



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.

February at a Glance

Sunday 6th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga Cressy / Warrion—Michele Hardy
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga National Church Life Survey Airey's Inlet / Bellbrae—Michele Hardy
Tuesday 15th	6.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 16th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 20th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga Communion
Sunday 27th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 15th February 2022 at 6.30pm

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy
Phone 0438 722 035

The Westerly Newsletter No 24 Climate Change

Sue Strong talks about Climate Change and invites congregations to participate in the 5 Leaf Eco Award Survey. Read about St. Luke's Geelong Repair Café reducing landfill. Invitation to Pray for Tonga. In February there are 'Developing a culture of Welcoming' workshops for congregations and Op-shops. Lay Preachers can enrol in the Worship and Preaching units. Two great camps to choose from on March long weekend for people of all ages.

Eco Tip—from you church Eco-group.

ECO GROUP NEWS

Building on the community vegetable patch which was planted pre Christmas and is now a mass of growth (take a look sometime and pick what you need) the Eco Group is looking for interested people to form a Community vegetable garden Group to explore expanding this idea.

By expanding the Garden and partnering with the local neighbourhood the hope is to provide a community space where people can come to tend the garden and pick fresh vegetables to include in home cooking.

If you like this idea and would like to be a part of a planning group please contact

Joan Walker, Mob: 0437878187 or
Email: rainbowpuppets@y7mail.com.

National Church Life Survey

Australian churches have taken part in the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) every five years since 1991. It involves all denominations across Australia and is the largest, longest running survey of church life in the world.

The Survey offers a way of understanding the state of the church in Australia, its health and vitality and how it is changing. The data and report on survey results should provide useful information to help us to plan for the future.

We are planning to provide a time for the Western Heights congregation to complete the survey immediately following the worship service on 13th February 2022.

If you would like to complete the survey but are unable to attend on 13th February, please contact Peter Morgan and a copy of a survey can be delivered to you.

Name Badges

We are about finalise an order for name badges. If you don't have one, could you please contact Jenice or Geoff Coots. \$9.50 each.

Christmas Bowl Appeal

Donations to the 2021 Christmas Bowl Appeal will be finalised on Sunday 13th February. If you are still intending to donate please do so by then.

Church Rosters—March, April & May

The next 3 months of the Church Rosters are about to be prepared. If you are unavailable for duty on the Church and Music Rosters please fill in your name on the Sundays that you are not available.

Summary of Church Council Minutes 15 December 2021

- Devotions by Geoff Coots: The Good Shepherd, John 10: 1-10.
- Church Council agreed to a proposal from the Western Heights Tennis Club to seek approval of its members to become an incorporated entity.
- Minor amendments to the Western Heights Funeral Arrangements document were agreed.
- Church Council provided authorisation for discussion with 4GR in relation to potential rental of additional office space.
- That a special meeting of Church Council, LAT and the Pastoral Care Referral Group members be held on 2nd February to discuss pastoral care at Western Heights.
- Agreed that the National Church Life Survey be completed following the service on 13th February.

Peter Morgan, Secretary of Church Council

Love is the New Black—(1 Corinthians 13: 1-13)

Above all

WEAR LOVE –

its more durable than denim,
more cosy than track pants,
more appealing than tuxedos,
more revealing than Speedos,
more protective than a suit of armour,
And more classy than a suit of Armani.

WEAR LOVE –

it's brand-less, it's priceless!
Fits all sizes, suits all classes,
flatters any figure, matches any moment.

WEAR LOVE –

the couture of all virtues,
the high fashion of the highly faithful:
more beautifying than Cartier,
more fragrant than Chanel,
and more the thing than any bling.

WEAR LOVE –

it's more fundamental than footwear,
more clarifying than eyewear,
and more undergirding than underwear.

DON'T wear jealousy and envy –
they're out of fashion man.

DON'T wear legalism and judgemental –
they're so last testament.

DON'T wear vengeance and fear –
they were hung out to dry in 33AD.

WEAR LOVE –

wear it tight,
wear it everyday and every night.
Wear it. Share it.
It's more becoming than the latest hairdo,
more bedazzling than a sequined tutu.

WEAR LOVE –

Like Inuits wear gloves,
Like the Peace Corps wear logos of doves –
everywhere, everyday, all the way,
what more can I say
than **WEAR LOVE –**
I promise you
It'll look good on you. It always does.

From the book Love Is The New Black
by Cameron Semmens

Contact Details

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

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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.

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.

Milk Bottle Tops

We are now collecting plastic bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your bottle tops in the bucket in the foyer for recycling.

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