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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

June 2016 Newsletter

June at a Glance

Wednesday 1st	12.30pm	Mission Outreach— Note time
Friday 3rd	10.00am	Vines Options Op Shop—Coffee morning
Sunday 5th	8.45am	Traditional Worship
	10.15am	Worship
Friday 10th	7.00pm	KFG—Paper Planes Night
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Worship
Wednesday 15th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 21st	2.00pm	Midweek communion
	7.30pm	Friends from Vines— Note time
Saturday 25th	7.30pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Worship
	4.00pm	Messy Churh

June Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 5th	8.45am	Michelle Eastwood	
	10.15am	Tuesday night	Small Group
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	All Together & Communion
Tuesday 21st	2.00pm	Rev. Isabel Greenall	Midweek Communion
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Rev. Jan Taylor	
	4.00pm	Messy Church	

Other Services:

Thursday 2nd	Audrey Kateena	Kalkee-Nangatta
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Sunday 19th	Audrey Kateena	McKellar Centre
Tuesday 28th	Audrey Kateena	mecwacare Elstoft House

Synod Meeting

Isabel will be attending the Synod meeting in Melbourne from the evening of Friday 3rd until late Wednesday 8th June.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2016

Wednesday 1st June, 2016

12.30pm Horizons Room

Soup & Sandwich Day

Devotions: Eve Wood

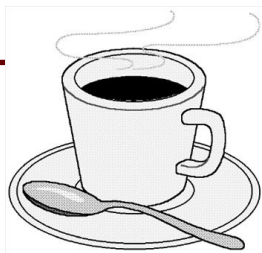
Afternoon Tea: Di Edwards

Come along you are most welcome

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 3rd June at 10.00am.



KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Paper Planes Night

Friday 10th June, 2016

7pm—8.30pm

Years 3—7

\$3.00

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 8th June, 2016

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261
or office@whuc.com.au



Senior Retirees Outing

The July meeting of the Senior Retirees will be a film afternoon at the St. Mary's Church theatre on Tuesday 12th July starting at

1.30pm followed by afternoon tea in their rooms. Pick up at 1.00pm as usual. Put this date in your diary.

Graeme & Michele Hardy

Friends from Vines

Special Meeting

Tuesday 21st June, 2016

7.30pm in Horizons Room

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

Joan 5241 5683—0438 722 035

Friendship Club

Saturday 25th June, 2016

at 7.30pm in the Horizons Room.

Table Games

Bring your competitive spirit; be alert and don't forget your supper.



Messy Church @
WHUC

Sunday 26th June 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.

Pastoral Care & how it happens at Western Heights

Pastoral Care is a term closely linked with Christianity. What is it and how is it provided here at Western Heights?

First written about by Pope Gregory I around the year 590AD, in a treatise on the responsibilities of the clergy, you could ask 10 people what it means and receive 10 different answers.

Originally a term relating to the ministry of care and counselling, provided within and by the Christian Churches, it is also more broadly seen today as the practice of looking after the personal and social well-being of people within an organisation whether religious or not. Such care includes a wide variety of issues including health, social and moral education, behaviour management and emotional support.

Traditionally, a distinctive feature of the Uniting Church has been the proactive provision of pastoral care of its members. It is a phrase regularly used at Western Heights but do we all have the same understanding of what it means?

At the November 2014 Pastoral Partners' training session, open to all within the congregation, the following draft definition of pastoral care was formulated:

Jesus calls all of us to care for others.

Pastoral Care is a ministry of "presence", based on our faith and prayer, providing support to those in need.

Pastoral Care is a journey shared, with each other and God.

What was seen in 590AD as the responsibility of the clergy is understood in 2016 at Western Heights as the responsibility of **all** within the congregation. It is provided in a variety of ways, formal and ad hoc, proactive and reactive. The depth to which that care goes tends to be relative to the training of the 'provider'. In summary care is currently provided by:

The Pastoral Care Ministry Team's purpose is to facilitate and ensure pastoral care for all members, those connected with the life of the Church and the community

The Ministry Team of Isabel, Audrey & Karen

Pastoral Partners – people trained in the provision of pastoral care. Each has a specific responsibility for the people in their "cluster"

Small Groups – Each member of the group is responsible for the care of others within the group. Each group creates its own plan for the provision of care for each other.

Buddies – People who have been noted as providing an ad hoc means of maintaining a link between individuals and the congregation

The various groups within the congregation such as Friendship Group, Friends from Vines, Messy Church, Contemplative Group, retirees Outings, Midweek communion, Mission outreach, etc.

Prayer via the Prayer Chain, Prayers during services and the private prayers of those within the congregation.

Individuals There are many quiet achievers providing supportive friendship to others within the congregation. Any time you think of another, pray for another, connect with another particularly with an attentive ear, you are providing pastoral care

As we seek to be a church that "cares for and responds to community and/or individual needs" we need to ask ourselves what can be celebrated about how we care for each other and ask what could we do better, enabling us to develop a new approach to pastoral care that is more diverse and intentionally engages members/groups in this ministry.

Thoughts? Comments? Contact Audrey on 0435 064 088 05 or pastoral.carer@gmail.com



Entertainment Books are still available from Helen Sleep. Cost is \$60, a portion of which goes to the Church.

Annual Leave

Isabel will be on annual leave **21st June – 10th July**, inclusive. During this time worship will be led by a variety of people/groups and urgent pastoral matters including funerals should be referred to Audrey Kateena.

Reminder, the 2015 | 2016 Entertainment™ Memberships are about to expire. Renew now!

FREE Legal Help

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

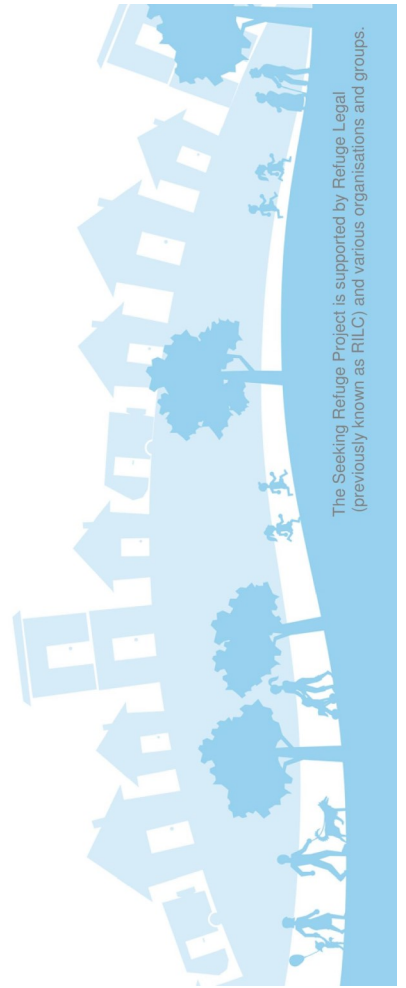
- Apply for Freedom of Information documents and records.
- Seek extension of time for Temporary Protection Visas (TPV) and Safe Haven Enterprise Visas (SHEV) application lodgement.
- Complete TPV and SHEV applications.

To make a Seeking Refugee appointment please contact:

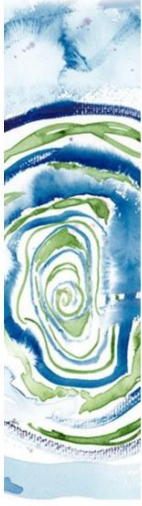
Barwon Community Legal Service on 1300 430 599
 73 Pakington Street, Geelong West



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



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



Workshops Bethel Centre 2016

The Bethel Centre warmly invite ministers, lay ministers, church council members and staff of the Uniting Church VicTas to attend our workshops. Each half day workshop has been designed to raise awareness and support congregations to foster an inclusive community and safe place of worship. These will be held at the Bethel Centre, 59 Doncaster Road, North Balwyn, Vic 3104 from 9.30am – 1pm and will be facilitated by Julie McDonald and Ann-Marie Hughes. The cost is \$10 per person and morning tea will be provided.

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| 6th July | Bullying and Boundaries |
| 14th September | Congregational Dynamics |
| 26th October | The Process of Forgiveness |

To reserve a place or for further information, please call 9859 8700 or email ann-marie@bethelcentre.com.au Reservation deadline is one week prior to the event.

Big ideas for the Big event

Your ideas are being Sought

As a result of your input into The Strategic Plan, your ideas are being sought for a Western Heights UCA BIG EVENT to be presented during the next Calendar year. The BIG EVENT which may take the form of eg. a festival, conference or workshop open day or breakfast guest speaker series, or mission fund-raiser, or any idea that encompasses our church aims of Loving God, Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith.

To provide The Big Event facilitation group (Bruce Rookes, Joan Walker and Richard Worland) with guidance and planning it would be most appreciated if the Big Event Ideas could be jotted down in the Big Event Book in the Horizons Room during the month of June, or email Richard at hrgp@bigpond.net.au

Thinking cap on please, thank you.

Flying Doctor Fundraiser

You are invited to attend

Children's illustrated books, display, talk and Sales

To raise funds to support the Flying Doctor
St Andrews Uniting Church

Gisborne Road, Bacchus Marsh

Sunday 12th June -12 noon to 5pm

Monday 13th June - 10am to 1pm

A talk and discussion on illustrated Children's Books

Sunday 3.00pm & Monday 10.30am

Devonshire Tea will be available

as well as a display of Children's Books

Old and New Books will be available for purchase

Women's conference

July 24 & 25 at the Centre For Ministry and Theology.

Keynote speaker Prof. Musa Dube a leading
Postcolonial Feminist Theologian.

The theme of the conference is 'Women Doing Post
Colonial Theology with Prof Musa Dube',
Postcolonial Contexts: Moving, Living & Preaching
Between Borders

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1592818071008227/>

Secretary of Presbytery

The role of Secretary of the Presbytery of Port Phillip West is now immediately vacant.

Some administration experience is a requirement for this role and a knowledge of the UCA Regulations would be helpful, however Robert has kindly put together a disc of all Presbytery matters since 2008, including a 'what to do' and 'how to do it' for his successor.

See Jan for a copy of the Role and Responsibilities for this position and if you have an interest in taking this role, or know of anyone who may be interested, please contact Judi Mus, Nominations Convenor by email: judi@tpg.com.au or mobile 0411 180 241 as soon as possible.

Please note, this role is initially for 7 months of this year May – December, as 2016 is an election year for all positions and committees of Presbytery.

UnitingCare Op-Shop Vacancies

If you are able to spare 3 hours per week or per fortnight, or know someone who can, UnitingCare Geelong (UCG) Op Shops in Highton, Hamlyn Heights, East Geelong and Revamp in Mercer Street have a number of urgent vacancies. We rely on the income from our Op Shops to provide our welfare programs and services to disadvantaged members of the Geelong community. As a UCG volunteer you will be part of a team making a real difference. Please call Elizabeth on 4210 1113 or email Elizabeth.hopkin@icg.untingcare.org.au.

Two Evenings with Rev Dr Sean Winter

Friendship and the Kingdom of God – God, the church and the World in the NT.

Friends of God - **Wed 8th June**

Community of Friends - **Wed 15th June, 7.30pm**

North Essendon Church

132 Keilor Rd, Nth Essendon.

See Horizons Noticeboard for more information.

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" to 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 WHUC and a gift of homemade cookies.

Please join in this ministry of outreach.


The Geelong Progressive Christian Group

Are you interested in the ideas of Bishop Spong, Marcus Borg and other progressive theologians?

Progressive Christianity is a nondenominational approach to faith and spirituality that seeks to understand Christian beliefs and doctrines in the light of current scientific knowledge, and modern biblical scholarship.

We are affiliated with The Progressive Christian Network of Victoria (www.pcnvictorai.org.au) and meet at 1:30pm on the 4th Thursday of the month at Western Heights Uniting Church (31 Douglass Street, Herne Hill) for discussion and fellowship. We are currently engaging with the DVD series 'First Light: Jesus and the Kingdom of God' by John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg. We warmly welcome new participants.

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Doug McLennan 0428 592 261 or laureldoug@bigpond.com
Heather Dennis 0409 176319 or heather.bowe.dennis@gmail.com
David Walker 0419 359 473 or dj.walker1@bigpond.com



BRING YOUR FRIENDS to opening worship and the installation of Moderator Rev Sharon Hollis - Friday 3 June 7.30pm, Wesley Uniting Church, 148 Lonsdale St, Melbourne. There will be an Auslan interpreter at the service.

DIARISE THE DATE 4-8 June 2016 at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill

PRAY FOR THE MEETING: for representatives from your presbytery, for our leaders and for all members of Synod as they seek wisdom and discernment in their discussions, deliberations and decision making.

CHECK FOR UPDATES ON THE APP: We've launched the Synod 2016 mobile app for information and regular updates and news about the meeting. View it at <https://crowd.cc/uca-victas-2016> or download the app from <https://crowd.cc/s/7ASM>

Generate 2016—Exploring Intergenerational Ministry

August 12,13 10am-3pm each day Parkville

One of our goals as a Church is to be INTERGENERATIONAL!

With that in mind here is an opportunity to grow in our understanding and practice.

Western Heights will cover the fees to attend.

This approach to ministry has been shown to be vital for sustainable, long-term faith formation and discipleship for *people of any age*. *Generate 2016 – Exploring Intergenerational Ministry* provides **TWO** great opportunities to find out more about this emerging trend in ministry with all ages.

Choose to participate in **ONE** or **BOTH** of the following *Generate 2016 – Exploring Intergenerational Ministry* events...

Fri Aug 12 Generate 2016: Intergenerational Ministry Foundations

Focused on these with *strategic leadership* responsibility in the life of a church – including ministers, pastors, ministry leaders and key volunteers - *Generate 2016: Intergenerational Ministry Foundations* will explore the theological foundation of intergenerational ministry, the place of intergenerational ministry in a church's strategy and issues around the implementation of intergenerational ministry.

Sat Aug 13 Generate 2016 : Intergenerational Ministry Practicalities

For *anyone* engaged in ministry with people of *any age*, *Generate 2016 - Intergenerational Ministry Practicalities* will provide opportunities for exploring what intergenerational ministry looks like in practice, intentionally growing generational connections and engaging with stories, tips and practicalities around the development of multi-age experiences.

More information: <https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/generate2016/registration/>

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 the new 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.

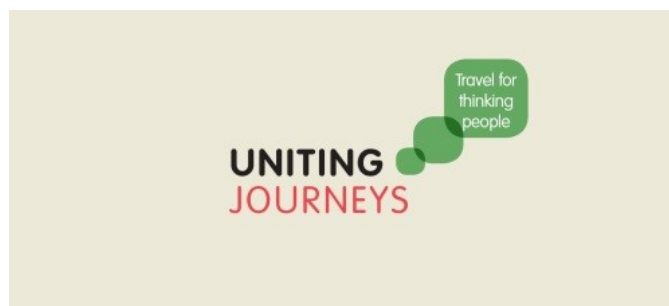
Exclusion and Embrace

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.



Mannar Sri Lanka and the Donkeys Tour: 14-28th Oct 2016

Mannar (Donkeytown) in Sri Lanka is renowned for its Hindu temples, mosques and churches. We have been working with this remarkable developing community for some years now. This two-week journey of history, faith and culture will be about furthering the close relationships we have in the community of Mannar.

Myanmar: 22 Oct - 5 Nov 2016

In October a group of people will travel to Burma Myanmar. This tour will explore how to help build long term relationships between Australia and Myanmar. Focussed on developing friendships, partnerships and strong relationships with communities, this journey will suit people with adventurous, enquiring minds.

If this sounds like something you'd love to do please book now.

For more information call Jim Wakelam 0403 264 124

Email: info@unitingjourneys.com.au
www.responsibletravel.org.au
www.facebook.com/unitingjourneys



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

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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**