



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 2019 Newsletter

February at a Glance

Sunday 3rd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
Wednesday 6th	1.30pm	Mission Outreach
Friday 8th	7.00pm	KFG—Bike Ride
Sunday 10th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall Baptism of Lachlan Tingate
Tuesday 12th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Saturday 16th		Presbytery in Council
Sunday 17th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Jan Taylor & Karen Morgan Communion
Tuesday 19th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 20th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Saturday 23rd	5.00pm	Friendship Club
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Worship—TBA
	4.00m	Messy Church
Tuesday 26th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation

Staff Annual Leave

Isabel will be on annual leave beginning on **15th of February** and returning on **12th March**. The contacts for funerals during this time are as follows:

Rev Paul Stephens (Minister at St Luke's) 15-22/2 & 5-12/3

Rev Jan Taylor 23/2-4/3

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Wednesday 6th February 2019

We will begin the year with a light Basket Lunch
Food provided

Please come and join the fellowship and friendship of 2019 with our Mission in mind.

All ladies welcome

Syllabus: Sharing news of the time since we last met—Planning the year ahead

Contact

Dorothy Matthews—5278 9491

Val Bray—5221 3396

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Bike Ride

Friday 8th February, 2019

7pm—8.30pm

\$3.00

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 6th February 2019

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 19th February, 2019

Planning & Discussion

6.30pm

Bring a plate to share

All Ladies Welcome

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035 / 5241 5683



Messy Church @
WHUC

Sunday 24th February 4pm

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

Church and Music Rosters Unavailability—March, April, May 2019

The next Church and Music Rosters will be for the months of **March, April and May 2019**. If you know of any Sunday/s on which you will be **UNAVAILABLE** for duty on the Music Roster and/or the Church Roster during those months, please find that particular Sunday in the blue unavailability book, enter your full name, then tick the roster/s for which you will be **UNAVAILABLE**. All unavailabilities need to be placed into the book no later than **Sunday morning, 2 February, 2019**. Thank you.

Name Badges

We will soon be sending away an order for some new Name Badges.

There are two styles available:

Pin on – costs \$7.00 each

Magnetic clip – costs \$10.00 each.

For enquiries, or to place an order, please see Jenice or Geoff Coots. Money is required to confirm the order.

WHUC Trading Table

The church trading table has been operating since December and has met with great success. A very special thank-you to all who have contributed by donating produce to be sold and/or have bought items from the table. Thus far, over \$200 worth of items have been traded. At this stage, all monies raised will assist in meeting the requirements of the church budget.

Velma Oliver for CC.

Church Groups Reporting to Church Council (CC) in 2019

CC meets every month of the year, except in January. The following Church Groups report to CC every second month viz. **February, April, June, August, October, December**. These Church Groups are: **Safe Church, Pastoral Care, Worship and Music, Messy Church, With Intention, Resources inclu. Hospitality, Leadership Advisory Team (LAT), Small Groups, as well as the Minister of the Word and the Treasurer**. Peter Morgan has created new Reporting Pro-formas for each group in line with the 3rd Year of the Strategic Plan. The next reports are **due on Friday, 15 February, 2019** on the new report Pro-Formas. Please e-mail to Velma Oliver: lv.oliver@inet.net.au

Friendship Club Reshaped

BUT

We still intend to kick off 2019 with our old faithful sausage barbecue
Saturday 23rd February 5.00pm
 Please bring salads or sweets (High temperatures may change arrangements)

2019 Annual General Meeting—March 15th 2019

The 2019 Western Heights AGM will be held in the Horizons room from 6 to 8pm on Friday March 15th.

We will begin with a shared meal at 6pm, stage the meeting from 6.45pm to 7.30pm and finish with sweets and tea or coffee at the end of the meeting.

Lynda Scott, Congregational Secretary, will place lists for you to record your intention to attend. These will be displayed in the Church over the next few day.

Please write your name or an apology on the attendance list between now and March 10th, so catering can be organized and we will be asking for people to indicate whether they can bring a savoury or dessert to assist with the catering.

I will be emailing various members of the congregation to help set up this evening and look forward to their support and, in turn, your support of them.

Those people who have been contacted to provide 2018 annual reports using the template provided, are reminded that these are due into the Western Heights office by **no later than 12 noon on Wednesday February 27th**.

Copies of the 2018 Annual Report will be distributed at church on Sunday March 10th or emailed to those who are normally contacted in this way.

Looking forward to meeting with you and celebrating together on March 15th.

Yours in Christ,

Melinda Bell (Congregational Chair)

Thriving Ministry Leadership

Lessons from a duck, an echidna, a caterpillar and a tree



ANDREW McDONOUGH
BEST KNOWN AS THE AUTHOR
AND ILLUSTRATOR OF THE LOST SHEEP BOOKS,
IS COMING TO VICTORIA!



Dates

Thursday	February 21	2pm	Geelong
Sunday	February 24	2.30pm	Surrey Hills
Monday	February 25	10am	Ballarat
Monday	February 25	7pm	Bendigo
Tuesday	February 26	10am	Shepparton
Tuesday	February 26	3.30pm	Wodonga
Wednesday	February 27	7pm	Mitcham
Thursday	February 28	10am	Murrumbidgee

Cost: \$20
Duration: 2.5 hours
 Register and pay on-line:
<https://ucavt.goregister.com.au/thrivingministryleadership>
 Registrations appreciated by Friday February 22
 More information or off-line registration:
03 9340 8800 or ann.byrne@victas.uca.org.au

Andrew will also highlight his latest book Jesus was a refugee.



Drawing on his wide experience in ministry, including working as a pastor amongst the homeless, supporting people struggling with addictions and advocating for refugees, Andrew will be facilitating a series of workshops entitled Thriving Ministry Leadership: lessons from a duck, an echidna, a caterpillar and a tree.

Focused on those in ministry leadership, such as ministers, deacons, pastors, chaplains, lay preachers, church council members and those with specific responsibility for children, young people and families, these sessions will be immensely inspiring, encouraging and practical.

Addresses:

Western Heights Uniting Church, Surrey Hills Uniting Church, Ballarat Central Uniting Church, Bendigo (St. Andrew's) Uniting Church, Shepparton Uniting Church, Wodonga Uniting Church, Mitcham (Mountview) Uniting Church, Murrumbidgee Uniting Church,	31 Douglass St, Cnr Canterbury Road & Valonia Avenue Cnr Lydiard South & Dana Streets 28 Myers Street Cnr Fyres Road & Coiro Street, Cnr Beachworth Road & Nilmar Avenue, Cnr Maroonah Highway & Doncaster East Road 117 Murrumbidgee Road	HERNE HILL SURREY HILLS BALLARAT BENDIGO SHEPPARTON WODONGA MITCHAM MURRUMBIDGEA
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These events are supported by funding from the Jean & Farquhar Glenn Fund.



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GENERATE
2019
Feb 22,23

GENERATE 2019 SATURDAY

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: PRACTICALITIES

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23 @ PARKVILLE

Intergenerational is not just a fad or a good idea....

An intentionally intergenerational environment is more likely to encourage and sustain lifelong discipleship for all ages

Not just about ministry with children and their families, not just about ministry with youth and young adults, not just about ministry with older adults, intergenerational ministry is for the whole church! An intergenerational approach to ministry, the development of an intergenerational culture, has been shown to be vital for sustainable, long-term faith formation and discipleship for people of any age.

For anyone engaged in ministry with people of any age, Generate 2019 will provide opportunities for exploring what intergenerational ministry looks like in practice, assist in developing an intergenerational culture and provide opportunities to interact with like-minded leaders. Come along with others from your church, team or organization for this unique event that will transform your ministry with people of any age!

Saturday Electives

- 1A Exploring Intergenerational Justice
- 1B Exploring Intergenerational Worship
- 1C Exploring Intergenerational Community
- 1D Exploring Intergenerational Rites of Passage
- 2A Embracing a theology of accommodation
- 2B Developing an intergenerationally sticky church
- 2C Moving from multi-generational to intergenerational
- 2D Five best intergenerational practices for smaller churches
- 3A Intentionally Intergenerational Youth Ministry
- 3B Intentionally Intergenerational Seniors Ministry
- 3C Intentionally Intergenerational Young Adult Ministry
- 3D Intentionally Intergenerational Children & Families Ministry

SATURDAY PROGRAM

10:00	Exploring intergenerational ministry	1.25	Electives block 3
10:40	Electives block 1	2.25	Gathering and learning together
11:45	Electives block 2	3.00	Finish



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GENERATE 2019 FRIDAY

INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY: FOUNDATIONS

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 22 @ PARKVILLE

Despite much talk in recent years around intergenerational ministry, a present and pressing challenge for churches and their leaders is to develop effective intergenerational practice that encourages discipleship across all ages.

Focused on those with strategic leadership responsibility in the life of a church – including ministers, pastors, ministry leaders and key volunteers - Generate 2019: Intergenerational Ministry Foundations will explore a theological foundation of intergenerational ministry, the place of intergenerational ministry in a church's strategy and issues around the implementation of intergenerational ministry.

Come along and be inspired and equipped for more effective ministry in your local context!

Presenters:

Andrew McDonough

Best known as the author and illustrator of the Lost Sheep books (excellent resources for intergenerational engagement and learning), Andrew is also well-known as a presenter across Australia and beyond. Andrew was part of the inaugural Intergenerate Conference in Nashville in 2017 and most recently was a presenter at The Conversation in the UK. Andrew draws on a wide experience in ministry that includes ministry amongst the homeless, supporting people struggling with addictions, advocating for refugees and pastoring a congregation. Andrew has been instrumental in developing the Fry Bird Fly Studio and his most recent book is Jesus was a refugee.



Claire Dawe

Claire is a minister in the Uniting Church, currently at Parramatta Uniting Church. Claire has been involved in intergenerational worship and church community by simply having a go trying new ideas, failing at times, and having another go. Claire is a committed worker for social justice, and believes in empowering and equipping people to try something and see where it takes them. Claire, along with other leaders in her community, is working hard to develop an intergenerational culture that embraces everyone – not just children, young people and their families!



Chris Barnett

Based at the Centre for Theology and Ministry, Chris has extensive experience in congregational, regional and denominational ministry. His current role includes a strong emphasis on intergenerational engagement, with a focus on consultancy, advocacy, resourcing and training in relation to intergenerational ministry. Chris is a keen participant and resourcer across a variety of networks, including the Australian Intergenerational Roundtable.



Register for either day or ideally both!

WHERE:

Centre for Theology & Ministry
29 College Cres, Parkville 3052

WHEN:

Friday 22 February 2019
10am to 3pm

Cost:

\$40 per person
\$35 per person (if registered by 11 February)
\$30 per person - a group of 3 or more (if registered by 11 February)

REGISTER ONLINE:

ucavt.go/register.com.au/generate2019

Registrations appreciated by

Tuesday, February 11

MORE INFORMATION:

ambymt@vicbas.uca.org.au
03 9340 8815



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SUMMARY OF CHURCH COUNCIL (CC) MEETING 12 DEC., 2018.

1. Devotions by Velma Oliver – Loving God. One way in which we show that we love God is to worship and praise Him. Luke 4:8 says: “It is written: ‘Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.’ The book of Psalms provides us with many examples of how to worship and praise our God. (Psalm 8)
2. Church Groups are now using the new Report Pro-Forma, in line with Year 3 of the Strategic Plan. Thanks to Peter Morgan for this new, user-friendly Report Form.
3. Copies of the Strategic Plan Year 3 Actions are available at church.
4. The election day cake stall raised about \$680. Thanks to all who contributed and assisted on the day.
5. An ongoing trade/produce table has been set up at the back of the worship space. This is a fund-raising initiative for WHUC.
6. Members of the WH community are being recruited to form a Fund-raising Committee.
7. Members of the WH community have been nominated to be part of 2 pastoral care groups in line with the “New Attitude to Pastoral Care”.
8. Jan Grigg and Karen Morgan will be on leave as time in lieu and inclusion of public holidays from 26 Dec. to 4 Jan. 2019.
9. Rev. Isabel Greenall will be on annual leave from 15 February to 10 March, 2019.
10. Next CC meeting is on Weds., 20 Feb., 2019. This is a reporting meeting. All groups who report to CC are asked to e-mail their reports to Velma O. by Friday, 15 Feb., 2019.

Velma Oliver, Chair of CC.

Synod Family Camp 2019

The choices we make about how we live often reflect what is going on in our inner lives. What does Jesus have to say in the Beatitudes about this? Come and have a fun weekend with other families as we explore the realms of inside out. We will be drawing on the wisdom of the Enneagram as well as the film ‘Inside Out’ to explore our inner and outer lives and finding ways of bringing these together. Come and reflect on these topics over a weekend of fun, food and faith with other like-minded families.

Adekate Lodge
Creswick Dean Road,
Via Creswick VIC 3363.

Where: From Ballarat: 15 km, From Melbourne: 130 km.
Melway 627 C3, VicRoads Country Directory 58 H9.
There are three separate lodges with rooms that each sleep 6.
Toilets and showers are in a separate block.

When: 7pm Friday 10 March until 1pm Monday 13 March
Adults – \$135 for whole weekend, \$100 for one or two nights
Children (under 18) – \$95 for whole weekend, \$70 for one or two nights

Cost: Maximum cost per family \$520
NOTE: Children below the age of 4 are free, but do need to be registered. (Please note these are subsidised costs, to make it as affordable for families as possible.)

Catering: We will do our own catering with everyone bringing food to contribute.
You will receive more detailed information about this on registration.

CONTACT Cath James on 0438 504 394 or cathjames42@gmail.com

[Online registration](#)

Contact Details

Leadership Advisory 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.

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Children & Families Co-ordinator: Karen Morgan karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com
0404 435 261

Church Council Chair: Velma Oliver lv.oliver@iinet.net.au 0421 271 946

Property Co-ordinator Graeme Hardy graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com 0408 630 391

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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.