



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.

September at a Glance

Sunday 2nd	10.00am	Café Church in Horizons Room
Wednesday 5th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Sunday 9th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Michele Hardy—St. Albans—St. Andrews
Tuesday 11th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Friday 14th	7.00pm	KFG—Community Helping Night
Sunday 16th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Communion & All Together
Tuesday 18th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 19th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 22nd	5.00pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church
Tuesday 25th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall

Café Church

On Father's Day (**2nd Sept**) we are going to have café church in the Horizons Room. It will include all sorts of yummy things that go in a toaster and of course a selection of spreads and cuppas. If you would like to contribute something, there is a list of eats needed on the back table in the worship space.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Wednesday 5th September 2018

At 1.30pm

Speaker: Alexandra Adams

Midwife at Geelong University Hospital

Come and hear Alexandra's story—"The miracle of new life" Midwifery today.

All ladies welcome

Afternoon tea

Contact

Dorothy Matthews

5278 9491

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Community Helping Night

Friday 14th September, 2018

7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 12th September, 2018

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

WHUC Friendship Club

A "warm" welcome back to all of our members after the cold months.

Please note that we will be meeting at **5.00 pm** on **Saturday, 22nd September, 2018**, in the Horizon's Room where we will enjoy our tea together.

MENU: Three Quiches kindly provided by Berenice Robertson.

Would members please bring either a Salad or a Sweet to share.

AGENDA: A very enjoyable talk will be given by Geoff & Jenice Coots about their recent trip to New Zealand.



**Messy Church @
WHUC**

Sunday 23rd September 4pm

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

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 18th September, 2018

At 6.30pm in the Horizons Room

Hosts: Linda & Rhonda

"Retro Kitchen"

Bring older favourite food or recipe & any Retro kitchen equipment.

All ladies welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683

Holiday Tennis Program

The tennis club is holding the next school holiday tennis program in the second week of the school holiday's, those dates being, **Monday the 1st October, Wednesday the 3rd, and Friday the 5th 9.30 till 11.30 am.** The Friday Session will be followed by a B.B.Q. for the participants and their families.

If anyone could help with a salad or fruit platter or slice, or help with supervision of activities, please see Bruce Rookes 0402135313, or Heather Rookes.

Great Outback BBQ—Grovedale

Saturday 8th September 8am

Guest Speaker Martin Shields from Frontier Services
Grovedale Uniting Church

RSVP 5243 3400 or iainnixon@gmail.com

Planned Giving Report to 31st July 2018

	<u>Actually Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	28,720	29,470
Direct Debits	<u>45,870</u>	<u>47,250</u>
Sub-total	74,590	76,720
Open Plate	<u>4,540</u>	<u>5,250</u>
Total Offerings	<u>79,130</u>	<u>81,970</u>

Financial Situation to 31st July 2018

Total Income	124,910
Total Expenses	129,100
Operating <u>Deficit</u>	<u>- 4,190</u>

Summary of Minutes of Church Council (CC) Meeting Weds., 15 August, 2018.

1. Devotions by Geoff Coots - 'Loving God' Taken from Deut. 6:5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. This is the "All-Command".
 - a. Loving with ALL our heart: A spiritual relationship with God comes from within.
 - b. Loving with ALL our soul: We are to love God with our passions, hungers, perceptions, and our thoughts.
 - c. Loving God with ALL our might. We are to love God with everything we have available for honouring God. Prayer.
2. NEW CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS: The following 8 members of Western Heights Uniting Church have been elected as members of the Western Heights Uniting Church Council for the next two years:
Geoff Coots, Rev. Isabel Greenall, Graeme Hardy, Joan Hill, Peter Morgan, Velma Oliver, Lynda Scott and Jan Taylor.
3. CC OFFICE BEARERS:
Chairperson - Velma Oliver
Ass. Chair -
Secretary -
Ass. Secretary - Peter Morgan (Correspondence)
Treasurer - Geoff Coots
There is an urgent need for 2 additional members of the congregation to serve on CC. As a congregation, we are asked to seek God's guidance in acquiring 2 more CC members.
4. John Matthews has applied to his local member for a grant to purchase a defibrillator for the use of the church. John is awaiting her response.
5. LAT is empowered, in consultation with the treasurer, Geoff C., to apply to Synod for a grant to enable Karen Morgan and Jan Grigg to attend the World Messy Church Conference in London in 2019.
6. \$100 has been made available to the tennis club in order to fund the next family bbq at the culmination of the September School Holiday Tennis Program for New Arrivals. Donations are graciously accepted.
7. Close: Meeting closed with the praying of 'The Grace' by all.
8. The next meeting of CC will be on Weds., 19 Sept., 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Velma Oliver, Acting Secretary.

INFORMATION EVENING

The Belmont and St Luke's Social Justice Group invites you to attend an information evening on SUN 16th September, 5pm to learn about two programs.

1. The SPACE program operating out of Northern Bay Secondary College

SPACE: Supporting Parents Access to Childcare and Education

Michelle and Jo will present details of the program which supports young parents operating out of Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre under the auspices of NBSC.



2. A UNITING BARWON program to assist homeless people in our area.

Michelle has statistics outlining the work of this program operating out of the Grovedale and Norlane offices of Barwon Uniting. She will speak about these figures and some of the stories behind the figures.

There will be opportunities to ask questions of the speakers.

SUNDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER at 5pm.
Belmont Uniting Church, Thomson St. Belmont

A light meal will be provided – a suggested contribution for the meal, \$5.
Enquiries: Raye – 0414 431006

FAUNA-FEST



Caring for Animals
Celebrating Creation

10am-5pm Sun. Oct 14

Including
"Blessing of our Animal Companions" -10am
Dog Parade, Lunches
Food & Plant Stalls
Animal Farm, Jumping Castle,
Face Painting, Animal Art, Live Music

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contemplation creativity compassion



Intimate Relationships

An excerpt from service on 12/8 about "sex"

Sexual expression is part of our human make-up. It is an integral part of our being. We are born as we are, we are gifted with who we are and in time as we live our lives we come to understand who we are and have to make decisions about how we live. As followers of Jesus, we are all the time considering our actions, what we think and how we should move forward. Every part of our lives is lived as a follower of Jesus, so we cannot escape questions of sexuality even though we mightn't want to talk about it. Sexual expression involves making decisions and we can help each other make informed decisions by talking about it.

The United Church has not shied away from talking about it. In the 1990's two reports about sexuality were produced and discussed right across the life of the church...and then again in the mid 2000's and just recently at the National Assembly. One of the questions in all the discussion has been about how we, as members of Christ's community, understand the place/role of sex. The UCA developed an approach to this topic called "right relationships" – it is basically about healthy relationships within and outside marriage. The aim of this and the whole report to the Assembly back in 1997 was to help the United Church to respond to changing patterns of human relationships and sexual activity in our society, with a view to promoting healing and wholeness in human relationships. There is much value in this approach for us today, even some 20 years after the report was produced.

For the UCA, here is a list of values that are thought to be important to healthy, life-giving relationships for people of faith - right relationships:

Honesty: sharing openly & listening to one another's thoughts and feelings

Trust: being trustworthy and trusting of the other

Faithfulness: seen in God's faithfulness to us, we learn about our commitment to one another, we persevere

Equality & Mutuality: treating each other with respect, no domination or double standards, each going beyond the self to be present for the other

Vulnerability: giving of the self for the other, risking being hurt

Freedom & Responsibility: each person free to grow and retain their individuality

Setting Limits & Self Control: set limits on our own needs and behaviour for the sake of the other

Giving & Receiving Affection & Pleasure: enjoying being together, looking forward to being together, the power of physical touch

Communication: talking together, learning how to resolve conflict

Discovering Intimacy: depth and closeness in relationship

- Sexual Passion and Setting Boundaries: sexual passion and desire are part of God's good giftedness to us: the joy and delight of sexual intimacy. It is not a sin, but a celebrated gift of God for intimacy in right relationships. The setting of boundaries is about sensitivity and open communication between the couple in deciding what is appropriate for them. So there needs to be a willingness to listen to each other's feelings and to exercise self-control for the good of the other and the relationship.

This is a list that is meant to be of help to us as we consider the role/place of sex in our intimate relationships as followers of Jesus. I wonder how this connects with your experience or your thoughts or hopes?

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



Contact Details

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Postage stamps

Sammy Stamp is a part of the UCAF (Uniting Church Adult Fellowship) that collects postage stamps, sells them and then provides grants for small projects not covered in the Synod Budget. There is a box in the foyer for you to put your used stamps. If you could cut around your stamp leaving 5mm of paper that would be helpful.



Playgroups are held in the Horizons Room on: **Tuesday mornings and Friday mornings 9:30-11.30am.**

Light Globes & Batteries

Did you know that light globes and batteries of any sort can be recycled? There is a box in the foyer near the stamps where you can leave them.

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.