HESSE ST. RESERVE
BETWEEN 9AM- 7PM ON FRIDAY APRIL 1ST.
6.30AM TO 8.30 AM ON SATURDAY APRIL 2ND.

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UNITINGWOMEN 2016

UnitingWomen 2016 is a nationwide movement of faithful Christian women who will gather to share the ways Christ is inspiring hope in their lives and communities.

The opening speaker is Khadija Gbla – one of Australia's most gifted speakers. Khadija has been recognised for her ability to influence community change and raise awareness, particularly around multicultural and gender issues. She is especially noted for her honest and passionate 2014 TED Talk addressing female genital mutilation.

WHEN

7:00pm – 2:00pm
Thursday, 28 Apr 2016 –
Sunday, 1 May 2016

WHERE

Wesley Kent Town Uniting Church
27 Grenfell St,
Kent Town, Adelaide, South Australia

<http://unitingwomen.org.au/>



Contact Details

Leadership Team:

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Church Council Chair:	Rodger Marsden	eagles@pipeline.com.au	0419 717 774
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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 aluminium cans and foil pie plates. 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**