



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

July 2023 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 2nd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Bruce Waldron
Sunday 9th	10:00am	Worship—Rev Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Friday 14th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Travel
Sunday 16th	10:00am	Worship—Rev Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga Communion Rev Jan Taylor—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Tuesday 18th	12.00pm	Tuesday Ladies Friendship Group
Wednesday 19th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 23rd	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana’i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 30th	10.00am	Worship—Michele Hardy

Staff on Leave

Temukisa will be on study leave from **Monday 24th July** until **Tuesday 1st August**.



Friday Fun Night

Friday 14th July 2023

Theme: Travel

With activities relating to travel

Soup & Sandwiches

6.00pm

Everyone is Welcome

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 18th July 2023

Lunch 12.00 mid day

Meet in the church

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035



WHUC Pastoral Care Model

WHUC Church Community [all members] are responsible for caring for one another. All are entrusted with an attitude of 'Pastoral Care' and together the church community offers support and care for each other through simple acts of kindness:

1. pastoral visit - hospital or residential
2. pastoral calls/text messages - calling/texting others to check in on them
3. pastoral partners - many continue to visit, call or text members who are no longer able to attend worship, in hospital, etc
4. pastoral listening/encouragement - happening in small groups
5. pastoral carers - assisting with transportation of members to worship and appointments

The small green circles capture the many activities in the life of the church community where pastoral care is happening, not in silos but matrix in the interconnections with other small groups. There is an interconnectedness between all parties, given that some members belong to several small groups. Those not in any small groups are invited to participate in one or create a new group for others who are not engaged in small groups.

The WHUC Pastoral Care Coordinating Team interacts with all small groups and individuals ensuring that all members at WHUC receive and offer pastoral care. The group will consist of 7 members including the minister; if you have skills and gifts for this ministry, please put your name in the nominations box.

Dadirri Walk—Aireys Inlet UC

A activity that we would love people to join in is our trial Dadirri Walk. Dadirri is an aboriginal word and means deep listening. The event is scheduled for **2:30 PM on Sunday July 16th**. It will be good for people of all physical fitness as the Walk part is optional. All of the event can be done sitting or in a slow stroll. A walk out to the dam can be done after the formal part of the event if desired. More details later. At this time the location is Distillery Creek Park in Aireys Inlet. (Part of the Great Otways National Park).

Eco Group

The Eco Group has started an Eco Books library, in the entry foyer. Please borrow books and if you have good books on the subject, you would be willing to share, see Bruce W.



Benevolent Fund

It had been our practice in the past for a retiring offering to be made after each Communion service (usually 3rd Sunday of each month) towards our Benevolent Fund. However this practice has fallen away of late.

Our Benevolent Fund provides assistance to those in our local and wider community in need of help, usually by periodic donations to Uniting Geelong, whose expertise can best give help for the specific needs of a client.

Church Council has agreed that provision for a retiring offering for our Benevolent Fund should again be made available following each Communion service.

Update Community Garden

After the successful application for a grant we are now looking for someone to design some artwork for some signage. Please consider if you know someone of any age who might be interested in doing this. Contact Joan Walker or Glenn Chidzey.

Book sale.



Nothing over \$1.

Join us at our monthly book sale.

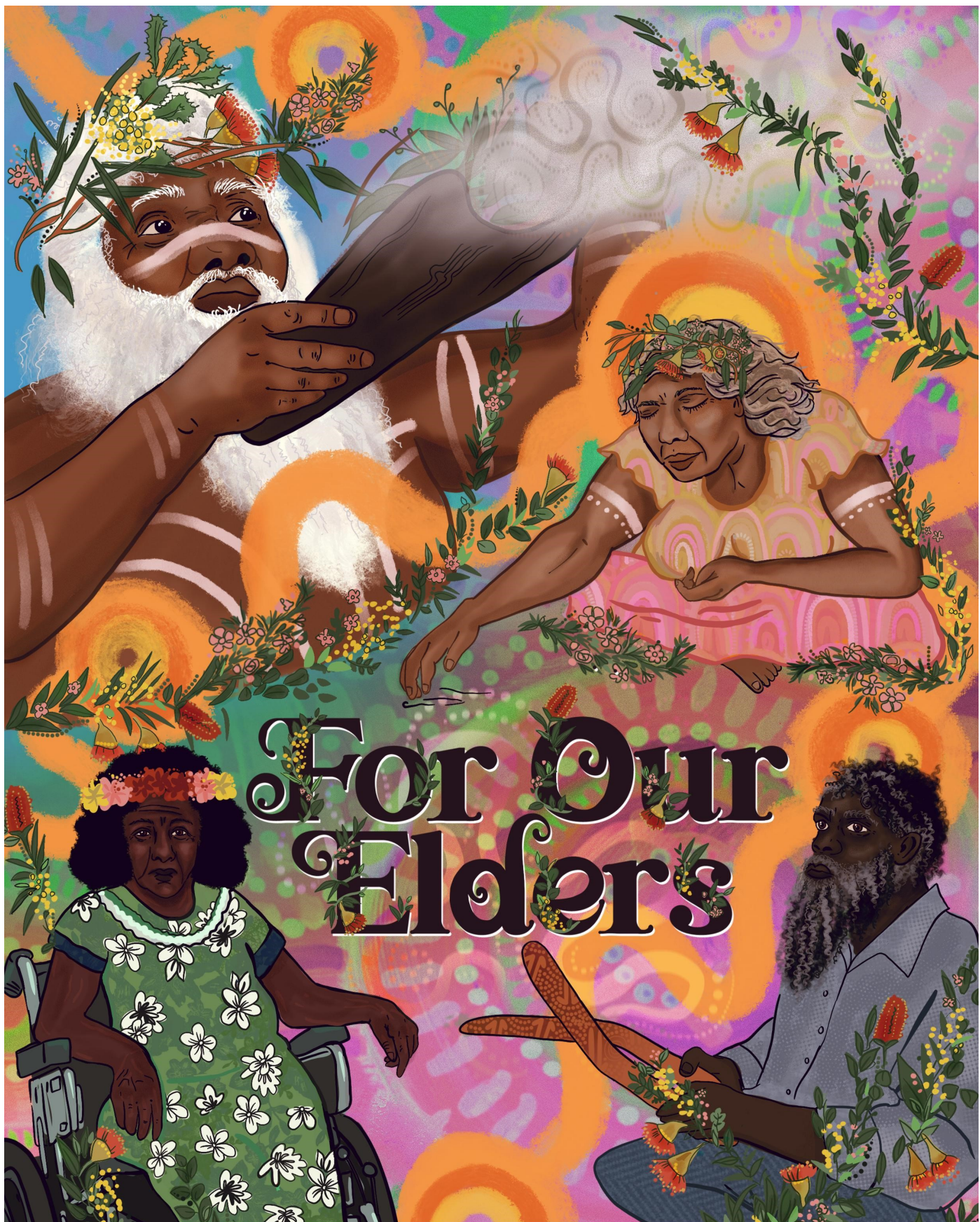
Held the first Friday and Saturday of each month at Uniting Grovedale, the Uniting book sale raises much needed funds for local services.

272 Torquay Rd, Grovedale
(Corner Reserve and Torquay Roads)

Friday 7th July and
Saturday 8th July

10am - 2pm

Uniting



NAIDOC Week

2-9 JULY 2023

#NAIDOC2023 #ForOurElders

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For Our Elders, Bobbi Lockyer

Where there is knowledge there are our Elders. Our Elders paved the pathways for us, taught us our knowledge, our history, they passed down their art, stories and wisdom. Our Elders are the foundation of our communities and role models for our children. With this poster I wanted to showcase how important our Elders are in passing down traditions and culture to our children and future.

Aboriginal Flag designed by Mr Harold Thomas. Torres Strait Islander Flag reproduced by kind permission of the Torres Strait Island Regional Council, designed by the late Mr Bernard Namok.



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Calling on Volunteers for the 2023 Synod Meeting



We are looking for volunteers to assist at our upcoming UCA Synod Meeting in November 2023. Volunteers are required for the Opening Worship morning, and at the four days of the Synod meeting 18-21 November at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn more about the Synod, meet Synod members, contribute to the work of the wider Church and have some fun! Volunteers at the Synod meeting are incredibly valuable and help to ensure the smooth running of the meeting.

If you want to make a difference within our church life, we have an exciting opportunity to take part in our upcoming **Synod Meeting Saturday 18th November – Tuesday 21st November, 2023.**

We are seeking motivated and enthusiastic volunteers to assist our team to work towards this event and volunteer their time throughout the listed days. The event will be held at Box Hill Town Hall, 1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill and you will report to the Synod Coordinator Sarah Manase and your allocated Team Supervisors. Some of the following duties you may undertake include:

- Assisting with Welcoming and greeting members
- Staffing the information table
- Assisting members with computer or app log ins
- Assisting attendees with directions and answering general questions
- Assisting in Bump In and Bump Out
- Assisting in administration tasks as required for the Synod team.

To be successful in this volunteer role, you will be able to demonstrate the following:

- 18 years and over
- Attention to detail
- Previous volunteer experience is ideal but not essential
- Good communication skills and interpersonal skills
- Enthusiasm, patience and understanding

If you are interested, or would like further information, please send us an expression of interest below with a copy of your resume.

Additional requirements:

- Proof of Covid-19 vaccinations
- Working with Children Check

Please contact Sarah Manase on sarah.manase@victas.cua.org.au or 9116 1963 for further details.

Contact Details

Leadership Advisory Team:

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

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Parental/Guardian Permission To Photograph or Video Children

In order for Western Heights to be a Safe Church, we are seeking the permission of parents or guardians to photograph or video their children during church services and other church-related activities. Permission forms are available at the back of the church. Please hand completed forms to the duty steward of the day.

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.

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**

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With Love To The World

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

Milk Bottle Tops

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