



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

August 2018 Newsletter

August at a Glance

Sunday 5th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall, Joanna Hayman, Karen Morgan—Love
Tuesday 7th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Friday 10th	7.00pm	KFG—Community Helping Night
Sunday 12th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall, Joan Walker, John Matthews, Steve Singline—Sex Strategic Plan Workshop
Wednesday 15th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 19th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Jan Taylor, Lynda Scott, Maralann Damiano, Michele Hardy—Death—Communion
Tuesday 21st	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Sunday 26th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall, Lynda Scott, Maralann Damiano—Death
	4.00pm	Messy Church

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Due to the very cold weather we are going into recess. No meeting for July and August will resume in September.

Contact
Dorothy Matthews
5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Community Helping Night
Friday 10th August, 2018
7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 8th August, 2018

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

Strategic Plan Workshop

We are entering the next year of our Strategic Plan as a congregation and we'd like your input.

There will be opportunities to review the past year of the Strategy and contribute to the coming year's actions.

This is an open invitation to participate in a workshop following worship on the **12th of August** in which we will aim to enter the next year of the current Strategy with a renewed sense of clarity and purpose. Church Groups will also be invited to reflect on their past and future actions in the Strategy.

WHUC Friendship Club

Please note that we are in recess over

JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST
being too cold to venture out.
KEEP WARM

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 21st August, 2018

At 6.30pm in the Horizons Room

Our evening will be based on foods around the World.

Bring your favourite tea towel.

All ladies welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 26th August 4pm

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

School Holiday Tennis Program

On Thursday the 12th of July the tennis club held it's second day of the July School Holiday Tennis Program, with thirty teenagers attending on Tuesday and 24 on Thursday. We again finished with a barbeque on Thursday. It was a very busy morning and a big thank you to all those who helped on the day to make it a success in sharing with those newly arrived refugee's within our community.

Planned Giving Report to 30th June 2018

	<u>Actually Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	24,880	25,250
Direct Debits	<u>38,650</u>	<u>40,510</u>
Sub-total	63,530	65,760
Open Plate	<u>3,890</u>	<u>4,500</u>
Total Offerings	<u>67,420</u>	<u>70,260</u>

Financial Situation to 30th June 2018

Total Income	100,360
Total Expenses	107,340
Operating <u>Deficit</u>	<u>- 6,980</u>

Deeper Waters: Love, Sex & Death

From 29th of July we will be exploring the themes of love, sex and death during worship. These themes are important both to the wider community and to the wider church. With all the discussion around marriage equality and the UCA now supporting marriage between two people (man and a woman and same gender), love and sex are very timely issues to tackle from the perspective of faith. Death is also a big one as we all face it for ourselves and with others in our lives. These themes are topical for our time and have many faith connections.

The series seeks to take us deeper into areas of reflection that are sensitive and meaningful. It will involve being open to celebrating a diversity of experiences, thoughts and opinions on these themes which naturally touch on all areas of our purpose statement. We will need to make sure that we create a very safe space for people engage as fully as they can.

The overall purpose of the series to help the Sunday morning community to:

- a. Develop a common language for talking about love, sex and death
- b. Provide alternative theological views and experiences to traditional approaches to these themes
- c. Provide some space for people to reflect, explore and grow in their understandings of the themes

A group of 8 people have been meeting for discussion in preparation for the series. We would like to invite you to think about your experiences and reflections on these themes. We are also looking for artistic responses and explorations on the themes that could be used during the series. This could be artwork like painting, poetry, sculpture, music, film, photography, etc. If you would like to share these or talk about the series, please speak to anyone in the group.

Thanks,

Maralann Damiano, Isabel Greenall, Joanna Hayman, John Mathews, Karen Morgan, Lynda Scott, Steve Singline, Joan Walker.



The 2018/2019 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

Summary of Minutes of Church Council (CC) Meeting Weds., 20 June, 2018.

1. Devotions by Peter Morgan: Partnering Community - A community or a church is a group of people who are seeking God. God is not only present in church on a Sunday, or present only at other church activities. "All of life is drenched in the divine." God is already out there in the community. Are our eyes open enough to see it? Prayer.
2. CC elections will be held on Sunday, 29 July, 2018. Nominations are sought from 9 Church Groups and 2 from the congregation. Rev. Isabel Greenall is the Minister of the Word on CC.
3. Jan Grigg will, from now on, be making adjustments to the Congregational Roll, a task done by Audrey K. in the past.
4. LAT will review the Roll annually in June.
5. A team is developing the third year of the Strategic Plan.
6. A team has been reviewing Pastoral Care at WHUC. The report will be presented at the Congregational Meeting on 29 July, 2018. A lot of hard work has gone into this review and we thank the team for their exemplary effort.
7. Isabel G., Karen M. and Roger D. will attend a Mental Health First Aid course on the 23 and 30 Aug, 2018.
8. Safe Church will group the Safe Church compliance tasks (eg. Training, code of conduct re-signing) in themed worship during and around Children's Week (Mid October) each year.
9. The next meeting of CC will be on Weds., 18 July, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Velma Oliver, CC Secretary.

Summary of Minutes of Church Council (CC) Meeting Weds., 18 July, 2018.

1. Devotions by Jan Taylor: Sharing Faith from Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. It is not difficult to share one's faith with one's congregation, but once you move out of that area, it becomes more difficult. Sunday School teachers reached out to Jan, as a child, with faith and love, when she was rushed to hospital with appendicitis, and the whole church prayed for her. That act of faith made her feel valued. Playgroups, Messy Church and Mainly Music give the leaders and others opportunities to share their faith with people who do not attend "church". At our church, Karen Morgan shares her faith in the playgroups and at Messy Church. She does this in a loving and sensitive manner, when asked. -Sometimes prayer.
2. There will be 7 Church Group representatives on CC and 1 congregational representative, after ratification at the congregational meeting on Sunday, 29 July, 2018.
3. CC accepted the Pastoral Care Report "An Attitude of Pastoral Care". CC expressed a very special thank-you to the Pastoral Care Task Group (Roger Dingle, Rev Isabel Greenall, Joan Hill, Audrey Kateena, Karen Morgan and Janet Pavlakis) for their diligence and dedication in producing this report.
4. A team is developing the third year of the Strategic Plan. An open invitation has been extended to the congregation to participate in a workshop following worship at Western Heights on Sunday, 12 August, 2018.
5. UCA 15th Assembly Decision - Marriage and Same-Gender Relationships: LAT will take the responsibility of keeping the congregation informed of the process.
6. Membership Transfer - Rev. Dr Adam McIntosh and his wife Nicole have transferred to Sandgate UC in Queensland.
7. Safe Church Report - CC has approved the funding of 2 persons within WHUC to obtain level 2 first-aid training. The Safe Church Group will apply for grants to acquire a defibrillator on church property.
8. Rodger Marsden thanked all CC members for their faithful service to the church as Church Council members. The meeting concluded with a celebratory supper to mark the end of the two year term for this CC.
9. Close: Meeting closed with the reading by Gwyn Edwards of "Leaves from the Book of Life".
10. The next meeting of CC will be on Weds., 15 August, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Velma Oliver, CC Secretary.



Bras are needed!

Since 2005, Uplift, with assistance from Intimo and Rotary Australia World Community Service, has sent over a million bras wherever women have requested them. Uplift tries to ensure they get to the women who need them without compromising their dignity. We have sent bras to Fiji, PNG, Vanuatu, Cook Islands, Tonga, Solomon Islands, Philippines, Bali, Cambodia, Sri Lanka, Botswana, Uganda and Paksitan, the Northern Territory and the Kimberley regions in Australia.

Why Bras?

"In the Solomon Islands it is quite difficult to access a comfortable bra. Some of the second hand shops sell bras but mostly women have to buy their bras from the Chinese Trade Stores. These bras have some problems; they come in smaller sizes, are made of nylon and perish quickly in tropical conditions. You cannot buy maternity bras or mastectomy bras in the country. For the women to be given free bras is an unbelievable experience for all of them. Women feel a tremendous obligation to meet the needs of their families, and so for any woman in the village to spend money buying a bra for herself can almost be seen as an unforgivable sin. The priority for women's spending is food and education needs of children."

- Rose Wale, 2012, Report of Bra Distribution, Solomon Islands.

The situation described above is common in many countries. Women appreciate the common dignity of a bra for business or social occasions. Bras control breast swing when women bend to garden or cook at ground level. In humid climates rashes, fungal infections and abscesses occur between the breast and the chest wall. Bras help by allowing air circulation. Nursing mums everywhere leak, and bras allow the dignity of a dry shirt, and the comfort of support. A thrush rash on a mother's skin may spread to her baby's mouth, and then back into the breast itself. A mastectomy bra offers privacy about the problem.

If you have any spare bras at home, please donate them to Uplift in the box provided in the foyer over the next two Sundays. Donations will close on **5th of August**.

Contact Details

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Isabel's day off is **Monday** so please refrain from contacting her on this day.

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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