



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

August 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.

August at a Glance

Sunday 6th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Rev. Robert Van Zetten—East Geelong
Friday 11th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Holidays
Sunday 13th	10:00am	Worship—Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—St. Albans/St. Andrews
Tuesday 15th	12.00pm	Tuesday Ladies Friendship Group
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 Michele Hardy—Bellbrae

WHUC Presbytery Rep Vacancy

The position for a Presbytery Rep to represent Western Heights is still Vacant. If this is something you wish to offer your services or for more information please see Temukisa.

Friday Fun Night

Friday 11th August 2023

Theme: Holidays

6.00pm

Everyone is Welcome

Leadership Advisory Team (LAT) and Church Administrator—Discontinuing

Due to changes in needs, and on recommendation of the Leadership Advisory Team, Church Council has agreed that the Leadership Advisory Team (LAT) and the Church Administrator roles discontinue operation, effective **20th July 2023**.

Church Council conveys its sincere appreciation to Janet Pavlakis, Roger Dingle and Velma Oliver for all the support that they have provided as members of LAT over a number of years and also conveys its appreciation for the significant work that Roger Dingle has done behind the scenes as Church Administrator.

Safe Church Training

1. This is a friendly reminder that, if you are required to have a Working With Children Check for the task that you perform at Western Heights UC, you are also required to do the new Safe Church Training. Please see Velma, Bianca, Heather or Nathan for more information.
2. Thanks to all who have completed the training. Please show Jan Grigg your certificate when you have received it.

Safe Church Group.

Summary of Church Council Minutes 19th July 2023

- Devotions by Geoff Coots: How do we find out and know God's will for us?
- Update received on Community Garden project
- Church Council supported a proposal from a Small Group to lead the October Family Fun Night with the theme of 'Dreaming and Kite Flying'.
- Discussed a progress report from the Act2 Project. This report proposes four alternative options for future governance and resourcing of the Uniting Church in Australia.
- Noble Street UC congregation to join Western Heights for the next Communion Service (23/7/23).

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 15th August 2023

Lunch 12.00 mid day

Meet in the church

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

Electricity

Recent advice from our electricity supplier regarding price increases effective from 1st August indicate an estimated increase of \$720 per year, based on last year's consumption. Please help keep our costs down by using power as sparingly as possible.

Recently, every light in the back half of the church was turned on for an evening meeting in the Minya Room, and remained on for the duration of the meeting. Of course, some lighting is essential for the safety of our people leaving through the building, but having every light on, rather than just 2 or three to light the way out, is surely somewhat of a wasteful overkill ?

Samoa Experience

There is to be a reunion of those Western Heights and Wesley folk who journeyed to Samoa in June. It will be held on **20th August** at Wesley, from approx **11.30am**, with lunch at around **12.00noon** (please bring something to share), and is expected to conclude about 1.30ish. It will include images from the trip playing on the screen, and reflections on the experience.

There is an open invitation to any who were not on the trip but would like to hear about it, or who may be interested in a future trip if one was to be organised, to join the group on that day.

WHUC Community Garden



Western Heights UC Community Garden now has a facebook page that you can join to keep up to date with what is happening in the Community Garden.

You will find it under

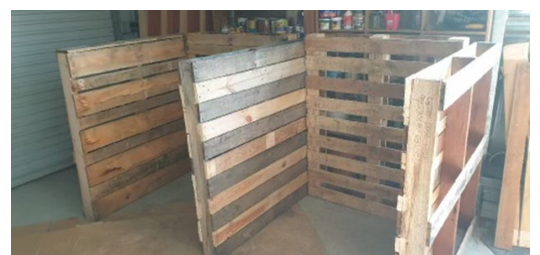


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Community Garden Update

The Community garden project is progressing well and since the last report a number of developments have occurred. Two wicking beds [pictured below] have been ordered and are due to be delivered in August. Meanwhile Bruce Waldron has been busy constructing three compost bins out of recycled pallets [also pictured below]. The final location for these key garden elements will be determined next month and we look forward to holding a working bee to assist with their installation at that time.

Thanks is again extended to the City of Greater of Geelong for the \$1919 grant that enabled this preliminary work to commence including the purchase of the wicking beds from a local supplier.



Join us at the Uniting 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.

Friday 4th August

and

Saturday 5th August

10am - 2pm

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

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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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Parental/Guardian Permission

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.

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.

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.

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**