



Western Heights Uniting Church

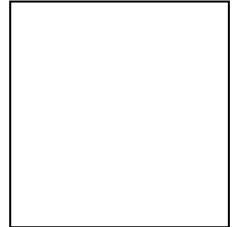
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WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

July 2019 Newsletter

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.

July at a Glance

Sunday 7th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Jan Taylor
Tuesday 9th	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Wednesday 10th	1.00pm	Senior Retirees Outing
Friday 12th	7.00pm	KFG—Birthday Party Night
Sunday 14th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall —reflections from Synod
Tuesday 16th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 17th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 21st	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall—Communion Michele Hardy—Birregurra
Monday 22nd	6.45pm	Movie Night at St. Mary's
Tuesday 23rd	7.00pm	Tuesday Meditation
Sunday 28th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Isabel Greenall
	4.00pm	Messy Church

Synod

Synod meets in Box Hill this year from **Friday 5th – Tuesday 9th July**. Isabel G will be attending and is a small group leader. It is looking like one of the key issues for the meeting this year is the Synod's response to recent Victorian Government legislation on Assisted Dying.

Western Heights Mission Outreach 2018

Winter Recession

Contact

Dorothy Matthews—5278 9491

Val Bray—5221 3396



Senior Retirees Outing

The next outing for the Seniors will be our annual film afternoon at St. Mary's theatre on **Wednesday 10th July**. Our film is "The Life and Times of Walter Mitty". Pick up at **1pm**—afternoon tea at the venue. Graeme & Michele

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 16th July 2019

"Christmas in July"

Host Helen & Joan

Cost \$7

Meal provided

All Ladies Welcome

RSVP 14th July—catering

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035

WHUC Fund Raising Group Presents

A Movie Night at St Mary's.

"The Greatest Showman"

Starring Hugh Jackman as P.T. Barnum

On Monday, 22 July, 2019 at 6:45pm



\$15 includes movie and supper after.

See Barb Everett, Colleen Douglas and Velma Oliver for tickets.

All proceeds towards a new data projector for WHUC.

KFG (Kids Friendship Group)

Birthday Party Night

Friday 12th July, 2019

7pm—8.30pm

All year 3 to 9 are invited to come

RSVP to Karen by
Wednesday 10th July 2019

Karen.morgan1968@hotmail.com or 0404435261

or office@whuc.com.au

Name Badges

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

There are two types available:

Pin on – cost \$7.50 each

Magnetic clip – cost \$10.00 each.

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



Messy Church @
WHUC

Sunday 28th July 4pm

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

Children & Families Ministry Role Review

In recent months the Church Council has completed a review of the role and hours of the Children & Families Ministry Worker which Karen Morgan currently fills. This was initiated in recognition that the role has changed over the years. One of the recommendations from the review is to 'Communicate with the congregation that the scope of the role encompasses three main areas: playgroups, Messy Church, intergenerational worship.' It is very easy for us as a congregation to ask more of Karen than is her role because she is competent and caring, but it is not fair of us to do this. Please be aware that Karen's role is to oversee the playgroups, Messy Church and participate in the preparation and presentation of intergenerational worship. Anything that is done beyond this is a personal choice for Karen, as free a choice as it is for all of us as members of the congregation. If you'd like any further information or to have a conversation about this, please speak with Isabel G.

Pastoral Care Referrals

At times there are situations that arise requiring specialist pastoral care. This might be at a time of crisis or when a situation feels too big for an individual or group to handle within the life of the Church. It is important that we have a sensitive and effective way to approach these scenarios. We are now ready to launch our new Pastoral Care Referrals Group consisting of Rhonda Dingle, Isabel Greenall and Graeme Willingham. It is hoped that another person will join the group in time as the ideal number is four. The process is that a person from the congregation will contact one of the group members regarding a pastoral issue that they are experiencing. This is a confidential conversation. Pastoral care will be offered in a variety of forms depending on the situation. If you would like further information, please speak with one of the group. Contact details for the group will be listed from now on in the monthly newsletter and weekly pew sheet.

Fund-Raising Group Activities

1. The trading table has traded goods to the value of just over \$1000 to date. Thank you to all who have bought and/or contributed to the table. Always appreciated.
2. A film night at St Mary's on Monday, 22 July at 6:45p.m. "The Greatest Showman" starring Hugh Jackman will be shown. Tickets are \$15 each and includes supper after. Tickets are available from Velma Oliver, Colleen Douglas and Barb Everett.
3. We have applied to Bunnings Geelong North to have a bbq one Saturday, using their facilities. We have no date for this bbq as yet, but we have distributed a survey amongst members of the congregation, asking if they would be prepared to assist if the date of the bbq suits and they have no prior commitments. Please return the lower half of the survey to Velma, Colleen, Barb or the offering plate. This will enable us to draw up a list of possible volunteers for the bbq.
4. All funds raised will go towards much needed items within our church.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support. Always valued. Velma Oliver.

2019 / 2020 Entertainment Books

The 2019/2020 Entertainment Books can now be purchased from Helen Sleep. 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.



Plenty of Neat Lessons at Messy Church Conference
article on Crosslight website
<https://crosslight.org.au/category/news/>

The Artist and the Activist: Galvanising Grief, Growing in Action

Wednesday 10 July, 10am-4pm at Western Heights Uniting Church

Scientists warn the rate of extinction of species is rapidly increasing due to the changing climate and habitat loss. As artists of faith we are deeply concerned about the state of the planet. Through a range of art forms, we will express hope and commitment to act as wise stewards of Creation.

Our first opportunity will be to engage in Slow Stitching. Textile artist and business owner Lisa Mattock will guide us in simple, repetitive stitches that draw inspiration from the Japanese boro technique. Working with a mixture of repurposed, recycled, and vintage textiles, participants may choose to make bags, cushion covers or other items.

No previous experience needed! All materials as well as lunch and morning tea are provided. The workshop fee, which includes the starter pack, is \$95. Great for crafters, artists, op shop volunteers and climate activists.

For more information or to reserve a place contact Christina Rowntree, Theology and the Arts Ministry, chris.rowntree@victas.uca.org.au, or (03) 9340 8813.

Planned Giving Report to 31st May 2019

	<u>Actually Received</u>	<u>Budget</u>
Envelopes	16,670	16,170
Direct Debits	<u>36,980</u>	<u>33,960</u>
Sub-total	53,650	50,130
Open Plate	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,170</u>
Total Offerings	<u>58,150</u>	<u>54,300</u>

Financial Situation to 31st May 2019

Total Income	90,760
Total Expenses	87,950
Operating <u>Surplus</u> -	<u>2,810</u>

We give thanks to God for our present financial situation. The surplus is being applied towards the estimated \$40,000 we will need to spend for maintenance/repairs of the Manse before it could be used by a new minister. If our present tenants leave, a large amount of this work would be required before it could be re-tenanted, with the loss of rental income in the meantime.

Uniting Barwon

Volunteer Vacancies June/July 2019

Uniting Barwon (formerly UnitingCare Geelong) is an emergency relief agency providing assistance to people in the community who need practical support during times of financial and personal struggle. We need more volunteers to help us continue to provide emergency welfare services to the disadvantaged members of our Geelong community.

We want to hear from you, if you, or someone you know, would enjoy being part of a can-do team, doing a variety of roles, for a few hours a week.

Please contact Elizabeth Hopkin on **4210 1113** or email Elizabeth.Hopkin@vt.uniting.org

Super Music Sunday

The Worship Music Ministry Team is planning a special morning of music on Sunday August 11th and we are calling it SMS! (Super Music Sunday)

With guidance from Gary Ekkel and Melinda Bell it promises to be a memorable musical service!

We are hoping to assemble a diverse group of singers and musicians, so if you are interested in participating please let me know? If you can't take part we would love you to come along (and maybe bring a friend) on **Sunday August 11th** for a wonderful morning of music.

Lynda Scott

Summary of CC Minutes of Meeting held on 19 July, 2019.

1. Just for this month, the meeting was held in the newly refurbished Tennis Club Room.
2. Devotions by Jan Taylor. Loving God. How do we love God? – In our worship through praise, reading His Word, lighting the candle. We don't do it perfectly, but we do our best. Prayer.
3. The Fund-Raising Group is having a film night (The Greatest Showman) at St Mary's on Monday, 22 July, 2019.
4. A Pastoral Care Referrals Group has been established, consisting of the Minister of the Word, Graeme Willingham and Rhonda Dingle. Implementation will be communicated with the congregation during July.
5. Doug Thomson will organise an Outback BBQ in September, with all proceeds to Frontier Services.
6. The Resources Group is to undertake a full audit of the functioning of the Manse facility.
7. An interest in confirmation is to be explored.
8. Next CC meeting on Wed., 24 July, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Minya Room.



17 million bibles

In early 2019 we reached 17 million Bibles and New Testaments distributed in Australia since the establishment of the Gideons here in 1956. Only in eternity will we know the full impact that these Scriptures have had on people in this nation!

To celebrate this important milestone, our National President Paul Graham, accompanied by our International Trustee Trevor Monson and National Executive Director Lincoln

Hawkins had the honour to present a commemorative Bible to Prime Minister Scott Morrison. The Prime Minister welcomed the work of the Gideons in Australia and allowed our leaders to pray for him. 📖

'I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for... all who are in high positions.'

1 Timothy 2:1-2

Article
supplied by
Neil Shirley

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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Church Council Chair: Velma Oliver
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Property Co-ordinator Graeme Hardy
graeme.c.hardy@gmail.com 0408 630 391

Communications

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Pastoral Care Referrals Group

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Isabel Greenall 0419602006

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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.