



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

May 2016 Newsletter

May at a Glance

Sunday 1st	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Wednesday 4th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach—Packing Birth Kits for Uganda
Friday 6th	10.00am	Vines Options Op Shop—Coffee morning
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Worship
Friday 13th	7.00pm	KFG—Movie Night
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 17th	2.00pm	Midweek Communion
	6.30pm	Friends from Vines
Wednesday 18th	7.00pm	Ministry Teams Meeting
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Worship
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Saturday 28th	7.30pm	Friendship Club—Guest Speaker : Nathan Gibson
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Worship

May Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 1st	8.45am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	10.15am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 8th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 15th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	Café Church including Congregational AGM
Tuesday 17th	2.00pm	Rev. Isabel Greenall	Midweek Communion
Sunday 22nd	10.00am	Michelle Eastwood	
	4.00pm	Messy Church	
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	

Other Services:

8th May 2pm McKellar

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2016

Wednesday 4th May, 2016

1.30pm Horizons Room

Packing Birthing Packs for
'Vision Sisters', Uganda

Devotions:

Afternoon Tea:

Come along you are most welcome

Contact: Dorothy Matthews - 5278 9491

Friendship Club

We are please to announce that **Nathan Gibson** will be giving us a talk on his experiences while he was an Exchange Teacher in Canada last year.

We would cordially welcome everyone who would like to attend this most informative evening and all will be most welcome to our meeting to be held on **Saturday 28th May, 2016 at 7.30pm** in the Horizons Room.

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Movie Night

Friday 13th May, 2016

7pm—8.30pm

Years 3—7

\$3.00



**RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 11th May, 2016**

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Welcome to the Neighbourhood Program

The outreach ministry team is planning to visit those who will soon move into our area

We need your help!

Please advise the address of any homes or flats in your area with noticeboards – “For Sale”, “To Let”, or “To Lease” members of the ministry team, **Richard Worland, Michele Hardy, Jenice Coots or Barry Edwards**

When the newcomers move in, the ministry team will visit with a brochure about WHUCA and a gift of homemade cookies.

Please join in this ministry of outreach.

Friends from Vines

Tuesday 17th April, 2016

6.30pm in Horizons Room

“Millionaire Hot Seat”

Meal Soup and Sandwiches

All ladies welcome.

Joan 5241 5683—0438 722 035

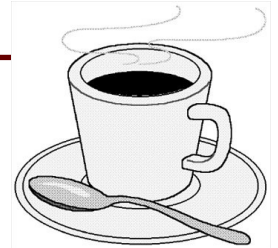
Special Meeting—Tuesday 21st June 7.30pm

Rachel Van Zetten will speak about her time as a volunteer at Kai's Village Orphanage in Rural Cambodia. Everyone welcome. Supper Included.

Donations appreciated to support Rachel's work.

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 6th May at 10.00am.**



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 22nd May 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.

For further information contact Audrey on 0435 064 088.

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*



FREE Legal Help

for Asylum Seekers living in the Barwon Region who need to:

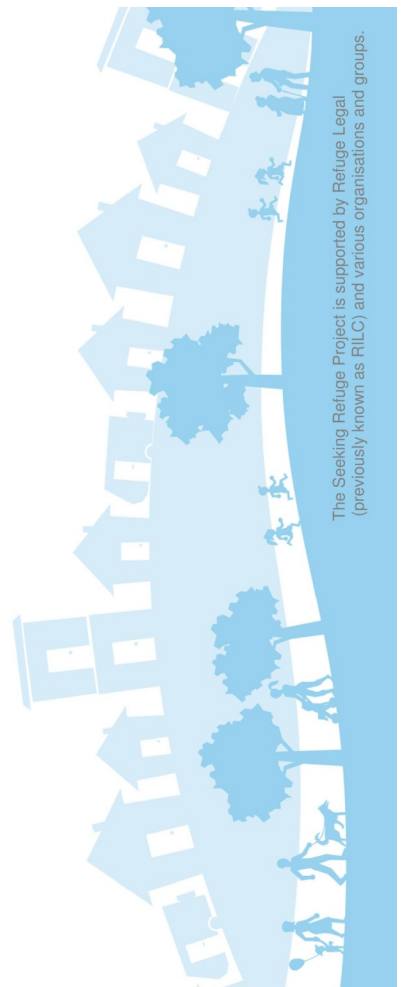
- Apply for Freedom of Information documents and records.
- Seek extension of time for Temporary Protection Visas (TPV) and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (SHEV) application lodgement.
- Complete TPV and SHEV applications.

To make a Seeking Refuge appointment please contact:

Barwon Community Legal Service on 1300 430 599
73 Pakington Street, Geelong West



Free Interpreter Service phone 131 450
and ask them to call 1300 430 599



The Seeking Refuge Project is supported by Refuge Legal (previously known as RILC) and various organisations and groups.

Sacred Edge

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



Mountain to Mouth 2016—Partnering the Community

For those of you who don't know Mountain to Mouth 2016 (M~M 2016) 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. We have been working with the team responsible for Station 6, Barwon River Rowing Precinct.

Our involvement

1. Provide some written material to help people walk the circle in a meditative-type way.
2. Collect old metal cooking vessels that will be used to create the walking circle (through Western Heights & Uniting Care Geelong Op Shops).
3. Seek feedback on the congregations thoughts/feelings about the Barwon River.
4. Help setup the walking circle at 5am on Sat 7th May.
5. Oversee & support intentional meditative walking of the circle around lunchtime on Sat 7th (more details to come).

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.

If you would like to help out in any way with this please let Isabel Greenall or Sue Ekkel sue-je@hotmail.com know!

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!!!!

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/>



Skills Workshop for Church Organists and Musicians

A four session workshop to learn about leading/providing organ/instrumental music for church services or improving skills.

Saturdays, 10am – 12noon and 1pm – 3pm, May 7 and 14, 2016

Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Union Road, Surrey Hills

May 7

Session 1. The Role & Place of Music in Worship

(of particular interest to clergy) - Rev D. Jones, Anglican Priest

Session 2. Hymn Playing and Interpretation

– S. Franke, St Paul’s Cathedral

May 14

Session 3. Organ & Instrumental Music for Services

– D. Brown, St James Old Cathedral & Scotch College

Session 4. Working with Choirs & Soloists

– B. Macrae, Auburn Uniting Church

Cost \$20 per session. For registration form go to: www.sov.org.au.

For inquiries contact **Jim Fletcher** 03 9249 4149 or **Richard Hoy** 03 9894 2335.

Series of Events with Dr Robin Meyers

One of the most exciting thinkers in today’s church is coming to Melbourne.

Dr Robin Meyers is Senior Minister with the fastest growing United Church of Christ, Kansas-Oklahoma, a Professor at Oklahoma City University, and best selling author of seven books, and a national figure who lectures on the merits of Progressive Christianity.

Friday 13th May, 7.30pm, “The Underground Church: Reclaiming the Subversive Way of Jesus”

Saturday 14th May, 11.00am-4.00pm “From Galilean Sage to Supernatural Saviour: the Heresy of Orthodoxy:”, “Spiritual Defiance: Building a Beloved Community of Resistance”, “Quantum Physics and the Future of God” How Science is Redefining the Almighty”

Hosted by Common Dreams on the Road and the Progressive Christian Network of Victoria.

Malvern East Uniting Centre -

54 Serell Street, Malvern East

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



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.

Exclusion and Embrace Conference

Andy Calder, who is responsible for disability inclusion in our synod, is calling for abstracts for those interested in nominating as a presenter at a multi-faith conference taking place in **Melbourne 21-23 August** at the **Jasper Hotel**. The Exclusion and Embrace: Disability, Justice and Spirituality conference explores the relationship between spirituality and disability and will feature leading academics from Australia, the Netherlands and the USA.

Andy is the convenor of the conference and said presenters have a wide range of subjects to explore. "This unique conference will explore theological understandings and practical responses with a focus on topical issues."

Abstracts need to be submitted by **10 April**.

If you would like to attend as a delegate there is an Early Bird special if you register by **17 June**.

Refreshments and lunch, plus dinner on two nights of the conference, is included in the registration.

Visit the [conference site](http://exclusionandembrace.melbourne/) at exclusionandembrace.melbourne/ for more information or phone Ann Byrne on 03 9251 5404. Information on the website is available in Easy English.



'Walk for Justice for Refugees'

Thank you to all the UCA people from across Victoria and Tasmania who attended the recent Palm Sunday Walk for Justice for Refugees held in Melbourne and Launceston.

It was great to see many UCA banners and messages of support in the crowds, and to have some good media coverage for this year's events!

Join the JIM Unit's 'Vic/Tas Uniting for Refugees Network' for information on refugee advocacy work.

Simply email jill.ruzbacky@victas.uca.org.au asking to join (it's roughly a monthly email, so we promise not to flood your inboxes!) You might also "like" our refugee advocacy specific Facebook page here: <https://www.facebook.com/victasuniting/>

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**.

Contact Details

Leadership Team:

Minister:	Rev. Isabel Greenall	minister@whuc.com.au	5250 5930 0419 602006
	Isabel's day off is Monday so please refrain from contacting her on this day.		
Church Administrator:	John Matthews	dotjohn1b@gmail.com	5278 9491
Children's Ministry Co-ordinator:	Karen Morgan	karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com	5276 1042
Pastoral Care Contact:	Audrey Kateena	Pastoral.Carer@gmail.com	0435 064 088
Church Council Chair:	Rodger Marsden	eagles@pipeline.com.au	0419 717 774
Property Co-ordinator	Graeme Hardy	graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com	0408 630 391

Communications

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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**