



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

February 2024 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.

February at a Glance

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Commissioning of Leaders Rev. Robert Van Zetten—East Geelong
Friday 9th		Friday Fun Night—Pizza
Sunday 11th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Michele Hardy—Bellbrae
Tuesday 13th		Shrove Tuesday
Wednesday 14th	2.00pm	Ash Wednesday—Holy Communion & Afternoon Tea
Sunday 18th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Tuesday 20th	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 21st	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 25th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga

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Holy Communion & Fellowship

Wednesday 14th February at 2pm



Friday Fun Night

Friday 9th February 2024

Pizza at Brunenzo

Unit 5, 163 Bellarine Highway, Newcomb

Please contact Sue Andrews 0419 566 805 if you intending to come.

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 20th February 2024

Lunch

12.00pm

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

Church & Music Rosters

The Church and Music Rosters for **March, April & May**, will be drawn up for distribution at the start of February. Please use the unavailability book by **4th February**, to record the days on which you will be unavailable during these 3 months.

Thanks. Maralann.

Community Garden Update

The community garden officially launched in October last year is 'growing' gangbusters and already people have been actively engaged in planting produce; weeding plants; adding compost and monitoring water levels to keep everything thriving. A wide variety of vegetables have been planted to this point including tomatoes, lettuce, rhubarb, peppers and a variety of herbs.

The committee met for the first time in late January and warmly welcomed two new members, namely Sandra Neville and Robyn Howard to the team. As a group, they have set further goals for 2024 including more wicker beds; the introduction of security lighting as well as the commitment to build a wider network outside the immediate church community.

Funds from the initial Presbytery grant will be used to help purchase these additional items as well as 'grow' the garden in its endeavour to further partner with those in our neighbourhood.

Safe Church Training

We still have some people to complete their training if this is you—

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.

Church Directory

During January you would have received a letter if you are a confirmed, baptised, or adherent member.

Permission slips must be returned by **Sunday 28th January**. Only members that have given permission to be included in the church directory will be issued with a directory.





Kitchen Renovation

For those unaware, Bruce and Maralann have been working hard over the last couple of months to renovate the old hall kitchen. It is looking fabulous.




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 2nd February
and
Saturday 3rd February
10am - 2pm

Reflective Space

A quiet, gentle space for personal reflection has been put in place under the balcony. You are invited to use this space for a moment of peace and stillness, and to light a candle if you wish.

Please respect the privacy of those who choose to use this space.

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 **milk** bottle tops with St. Joseph's College. You can leave your milk 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**