



Western Heights Uniting Church

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Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community, Sharing Faith

WESTERN HEIGHTS UNITING CHURCH

OCTOBER 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.

October at a Glance

Saturday 5th	9.00am	Spring Market
Sunday 6th		Daylight Saving begins turn clock forward
	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Pet Blessing
Saturday 12th	9.30am	Shared Community Garden Working Bee
Sunday 13th	10.00am	Worship—Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga
Tuesday 15th	12.00pm	Tuesday Friendship
Wednesday 16th	7.00pm	Church Council Meeting
Friday 18th	6.00pm	Friday Fun Night—Movie Night
Saturday 19th	2.00pm	Leprosy Mission Book Launch
Sunday 20th	10:00am	Worship—Rev. Robert Van Zetten Communion
Monday 21st	3.00pm	Shared Community Garden Task Group Meeting
Sunday 27th	10:00am	Worship—Michele Hardy



Staff on Leave

Rev. Temukisa Amituana'i-Vaeluaga Thursday 17th October—Thursday 31st October

Jan Grigg Wednesday 16th October—Tuesday 26th November

Pet Blessing

Sunday 6th October 2024

10.00am Worship

Will be held outside. Bring along your pets for a blessing.



Shared Community Garden News

The community garden provides an opportunity to engage with others in a relaxed atmosphere. Our vision is that the wider community will find a place of safety and support as we grow vegetables and relationships together.

NEXT WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 12th October 9.30 – 11AM

Come when you can, leave when you have to.

Refreshments provided

The **Community Garden Task group** meets regularly to develop further ideas for engaging the community, discuss tasks in the garden and plan future planting and harvesting.

NEXT TASK GROUP MEETING – Monday 21 OCTOBER 3.00pm in the Minya room – ALL WELCOME

Tuesday Friendship

Tuesday 15th October 2024

Lunch

12.00pm

This will be the last time we meet unless someone takes it on.

At this meeting we will celebrate the group and thank Joan

All Ladies welcome.

Joan Murphy Phone 0438 722 035

Friday Fun Night

Friday 18th October 2024

Movie Night

Will be limited to 15 people

More details to come



Quilt Display

We are having a quilt display at the Spring market on the **5th of Oct.**

If you have a quilt you would like displayed bring it to the church on the **Friday 4th** in the morning. Enquires to Maralann 0490151560

Marshall's for Bike Ride

If anyone would like to help the Tennis Club on **Sat the 1st and Sun the 2nd of February**, please contact Bruce Rookes on 0402 135313



The sign above the rack is made out of the old bike chains and bookshelf timber that was stripped out during the manse renovations a couple of years ago

All Saints Service 2022

Our annual All Saints Service, to honour the memory of loved ones who have died during the past year will be held on **Sunday 3rd November**. This is specifically to remember those who were associated with our church and those whose family is associated with us. If you wish to ensure that a loved one is remembered in this years service please contact the office on 5229 2681 or by email: office@whuc.com.au by **Thursday 31st October**.

Keeping Everyone Safe

Please be aware that new signage has been placed around the Church space with easy step by step instructions to follow in the event of a medical incident.

Falls. In the event of a person falling, before assisting them to stand, please check that they have no physical injuries such as fractures, concussion or collapse. Do not attempt to get them off the floor on your own for it will put yourself at risk to injury.

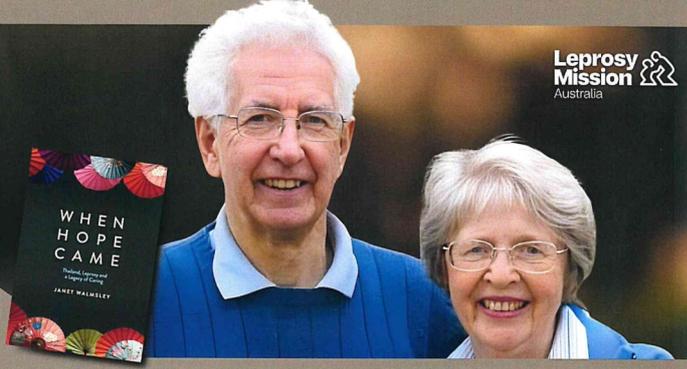
There is a First Aid Kit available in the labelled cupboard in the Horizons Room.

There is a wheelchair in the Minya Room if required.

Reminder that the Defibrillator is kept under the cover of the verandah near the exit doors of the Horizons Room to the Carpark.

BOOK LAUNCH

CELEBRATING THE
WORK AND MINISTRY OF
TREVOR AND HEATHER SMITH



Leprosy Mission Australia

SATURDAY 19 OCTOBER 2-4:30PM

Horizon's Room at Western Heights Uniting Church
31 Douglass Street, Herne Hill, 3128 Geelong

RESERVE YOUR SPOT

This is a free event, but please reserve your spot online or RSVP to book your spot for catering purposes.



SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT
events.humanitix.com/when-hope-came-book-launch

OR RSVP TO BARRY AND DI EDWARDS
Ph: 0417 012 476 Email: dibaed@bigpond.com

Summary of CC Minutes of 18 September 2024

- Devotions led by Temukisa – Great Gifts – Using our gifts to fulfil our Purpose Statement of “Loving God: Growing Together, Partnering Community and Sharing Faith”.
- Glenn Chidzey will investigate what is required to improve our sound system and our streaming capabilities.
- Sue Andrews will be the interim Congregational Secretary and will be formalised at the next AGM when office bearers voted on.
- Velma Oliver will fill in for part of Jan Grigg’s leave.
- The Advent Labyrinth will be prepared by Rhonda Dingle and her team of helpers.
- CC continues to take a closer look at its Purpose Statement: “Fostering a Culture of Conversation” – Listen to the other; ask questions in order to clarify; staying on the topic during discussions; is what you are saying relevant, helpful; inviting those who are quiet into a discussion or conversation. This applies to all our conversations and discussions.
- The Market Stall Day will take place on Saturday, 5 October, 2024. Church volunteers will be required for the Devonshire Tea. Donations of time, scones, berry jam, unwhipped cream, low fat long-life milk will be most welcome.
- WH has been invited to a Samoan Weekend Experience at Leopold UC: Date: Saturday 9 November – Samoan Feasting and Entertainment.
- Worship: Sunday 10 November at 10:00 a.m.– Worshipping together with members of the Werribee Uniting Church Samoan Cluster. More information will be provided.
- Next meeting on Wednesday, 16 October, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Horizons Room.

Velma Oliver, Chair of Church Council.

Tides of Welcome & Wayne Jury Rose Bygrave



Concert
7pm - 9pm
Fri 11 Oct
Tickets \$25
incl. interval refreshments
Bar available



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Join us at
the Uniting
book sale.

Nothing over \$1
Children's books
\$0.50!

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 October
&
Saturday
5th October
10am - 2pm

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

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Support those in need
at Christmas

Uniting Barwon

Uniting Barwon needs volunteers with availability from early October through to mid December to help our Emergency Relief Coordinators in the Greater Region of Geelong, participate in our Christmas Appeal Program.

Roles available include:

Packing and Sorting - This role involves setting up boxes and bags ready to be packed, packing, labelling and donation sorting! This role also involves unloading deliveries, stacking boxes, unpacking, sorting and recording of donations ready for distribution.

Administration Support - This role involves contacting schools & groups via phone who may contribute to the Christmas Programs. Volunteers in this role will have effective communication skills, an ability to develop rapport, and basic administration skills. We also require administration support, including research, data, correspondence, and project support.

Donation Collection Driver - This role involves collecting donated food and toys from around the Barwon (Geelong) region (and surrounding area) and delivering to our sites.

Need further information, or would like to apply, please get in touch with Kerry Uebergang, ER Coordinator Grovedale – kerry.uebergang@vt.uniting.org or call the Grovedale office on 4310 1100.

Volunteer applications for the Christmas Support Program close Friday 15th November 2024. Please note that volunteering with Uniting is subject to pre-commencement safety screening checks, including Police & WWCC checks.

Thank you for your continued support of the Uniting Barwon Emergency Relief Program.

Windfire Music Festival

Music at the Basilica will present the 15th Annual Windfire Music Festival, Geelong from 4 to 13 October. There will be 3 concerts each weekend, ranging from classical to modern music featuring some of Geelong's finest musicians, and 5 free lunchtime organ recitals using some of Geelong Historic organs. For details of concerts, dates, times and venues please visit

www.musicatthebasilica.org.au or email us at music.basilica@bigpond.com



Groups Reporting to Church Council

It would be most helpful if groups reporting to CC could email their reports to Sandra Neville at sandra@smallcoilrewinds.com.au by the Friday before CC meets on the following date for this year: **15 November**. It is understood that, as volunteers, we are all very busy people in our own groups and your efforts are highly valued. Velma Oliver, on behalf of CC.

Enneagram Retreat

A Workshop Retreat exploring the Enneagram system of personality
 WHERE : Kirks Place, cnr Kirk & Winterley Road, Point Lonsdale
 WHEN : SAT 12 Oct 10am-4pm + SUN 13 Oct 10am-12.30pm
 COST : \$60pp (Saturday Lunch included)
 BOOKING : <https://www.trybooking.com/CURZP>



1: Who am I?

Saturday 12 October, 10am – 4pm

- Why do I feel this way? What are my gifts?
- What is going on in me and in this relationship?
- Why do I like some people and get triggered by others? Why does this person behave that way?

This day will explore your personality and some of the questions that intrigue you about your gifts, relationships and behaviour. This will be a fun interactive day to understand yourself and others, using the Enneagram's ancient insights.

2: How do I get "home"?

Sunday 13 October 2024, 10am – 12.30pm

- What paths and invitations can I take for better health and integration?
- Why do I keep repeating the same patterns?
- Where can I find freedom and truly come home to my best self?

This retreat day will explore some of the spiritual wisdom of the Enneagram and specific contemplative practices that can promote a more integrated and liberated life for you today.



The Enneagram is a personality mapping system that unveils profound wisdom into our common motivators and patterns of behaviour plus pathways to greater health and integration.

Enjoy this fun interactive retreat with others exploring the gifts and liabilities of our personality styles and how we can better understand and relate to others. Extensive handouts will be provided.

Our Facilitator: Rev Dr Tim McCowan has engaged with the Enneagram since 1994 when first introduced to this spiritual tool by Richard Rohr, OFM. He is a qualified Enneagram teacher, trained in the Enneagram Spectrum Certification program with Dr Jerome Wagner in 2005.



Let Christmas wishes support those in need.

Your purchase helps people in crisis this Christmas.

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1800 668 426

Visit
unitingvictas.org.au/christmas-cards



Each pack of 10 cards is only \$12



2 Christmas Stockings

Sentiment: Wishing you a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year.



1 Australian Birds (Mixed Pack 1)

Kookaburra sentiment: May the festive season bring only happiness and joy to you and your loved ones.

Blue Wren sentiment: Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and an especially Happy New Year.



3 Joy

Sentiment: Joy to you at Christmas and happiness in the coming year.



4 Nativity (Mixed Pack 2)

Nativity sentiment: May joy be yours during the season of goodwill and may the New Year bring grace and peace.

Nativity Bible Verse: 'And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.' John 1:14

Three Kings sentiment: May joy be your gift at Christmas and may hope and love be your treasures in the New Year.

Three Kings Bible Verse: 'From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.' John 1:16



5 Peace Dove

Sentiment: May peace, joy and happiness be yours at Christmas and throughout the year.

Order forms available from:



Uniting is the community services organisation of the Uniting Church in Victoria and Tasmania.



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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.

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

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.

Uniting Church Safe Church Policies

Access to key Safe Church policies is available on: safechurch.ucavictas.org.au