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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

May 2017 Newsletter

May at a Glance

Wednesday 3rd	12.30pm	Mission Outreach
Sunday 7th	8.45am	Traditional Worship & review conversation
	10.15am	Worship
Friday 12th	7.00pm	KFG-Backwards Night
Sunday 14th	10.00am	Worship
Tuesday 16th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 17th	7.00pm	Church Council Planning
Sunday 21st	10.00am	Worship
Saturday 27th	7.30pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 28th	10.00am	Worship
	4.00pm	Messy Church

May Preaching Plan

Western Heights Services:

Sunday 7th	8.45am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	10.15am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 14th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	
Sunday 21st	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	All Together & Communion
Sunday 28th	10.00am	Rev. Isabel Greenall	
	4.00pm	Messy Church—Baptism Cassidy Farrington	

Other Services:

Sunday 7th	Michele Hardy	McKellar Centre
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Western Heights Mission Outreach 2017

Wednesday 3rd May, 2017

Lunch at “Julie’s Café on Vines”
12.30pm Vines Road, Hamlyn Heights
All welcome

June Meeting

Wednesday 7th June, 2017

1.30pm Horizons Room
‘Patchworking with Berenice’

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Backwards Night

Friday 12th May, 2017

7pm—8.30pm

Years 3—7

\$3.00

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 10th May, 2017

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

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 16th May, 2017

“Teenage Memories”

6.30pm Shared Meal

All Ladies Welcome

Joan Murphy 5241 5683

Friendship Club

MEMORIES OF GEELONG

A warm welcome is extended to our Friendship Club Meeting to be held at **7.30 pm** on Saturday, **27th May, 2017** in the Horizons Room.

Anyone wishing to talk or display items of interest on early Geelong please contact either Gil or Leila Green on Ph. 5278 4767



Messy Church @ WHUC

Sunday 28th May 4pm

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

Photos from Easter



Messy Church 2017

This year at Messy Church has been an exciting one!

We are taking inspiration from WHUC purpose statement and each term are focusing on one part of it.

So far this year we have had three Messy Churches—our themes have been Loving God: What is Love?": "Loving God: How does Jesus Love?" and an Eggciting Easter Messy Church. We have enjoyed learning about God and experiencing God through, good, playing, experimenting, writing, singing, painting, praying, talking and making.

A fantastic addition to Messy Church has been the formation of the Messy Church band. At the moment there are nine instrumentalists in the band and they are doing a fantastic job of leading the music during the celebration time. It has been wonderful to have the assistance of individuals Ministry Teams and Small Groups as kitchen teams at Messy Church. The food is always delicious! We really appreciate all the hard working and dedicated volunteers that make Messy Church such a success.



40th Anniversary Daily Devotions and Prayers

In preparation for the Uniting Church's 40th anniversary on Thursday 22 June, the SA Moderator, Rev Sue Ellis, will release daily devotions and prayers for church members. This is a response to a call for 40 days of prayer from the President and all Moderators of the Uniting Church. These leaders invite the whole church to pray and listen for God, as a new future unfolds.

The '40 Days of Prayer' emails will be sent daily from Sunday 14 May to Thursday 22 June. If you would like to subscribe to receive the emails, please add your name and email address to the subscription list here.

Uniting Leaders 2017— Registrations open

The Uniting Leaders 2017, "Growing leaders to grow the church" conference, will take place in Adelaide from 22-24 August. The three-day conference features keynote speakers Nancy Beach and Mark Conner along with interactive workshops and networking opportunities. There are travel subsidies available for rural congregations. Find out more and register here or email info@unitingleaders.org.au

Nestle, Kellogg's and Colgate-Palmolive

Nestle, Kellogg's and Colgate-Palmolive are profiting from the exploitation of children in back-breaking labour...

Children as young as eight are doing dangerous and physically demanding work to produce palm oil for everyday products found in shopping trolleys around Australia.

KitKat, Oral B, Rexona, Dove, Magnum and Surf washing powder are just some of the household products containing palm oil from plantations where child labour is the norm.

Children as young as eight are doing hazardous and hard physical work.

Women are forced to work long hours under the threat of pay cuts. They are paid below minimum wage – some as little as US\$2.50 a day.

The abuse is clear, but these big companies continue to turn a blind eye to the exploitation of women and children in favour of profits. Tell them that you won't stand for this.

Join Amnesty's call on Colgate-Palmolive, Kellogg's, Nestle, Reckitt Benckiser, Procter & Gamble and Unilever to stop abusing children's rights now.

JIM Convention 2017

Sat 27 May 2017 - Register now!

Come along to this year's Justice and International Mission Unit Convention
Time to Build Bridges not Walls

Saturday 27 May

9.30am – 4.15pm

Centre for Theology and Ministry, 29 College Cres Parkville

\$30/\$20

Key note speaker: **Joe Camilleri**

Joseph Camilleri OAM is Emeritus Professor at La Trobe University, Melbourne and Executive Director of Alexandria Agenda, a new venture in ethical consulting. In 2005 he founded the La Trobe Centre for Dialogue. Under his leadership, the Centre quickly established a national and international reputation for research, training and policy development. He is an internationally acclaimed author, having written 20 books and over 100 book chapters and journal articles. His research has centred on: international political economy; religion and culture; security and peace studies; foreign policies of the great powers and the Asia-Pacific region. Over the past 10 years Camilleri has convened some 20 major international dialogues and conferences, and appeared before several parliamentary and government inquiries, most recently the parliamentary inquiry into the Racial Discrimination Act.

Download a registration form here or email for more info.:

http://www.justact.org.au/jim_convention

About FACE

About FACE stands for Faith and Cultural Exchange. It is run in partnership with the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress (UAICC) and celebrates the covenant relationship between the UCA and the UAICC.

The next program is from 24 June – 8 July 2017 and is open to anyone over 18 years of age to attend. It will include a period living in Congress communities. For more information, visit the website and sign up to the About FACE mailing list to receive program updates.

Synod in Solidarity Visit to the Philippines

In October this year the JIM Unit will run a 12-day visit to our partner churches in the Philippines. It is open to anyone from across the synod to join. If you'd like to find out more please email jill.ruzbacky@victas.uca.org.au or phone 9251 5266.



OR



Entertainment Book

The 2017/2018 Entertainment Book has been released. These books make ideal gifts.

Still just \$60 giving you over \$20,000 worth of offers.

Offers of up to 50% off and 2 for 1 offers, from best restaurants, hotels, activities, travel and more.

WHUC gets 20% of sales for each book.

See Helen Sleep

Senior Outings

We are in desperate need of drivers to help transport seniors on our outings for the rest of the year. This only needs to take up 5 more Tuesdays for the rest of the year. Please let us know if you can spare this small amount of time.

Graeme & Michele Hardy 5278 8258

McKellar Centre Wheelers Needed

Our wheelers volunteer list for the McKellar Centre is getting low and we are in need for more volunteers to help approx. 6 weeks apart. Please see Colin Rookes 5229 6686

Telling your stories @ Synod 2017

Is your congregation doing exciting and creative work with young people? Are you a cross-cultural church? Are you engaged in new and renewed expressions of mission and ministry?

How about grabbing your smart phone and creating a video of some of the justice, mission and ministry activities of your church?

Communications has posted some helpful video story tips on the UCA Our Synod Meeting webpage, including how to send your video clip to us. A compilation of these celebratory stories will be aired at Synod 2017.

For further enquiries email communications@victas.uca.org.au

You can click on this image to go to the tip sheet.

Deadline for receipt of videos is 31st July 2017.



Transforming Worship—UCA National

“Transforming Worship” is a national gathering for preachers, worship leaders, musicians, artists, poets, and others interested in exploring the deep place of worship in shaping and changing our lives and our world.

On 27-30 July 2017, Adelaide will host the first national worship conference for the Uniting Church in 30 years as part of the 40th anniversary of the UCA.

Overseas speakers include renowned hymnist and worship scholar Rev Dr Ruth Duck from Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary in the US, Rev Dr Stephen Burns from the UK, Lecturer in Liturgical and Pastoral Theology at Melbourne’s Trinity Theological College. Rev Mark Pierson from Rhythms of Grace Auckland, NZ will be curator-in-residence at the conference.

Australian speakers include President-Elect Dr Deidre Palmer, Rev Stu Cameron and NSW Moderator Rev Myung Hwa Park.

The Church Council has agreed to financially cover the registration of up to 3 people to attend, so if you would like to go please let Isabel know.

You can find out more and register here or contact Neryl McCallum for more information by emailing admin@transformingworship.com.au or phoning 0409 096 809



Contact Details

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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**