



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

September 2022 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.

September at a Glance

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Celebration: Father's Day & Communion —Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship—Water Sunday (led by WHUC eco group and Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i – Vaeluaga)
	2.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Nature Walk in Lara
Sunday 18th	10.00am	Worship—Cosmos Sunday (led by St. Luke's eco Group and Rev. Paul Stephens)
Tuesday 20th	12.30pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 25th	10.00am	Worship—Fauna and Flora (led by Wesley eco Group and Rev. Tupe Ioelu) Frontier Services BBQ

September Worship Services

Three local Geelong congregations with Eco groups [WHUC, Wesley Geelong, St. Luke's Highton] are working collaboratively on the liturgies for the Season of Creation commencing **11th September** and concluding on the **25th September** with an Eco-friendly focus BBQ and funds will be donated to Frontier Services. It is a great opportunity to address the reality of climate change and its impact on our environment, as well as committing ourselves to the mission of justice for environment.

There's a great atmosphere with the planning group - sharing so much passion for a clean and healthy environment for all creatures great and small. Come join in the celebration of the Season of Creation.

St. Lukes is also planning an animal blessing service [Messy Church] on the 1st Sunday in October - time and venue to be confirmed. Bring your pets to be blessed.

Fathers' Day Café Church

We are celebrating **Fathers' Day with a Café Church** on Sunday 4 September. We will also celebrate **Holy Communion on this Sunday**, instead of the 18 September. We will need some of our volunteer helpers to come and set up and set the tables on **Saturday, 3 September**, at **2:00 p.m.** We will also require batches of scones, donations of strawberry jam, whipped cream, butter and raisin bread. We will require helpers to make toast, and prepare scones at 9:30 on the Sunday morning, and helpers to do the dishes, clean up and pack up after the service. Please see Velma after this morning's service if you can assist in any way. Thanks.

Treasurer Absent

Geoff Coots (and Jenice and Allister) will be absent from **4th September to 4th October**. Any urgent financial matters during this period could be directed to Graeme Hardy.

Friday Fun Night

Sunday 11th September 2022

2.00pm

Nature Walk in Lara

63 Walkers Rd, Lara

Everyone is welcome

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 20th September 2022

Lunch 12.30pm @ Pekish

All Ladies welcome.

RSVP for booking

Sunday 18th September 2022

Joan Murphy

Phone 0438 722 035

Summary of Church Council Minutes 17th August 2022

- Devotions by Velma Oliver: Ephesians 1:3-10. Bringing unity to all things in heaven and on earth.
- Church Council reviewed the position description of the Communication and Administrator role that Jan Grigg has undertaken over the past 15 years. Church Council affirmed that it highly values Jan's work in this role. Jan's workload is particularly hectic on Fridays and Church Council asks that additional requests of Jan on Fridays be kept to a minimum.
- Three members of the Music Team have been trained to operate the organ pre-recorded music.
- The new Child-Safe Standard No. 4, that requires that families and communities are informed and involved in promoting child safety and wellbeing, was discussed.
- Sharn Waldron advised Church Council that she is not able to continue as WHUC's representative at the four Presbytery In Council meetings each year.
- Approval was provided for the drawing of the Advent Labyrinth on the banks of the Barwon River.
- Stewardship Sunday will be on 9th October 2022.
- **Mission Project Ideas**
- Church Council acknowledged its appreciation of the many ideas that were put forward by members of the congregation for mission projects. These ideas were gathered from the Suggestion Box and from a 'Think Tank' workshop facilitated by Temukisa. As it is not possible to resource the implementation of all ideas at the one time, a short-list of ideas was selected based on the level of alignment with WHUC's Purpose Statement and Strategic Plan.
- The short-listed ideas are:
 - ◇ **Community garden** – the vision for this is to be further developed by interested members of the congregation, but could include undertaking this project in partnership with interested people from our local community (partnering community) and be extended to involving community food swap days, related community workshops, provision of healthy food to those in need in our local community and regular 'open church' days.
 - ◇ **Supporting refugees** in our area (potentially partnering with other churches)
 - ◇ **Reinvigorating the Uniting Food Trolley.**
- Further information will be provided by Church Council following its September meeting on how to get involved in further visioning, planning and implementation of these mission projects.

Peter Morgan, Secretary of Church Council

Western Heights Congregational Representative to Presbytery

Sharn Waldron has been our representative to Presbytery for the past 12 months but, unfortunately, due to work and study commitments, Sharn has had to resign from this position. As a congregation, we take this opportunity to thank Sharn for her commitment to this task over the past 12 months.

Church Council now seeks someone who would like to do this task for at least the next 12 months. It requires attending 4 Presbytery-in-Council meetings during the year. These take place at the Hoppers Crossing UC on a Saturday. Please talk to Sharn if you would like more information about this commitment.

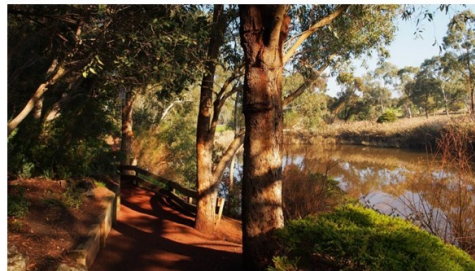
Uniting Book Sale

Has now changed to the first and second Friday & Saturday of the month. The next book sale will be held on **Friday 2nd & Saturday 3rd September 10.00am—2.00pm** at 272 Torquay Road Grovedale.

FRIDAY FUN NIGHT

INVITATION (Note change of day)

SUNDAY 11th
SEPTEMBER
2022



Nature Walk

2.00pm

Kevin Hoffman Walk, 63 Walkers Rd, Lara

<http://www.friendsofkevinhoffmanwalk.com.au>

Come along and join the fun

**Social gathering for all ages newborn to over a hundred
are welcome.**



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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With Love To The World

With Love to the World booklets can be left in the marked drawer in the recycling material box in the foyer.

Blister Packs

Your blister packs from Panadol, and other medications can be left in the 4th drawer in the foyer.

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.

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 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**