



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

SAFE CHURCH

Western Heights Uniting Church is committed to the safety, protection and well-being of all children and young people from all forms of abuse and neglect. We will make every effort to provide an environment of safety and support. All key leaders have completed a Working With Children Check. Western Heights UC has adopted the Synod "Keeping Children Safe" policy.

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

February 2018 Newsletter

February at a Glance

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	3.00pm	Big Gathering for Small Groups
Tuesday 6th	7.00pm	Tuesday Night Meditation
Wednesday 7th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 9th	7.00pm	KFG—Amazing Race
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	12.00pm	Church Picnic
	2.00pm	Paul Stephens Induction at St. Luke's UC
	7.00pm	Taize Service
		Michele Hardy at Cressy
Wednesday 14th	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
		All Together & Communion
Tuesday 20th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
	7.00pm	Tuesday Night Meditation
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 24th	6.00pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church

Big Gathering for Small Groups

An invitation is extended to all members of Small Groups to attend an afternoon of sharing with some new ideas on studies related to our everyday life of faith.

Sunday 4th Feb 2018 3pm – 4.30pm

Please bring a small plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

We also invite any members of the congregation who would like to hear and learn about Small Groups.

We look forward to seeing **you** there.

Isabel Greenall, Roger Dingle, Janet Pavlakis.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2017

Wednesday 7th February, 2018

1.30pm

Contact

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Amazing Race

Friday 9th February, 2018

7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

\$3.00

Wear sneakers and bring a drink bottle

**RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 7th February, 2018**

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

Western Heights Directory

The first edition of our Directory is now available for collection. The overall purpose of the directory is to facilitate 'growing together' as a church community. It is provided to be used solely by those included in the Directory: confirmed members, baptized members, members in association and adherents of our congregation along with other members of their households. Contact Jan at the office or Audrey on 0435 064 088 for your copy

Church Picnic

You're invited to join us for fun, games, food and activities!

At the Church Picnic

Sunday 11th February 2018

12-2pm

Along the Barwon River, near the labyrinth

Car park at the end of West Fyans Street

BYO lunch, chairs, picnic rug

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 20th February

"Discussion & Planning"

6.30pm

Meal (Please bring a plate to share)

All ladies welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035

Friendship Club

Saturday 24th February, 2108,

We wish to welcome back our members with a BBQ tea to be held at 6.00 pm in the Horizons Room.

Sausages will be provided, and it would be appreciated if people with surnames A – G could bring Salads and surnames H – Z bring Sweets.

A further discussion of meeting each month for an evening meal starting at 5.30 pm will then be finalized in time for March.

Looking forward to seeing you again.



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 25th February 4pm

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

“With Intention” Gathering

It's a new year and a great time for those who are interested in all things meditation related to get together, catch up, enjoy some food, chat about what we did last year and begin to consider what we might like to do this year. We're going to meet at “Man Bo” Chinese restaurant in Moorabool st, **6:30-8:30pm** on **Wednesday 7th February**. If you'd like to come please let Isabel know by **Friday 2nd Feb**.



Induction of Rev. Paul Stephens

Paul will be inducted at St Luke's, Highton at **2pm** on **Sun 11th February**. We pray for him, Jenny and the congregation as they prepare for this new chapter in their lives.



The Refugee Tennis Program was held again for four sessions over 2 weeks ending with a BBQ where families were invited to share in a meal and games. The program was well attended and enjoyed.



Uniting

VOLUNTEER VACANCIES JANUARY 2018

Uniting Barwon needs more volunteers to join the teams based at Grovedale and Norlane, to help us continue to provide emergency welfare services to the disadvantaged members of our Geelong community.

If you, or someone you know, would enjoy being part of a can-do team, doing a variety of roles including:

- pickups and deliveries (van crew member or driver)
- grounds maintenance (mowing, weeding etc.)
- sorting of donations (working alongside jobseekers)
- clothing and food distribution (assisting our clients)

- we want to hear from you!

We also have numbers of other volunteer opportunities, including retail roles at our Op Shops, reception and admin, finance, business and microfinance.

Please contact Elizabeth Hopkin on **4210 1113** or email Elizabeth.Hopkin@ucg.unitingcare.org.au.

If you have family or friends who might be interested, please spread the word.

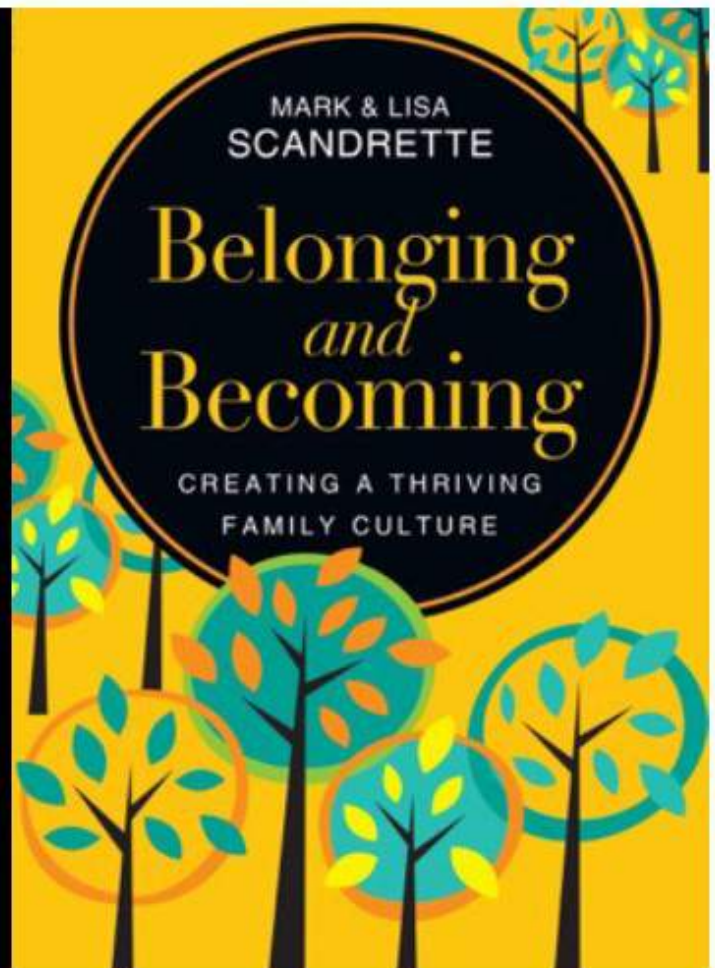
Creating a Thriving Family

A workshop for parents and people who work with families

Saturday 10th February 2018
10am - 2pm

Western Heights Uniting Church
31 Douglass St , Herne Hill 3218
Register online:
unitingchurchesgeelong.eventbrite.com

or phone 5229 2681



Today's families face many competing demands and challenges.

How can we create a home that honours the best of where we come from and embraces the emerging challenges and opportunities of life in the 21st century?

It's easy to get stuck reacting to the unhelpful patterns. Or it's tempting to mirror the default values of safety, security, self-focus and material success that have characterised our culture.

Now more than ever, we need a vision for family that is creative, intentional, soulful and globally aware.

Families come in all shapes and sizes. Whether you have children, hope to have children, parent solo or with a partner, your household can be a place of BELONGING, where each person feels safe, cared for and loved AND a place of BECOMING, where you help one another develop who you are for the good of the world.

Join authors Mark and Lisa Scandrette for this practical workshop based on their book, *Belonging and Becoming: Creating A Thriving Family Culture*.



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

Positions Vacant Board

It takes a community of people to be a healthy church! In the Horizons Room there is a positions vacant board listing a variety of roles/tasks in our church community that are currently vacant. Some are quick and easy, some take a little more time, some require a bit of thought. There is something there for everybody whatever the age! Have a look and see what you might be able to do. Or, have a look and think about others you know in the church who might be suitable for particular roles and ask them if they'd consider taking up the challenge. People have already taken up the opportunity to contribute in new ways. Thanks to Lynda for looking after the stamps and aluminium foil drop-offs, thanks to Maralann for sorting out the photo board. It is being updated regularly so please check for changes. If you think that an ad is missing from the board or are aware of a position being filled, do let Isabel know.

UCA Working With Children Checks

All UCA congregations are required by law to ensure that the following members of the congregation have current Working With Children Checks (WWCC).

These include and are not limited to: Ministers, Lay Ministry Workers, Lay Preachers, Church Councillors, Worship Leaders, Music Leaders, Organists, Pianists, anyone commissioned by the Church Council to perform a leadership role, Bible Study Leaders, volunteers at Messy Church, those in leadership at Congregational Meetings. Volunteers at the Western Heights Secondary College Breakfast Program are also included.

Copies of the UCA letter from the General Secretary are available to all members of our congregation who are affected by this requirement. It is important that, if you are affected by this requirement, you get a WWCC or update your details immediately. Attached to this letter is a step-by-step procedure to guide those:

- (a) needing to make application for a WWCC for the first time, and
- (b) members of the congregation who are holders of current WWCC's and need to update their details.

Copies of the letter and the attached step-by-step guide are available from Karen Morgan.

The WWCC Regulations require Cardholders to update their details on the Dept. of Justice website. All locations where the person volunteers or is employed need to be recorded. Please update your details at <http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/cardholders/update+your+details/index.html>. You must notify the Department of Justice and Regulation within 21 days of any changes to your personal, contact and organisation's details.

A very special thank-you to all our members who have already applied for and received a valid WWCC. These have now been entered onto the secure Synod database. Again, thank you. Karen Morgan

Volunteers needed for Assembly

From **Sunday 8 July to Saturday 14 July** inclusive, the Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia will be held at the Box Hill Town Hall. This is a gathering of approximately 260 representatives from the whole of Australia to decide matters that will affect The Uniting Church as it travels into the future. As well as Assembly Members there will be guests from within Australia and from overseas. The Victoria/Tasmania Synod Office is seeking volunteers to fill some important roles to assist with the provision of practical and logistical assistance for The Assembly. You may be just the person, or you may know someone who can fill one of the roles we are looking for, so we would be most grateful if you would consider making your time available.

Categories of volunteers we are looking for include Hospitality/Welcoming Team, Transport Officers, Opening Worship Assistants, Back Office Support, and First Aid Officers. We are also looking for UCA members that live in the vicinity of Box Hill that may be interested billeting some Assembly members in their own homes for the week.

If you are interested and would like a full copy of the position descriptions please contact the Volunteer Coordinator, David Rowe at david.rowe@victas.uca.org.au or on mobile 0411 268 680.

Contact Details

Leadership Team:

Minister: Rev. Isabel Greenall **minister@whuc.com.au** 0419 602 006
Isabel's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

Church Administrator:

Children & Families Co-ordinator: Karen Morgan **karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com** 5276 1042

Pastoral Care Co-ordinator: 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.**

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**

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.

Ring Pulls from Cans

You can collect your ring pulls from cans to be used for prosthetics. If you would like to help Rings for Limbs you can send your ring pulls to Mark Jewell, PO Box 1128, Horsham, Vic, 3402