



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

September 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.

September at a Glance

Sunday 3rd	8.30am	Father's Day Breakfast
	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Sunday 10th	10:00am	Worship—Rev Paul Stephens Season of Creation Service
Sunday 17th	10:00am	Worship—Rev Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Communion
Tuesday 19th	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 20th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 24th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—East Geelong

Father's Day Breakfast

Next week **Sunday 3rd September** we will be celebrating Father's Day with a Father's Day Breakfast starting at **8.30am** before the **10.00am** service. Please RSVP by **Friday 1st September** to the office.

All are welcome

WHUC Lay Presbytery Representative Vacancy

The position for a Lay Presbytery Representative to represent Western Heights is still Vacant. The meetings are held on zoom quarterly. If this is something you wish to offer your services or for more information please see Temukisa.

Friday Fun Night

Friday Fun Night will be taking a break for September

Update of Postcards to CommBank

A lot of our people sent postcards on this subject, through Bruce Waldron and Sue Strong, to the manager of Belmont CommBank. She took it to her regional managers' meeting, so our church had a hand in this.

Thanks to our collective people power - Australia's biggest bank has essentially ended fossil fuel finance for good.

After over a year of campaigning, our efforts have seen CommBank rule out lending to all new and expanding oil and gas projects, and by 2025 will stop lending to companies who refuse to transition away from fossil fuels.

This is what people power looks like, and wouldn't have been possible without your voice, and the voice of our friends in the movement like Market Forces.

This sets a precedent for other Australian banks to follow suit, and if they do, it would make it much more difficult for gas corporations to secure finance for their climate-wrecking projects like fracking in the NT, massive gas rigs off WA and pipelines across the country.

I can't overstate how huge this is.

Over the past year, we've visited 80 CommBank branches, spoken to staff, held stunts at major offices, put ads in newspapers, crashed major banking summits and AGMs, and so much more.

Kelly, for the whole 350 Australia team

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 19th September 2023

Lunch 12.00 mid day

Meet in the church

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

Retirement Offering

A reminder: On Communion Sunday (third Sunday of every month); we will have a retirement offering. All donations would be appreciated.

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 16th August 2023

- Devotions by Temukisa: Footprints on the Sea, Mat 14:22-23
- Church Council was provided with an overview of the discernment phase of the Uniting Churches Act2 Project. Feedback is being sought on:
 - ◊ Options for changes in the governance and resourcing of the Uniting Church at a national, regional and local level, and
 - ◊ Directions to guide local communities of faith and discipleship.Church Council will discuss and complete a questionnaire provided by the Act2 project at the September meeting of Church Council.
Members of the congregation are encouraged to visit the Act2 Project website to find out further information including the latest report and informative videos: <https://www.act2uca.com/>
- A proposal to re-establish a reflective space within the worship area was supported by Church Council.
- Two representatives of Church Council will represent Western Heights UC at the Geelong Churches Steering Committee at Grovedale UC on 30th August.
- 4GR are continuing to utilise church buildings on a term by term basis. Church Council approved 4GR use of the Horizons Rooms during the summer months as per winter period arrangements.

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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Recycling of Blister packs

The Eco-group is pleased to tell everyone that the Rotary Clubs of Geelong are working with Pharmacists to provide 10 medicinal blister pack recycling locations in Geelong.

They are:

- Peak Pharmacy in Corio Village
- Mitchell and O'Hara pharmacy 154 Shannon Ave, Geelong West
- Geelong Soul Pattinson Pharmacy, 133 Yarra St.
- Priceline Pharmacy, 1 Ormond Rd, East Geelong.
- Bellarine Village Community Care Chemist, Bellarine Village
- Portarlington Pharmacy, 90 Newcombe St, Portarlington
- Ocean Grove Terrace Pharmacy, 76a The Terrace, Ocean Grove
- Pardeys Eastbrook Pharmacy, 75 Roslyn Rd, Belmont
- Kardinia Pharmacy, 2-18 Colac Rd, Belmont
- Direct Chemist Outlet, Hills Plaza, 46 Provence Boulevard, Highton.

Happy recycling people.

Wanted

Blue and White, Aqua, Greenish material scraps needed

On the 10th September, WHUC, St. Lukes and Wesley are each holding a Seasons Of Creation Service focussing on water. We've been planning this for a number of weeks and the same service will happen in each of the churches on the 10th September.

We need: scraps of material, big or little, to create a beautiful river, running down from the front of the church. Can you help?

If you can, could you let Bruce Waldron or Lynda Scott have your material please, or let them know it is coming

Presbytery Climate Action Task Group

The Presbytery Climate Action Task Group is inviting anyone interested in looking at making a difference with respect to Climate Change to an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday September 2nd at 2.30 pm**, at Wesley Uniting Church, 100 Yarra Street, Geelong.

We will be taking the opportunity to explore the sharing of ideas with one another, doing so with fun and laughter as accompaniments to the activities and we have a great afternoon planned, as well as a yummy afternoon tea. We really would love to have you, or another member of your church, be a part of it.

The Task Group hope to see you on the day.

Peter, Paul & MARION

Peter, Paul
& Mary

Tribute
Concert



4pm Sunday August 27

Unitingqueenscliff

cnr Hesse & Stokes

Tickets \$32

Includes Light Meal- Bar Available

Book Online: [www. https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/](https://unitingqueenscliff.org.au/)

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contemplation creativity compassion



ATMOSPHERE

Vox Angelica Geelong Chamber Choir
directed by Tom Healey

5pm Sunday 17th September 2023
St Paul's Anglican Church,
171-177 LaTrobe Terrace Geelong

This concert is a repeat of a performance at Geelong Gallery
in May of music inspired by the paintings of Australian artist,
Clarice Beckett

The programme includes music by Fanny Mendelssohn,
Josef Rheinberger, CHH Parry, Melanie Bonis,
CV Stanford, Calvin Bowman, Hanna Havrylets,
Kate Rusby, Eric Whitacre, Ēriks Ešenvalds,
and a specially commissioned piece by Geelong
composer, Kym Alexandra Dillon with text by
Clarice Beckett (1887- 1935, Melbourne)

\$25/ \$20/ Under18 free (cash or card) at the door
or www.trybooking.com/CGSDQ



Summer Fields
Clarice Beckett



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 1st
September

and

Saturday 2nd
September

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**