

INTERACT

THE MAGAZINE OF THE ENDEAVOUR HILLS UNITING CHURCH

Endeavour Hills Uniting Church Mission Statement

The Endeavour Hills Uniting Church...
a worshipping, nurturing, learning community...
an open door, reaching out to show Christ's face to all.
'Together We Grow'

*Every branch in me that beareth not fruit
he taketh away; and every branch that
beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may
bring forth more fruit. (John 15:2 KJV)*



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Service Times

Sunday of the Month	10.30 am
1st	Worship Service with Communion
2nd,3rd	Worship Service
4th(where Applicable)	Worship Service
LAST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH	Contemporary-Style Worship Service (February to November)

Prayer Chain

Endeavour Hills Uniting Church is fortunate in having an active Prayer Chain. If you have any Prayer Requests, please contact any member of the Prayer Chain listed below:

Mary Mehl..... 9791 5442

Judy Hopkins 9700 7551

Sue Reid 9704 9195

Pam Cowley..... 9793 5997

PANCAKE DAY

Please note that our annual pancake day will be held this year on 15th FEBRUARY after church.

The cost will be a \$2 donation.

Volunteers to either cook or lend an electric frypan are needed.

Please contact Heather Kimble on PH: 9796 8154



PAPER PACKING

To all volunteers:

The next loading day will be 20th February at 9-00am.

This will be followed by committee meeting at 10-00am.

All volunteers are invited to attend the committee meeting.

Our last paper packing totalled 3.8 tonne for which we received \$380 and the company donated another \$20.

Please Note:

The views in the articles included in this publication are not necessarily those held by the Endeavour Hills Uniting Church.

USAGE OF CHURCH BUILDING

Revised January 2015

<i>Sundays</i>	10:30 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas
	2—3 pm	Jesuran Computer Classes	Hall
	3-6:30 pm	Jesuran Worship Service	Church
<i>Tuesdays</i>	7:30-9 pm	Beta Bible Study	Meeting Room (1 st and 3 rd Tues)
	7:30 - 9 pm	Property & Finance Committee Group	Meeting Room (4 th Tuesday)
<i>Wednesday</i>	10-12 noon	Bible Study	Meeting Room (except School Holidays)
	7-9 pm	Jesuran Music Group (6-8 People)	Hall
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Church Council	Meeting Room (2nd Wed.)
<i>Thursday</i>	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
<i>Saturdays</i>	9.30 am – 2:30 pm	Jesuran Worship	Hall and Church
ALL GROUPS will have access to toilets and kitchen. “Hall” = old pre-school area			

Endeavour Hills Uniting Church...

Who do we think we are?

Explore Listen
Discover
Talk share ideas Think



Saturday at the Church
2-5 pm
(refreshments in the middle)

Let's join in an afternoon of sharing
and look forward to an exciting new stage in
our journey together!

FAMILY PRAYER MINISTRY



In our Family Prayer Ministry we pray for three families of our congregation every week, from Sunday to Saturday. This is in addition to our Prayer Chain Ministry, and other special requests mentioned during Worship Services.

Week beginning:	Families		
1st February	GARNEPUDI	GONSALVES	GREENSTREET
8th February	GYLES	HALL	HANSEN
15th February	HARDING	HOPKINS	JOHN
22nd February	JOHNSTON	KAPITANY	KIMBER
1st March	-	-	-
8th March	KNIGHT	LACEY	MANUOFETOA
15th March	-	-	-
22nd March	MARTIN	MATTHYS	MCADAM
29th March	MEHL	MOORE	MORLAND

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Experiences of God

Having a concrete experience of God is essential to growing in the Christian faith over a life-time. Yet, I find it difficult to describe what an experience of God is because I grasp it intuitively. Denis Edwards in his book *Human Experience of God* (Paulist Press: New York, 1983) shared some helpful ideas.

He says that “experience involves both encounter and the interpretation of the encounter”(pg 7).

We can encounter God through an awareness of mystery as the horizon or background of our lives or in the “experience of something which transcends us, which breaks in upon our day to day existence in a mysterious way, and which we experience as a gift given to us”(pg 28). Some examples are the beauty of a sunset or the smile of a child.

These special moments of joy, wonder and gratitude are given to all people but it is how we interpret these encounters that make them an experience of God for us.

If we believe in Jesus and the message of the gospels then we know that God wants to be in relationship with us and gives us good gifts. Then, as we interpret our encounters in the light of our faith, the beauty of a sunset or the smile of a child can become an experience of God.

There are also experiences of God, often through prayer, reading the bible or worship, where we experience love for God and love from God directly. This is felt in the heart. At times people hear a voice, see a vision, are given a word of knowledge or other spiritual gift they feel are from God. As not all voices we hear are from God, it is important to test what is given to see if it is consistent with the bible and leads to greater love for God and for others. When it does, it is also an experience of God.

I have been challenged to pay more attention to moments in my daily life that can become experiences of God. I hope you are challenged also.

By Andrea Mayes, new to Endeavour Hills Uniting Church

Notice Board

Lawn Mowing and Gardening

Anyone who enjoys gardening – look on the church garden as your second home!

Thank you to all our gardeners who try to tame the weeds.

SAMMY STAMP

Please save your used stamps for Sammy Stamp Appeal –this has raised more than \$600,000 for needy causes since it began.

There is a box marked *Stamps*
On the table in the Narthex.

Trading Table

The next Trading Tables will be on

Sunday February 8th

Again thankyou to those that have contributed throughout 2014.

December total \$75

Back in Feb 2015.

Please contact Heather Kimber

Phone: 9796 8154

Fundraisers....



1. Aluminium Can Collection



2. Paper Collection & Packing

More details see page 3



The Andrews Centre

**Please keep donating non
perishable food thank you!**

They thanked us for our donation of Christmas presents, including food. They do a wonderful job.

NOTE: we are still taking food donations for the Andrew's Centre. Just bring along a couple of cans or whatever you can spare on Sundays and these are delivered during the week and appreciatively received. There are many in our community in need.

Group News

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

The group meets at the Church from 10.30 am to 12 noon (except during school holidays). Everyone is welcome.

Beta: Ladies' Bible Study Group

The group meets at 7.30 pm on the 1st & 3rd Tuesdays of each month (except during school holidays) at the Church.

Please contact Mary Mehl: Phone 9791 5442.

Coffee Break

This informal group gathers at 10am on Friday mornings (except on the 1st Friday of the month). We meet at Muffin Break in the Food Court, Endeavour Hills Shopping Centre.



Everyone is welcome, so if you are in the vicinity on a Friday morning around that time, please feel free to come and join in. You will be very welcome. No need to book!

Just come and have a chat over a cup of coffee. See you there!

First Friday Lunch



First Friday Outing

Friday 6th Feb

@

12.30pm

The Village Green

Cnr Springvale Rd and Ferntree Gully Rds, Mulgrave.

Seniors \$17.00

Please contact Edith John by 5pm Wed 4th Feb if you can come on: Phone: 9700 6915.

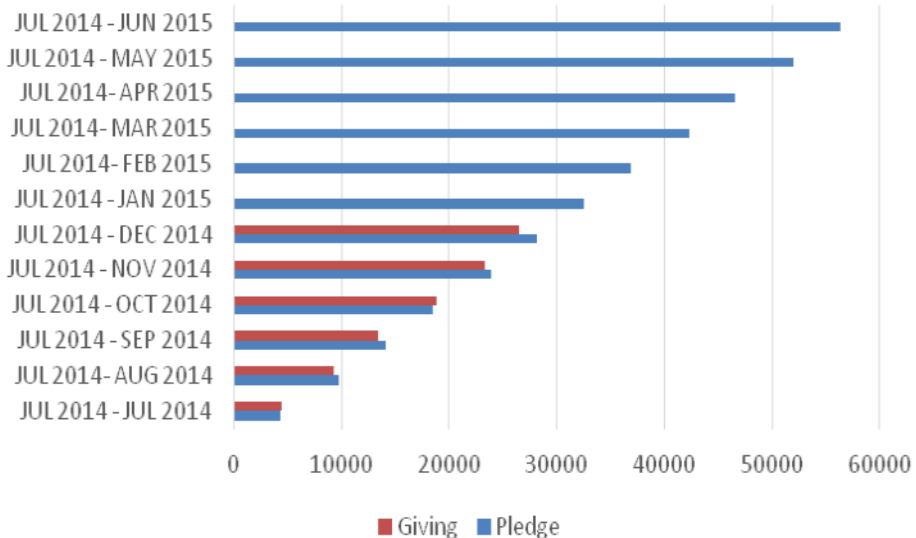
Or email Jean on: gandjlacey@ozemail.com.au
(The John's email is not working)

This informal lunch is held on the first Friday of every month throughout the year. It is open to everyone to attend. Details will be available in the weekly Notice Sheet.

PLANNED GIVING



Chart Title



DIRECT DEBIT:

Could people who elect to give to Planned Giving through direct debit, please advise the Finance Committee, so that these details can be noted.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

10th December 2014

Devotions led by Kharis Susilowati .

This meeting was held at Cheryl's home. Thank you Cheryl.

Business arising.

Kids Hope. This organisation matches a church with a local school. An adult mentor spends an hour each week with a child who is in need of some extra time. Training is provided. Speakers from Kids hope are available to come to churches. This will be researched further.

Meeting with Dandenong North, Narre Warren North and Trinity Dandenong church councils to be arranged.

Mission shaped ministry. Wes and Cheryl attended an information evening for this and hope to do the training. Mission shaped ministry challenges what we call church.

Ministers Report. Kharis Susilowati is busy organising the Carol service with assistance from Olive Morland.

Worship report. Discussion as to whether the prayer roster should continue. The contemporary services will continue on the last Sunday of each month. Suggestion made that we should have a liturgist who would conduct part of the worship service but not the message. This will be deferred for February meeting.

Property and Finance. Notice to be put in the Dandenong Journal advertising our Christmas services, including the Carol service.

Sunday school/youth. Next year Cheryl will lead bible studies for the secondary and older primary school children and the younger ones will have some activities provided in church during worship

Web Site. The web site to be updated.

We enjoyed supper following the meeting.

Judy Hopkins.

Minutes Secretary.

FEBRUARY ROSTERS

February 2015	1	8	15	22
Bible Reading	Wes & Jenni Porch	Diane & Brian Hall	Catherine Gonsalves Sue Reid	Joan Hansen Elke Beecher
Communion Prep	Sandra Cox Delilah Spencer			
Communion Servers	Colin Wilhelms Diane Hall Pam Cowley Judy Hopkins			
Counting of Offering	Brian Greenstreet Bruce Hansen	Sandra Cox Patricia Matthys	Catherine Gonsalves Grant Allison	David Garnepudi Brian Hall
Door/Offering	Christine Summers	Grant Allison	Stan & Sue Ashley	Andrew Moore
Early Word		Michelle Smith	Stephen Mayes	Lynda Greenstreet
Flowers	Lynda Greenstreet	Artificial Flowers	Elizabeth Kapitany	Artificial Flowers
Kitchen	Mathy Watkins Jacqui Gacutan	Joan Hansen Sandra Neal	Smith Family	Delilah Spencer Elizabeth Moore
Organist/ Pianist	Sue Reid	Sue Reid	Edith John	Band
PowerPoint	Ursula Ebert	Marion Ward	Patricia Matthys	Jean Lacey
Praise Time	Edith & Murray John	Geoff Harkness	Jean Lacey	Band
Preacher/ Duty Elder	Kharis Susilowati Diane Hall	Kharis Susilowati Colin Wilhelms	Kharis Susilowati Judy Hopkins	Kharis Susilowati Pam Cowley
Public Address	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Warren Ward	Paul Watkins	Geoff Lacey

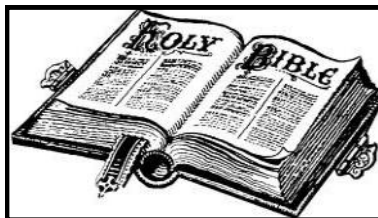
MARCH ROSTERS

March 2015	1	8	15	22	29
Bible Reading	Wes and Jenni Porch	Gavin Bartholomeusz Elke Beecher	Pam Cowley Gavin Bartholomeusz	Colin Wilhelms Sue Reid	Lynda & Brian Greenstreet
Communion Prep	Pam Cowley Patricia Matthys				
Communion Servers	Diane Hall Colin Wilhelms				
Communion Steward	Brian Hall				
Counting of Offering	Lynne Bryan Patricia Matthys	Bruce Hansen Wes Porch	Pam Cowley Sandra Cox	Grant Allison Brian Greenstreet	Catherine Gonsalves Brian Hall
Door/ Offering	Christine Summers	Grant Allison	Andrew Moore	Sandra Cox	Murray John
Early Word		Judy Hopkins	Pam Cowley	Stephen Mayes	Lynda Greenstreet
Flowers	Anne Williams	Artificial Flowers	Mary Mehl	Artificial Flowers	Artificial Flowers
Kitchen	Joan Hansen Sandra Neal	Delilah Spencer Elizabeth Moore	Gonsalves Family	Heather Kimber Pam Cowley	Mathy Watkins Jacqui Gacutan
Organist/ Pianist	Edith John	Olive Morland	Sue Reid	Edith John	Band
PowerPoint	Ursula Ebert	Marion Ward	Andrew Moore	Patricia Matthys	Jean Lacey
Praise Time	Michelle & Rufane Smith	Edith & Murray John	Jean Lacey	Olive Morland	Band
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LECTIONARY FOR FEBRUARY

February 1, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28
Presentation of the Lord February 2, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Malachi 3:1-4	Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany February 8, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Transfiguration Sunday February 15, 2015 (Last Sunday before Lent) ART -- PRAYER	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
February 18, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent February 22, 2015 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15





LECTIONARY FOR MARCH

<p>March 1, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16</p>	<p>Psalm 22:23-31</p>	<p>Romans 4:13-25</p>	<p>Mark 8:31-38 or Mark 9:2-9</p>
<p>Third Sunday in Lent March 8, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Exodus 20:1-17</p>	<p>Psalm 19</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 1:18-25</p>	<p>John 2:13-22</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday in Lent March 15, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Numbers 21:4-9</p>	<p>Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22</p>	<p>Ephesians 2:1-10</p>	<p>John 3:14-21</p>
<p>Fifth Sunday in Lent March 22, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:31-34</p>	<p>Psalm 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16</p>	<p>Hebrews 5:5-10</p>	<p>John 12:20-33</p>
<p>Annunciation of the Lord March 25, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14</p>	<p>Psalm 45 or Psalm 40:5-10</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:4-10</p>	<p>Luke 1:26-38</p>
<p>Liturgy of the Palms March 29, 2015 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> ART -- PRAYER</p>		<p>Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29</p>		<p>Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16</p>
<p>Liturgy of the Passion March 29, 2015 <i>Sixth Sunday in Lent</i> ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-9a</p>	<p>Psalm 31:9-16</p>	<p>Philippians 2:5-11</p>	<p>Mark 14:1-15:47 or Mark 15:1-39, (40-47)</p>

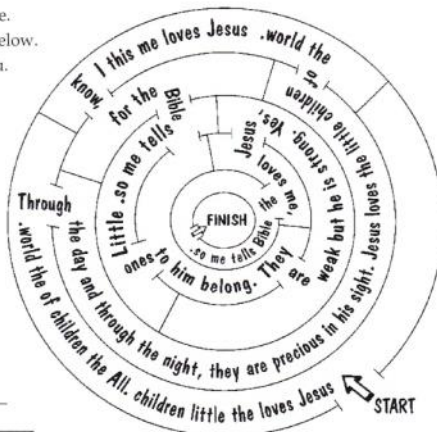
FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



K I D S' C L I P S

Song Maze

Follow through the maze.
Write the words from the maze in the spaces below.
Some of the song words may be familiar to you.



Answer: Jesus loves the little children, All the children of the world, Through the day and through the night, they are precious in his sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world, Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so, Little ones to him belong, They are weak but he is strong, Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Psalm 100 Word Scramble

Unscramble these words:

E A M K A F J U O L Y I E N S O

O T H T E D R L O L A L E H T

R T A E H S W H O I R P E T H L R D O

I H T W N G E L S A S D M O E C N O T I

S H I S E E E C R P N W H T I G G S N I N I

Answer: Psalm 100:1, 2 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

TRUE CHRISTIAN BELIEVERS NEED TO “REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE” “REMEMBER LOT’S WIFE” LUKE 17:32. WHY?

Our Lord Jesus says in Luke “Remember Lot’s wife”. He does not ask us to remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob or any other distinguished persons mentioned in the Bible. Why Lot’s wife? Lot was a righteous man 2 Peter 2:8. Luke’s wife was well learned in matters of religion and she was a professor of religion. Lot and his wife both knew that Sodom was to be destroyed on the day they left that city. In all the solemn warnings in Scripture Luke 17:32 regarding Lot’s wife stands out significantly. She looked back against God’s express command ‘do not look back’ and was struck dead instantly and turned into a pillar of salt. In Luke 17 Lord Jesus speaks about His second coming, when He will judge the world. Many will be found in an awful state of unreadiness to meet Him. Lord Jesus always is full of compassion, love and mercy and will forgive immeasurable times. He wept over unbelievers in Jerusalem. He prayed for the men who crucified Him. Here He speaks about the importance of remembering the lost souls and Lot’s wife was one of them. This solemn warning by the Lord was to his disciples Peter, James and John and not to the scribes and Pharisees who hated Him. He only says “Remember Lot’s wife” and nothing more. He warns us so that we will not forget and to stir our poor memories. As a learned professor of religion Lot’s wife had given invaluable instruction to the church. The Lord speaks of the danger of worldliness, which in those days was increasing at an alarming rate. Even today it is so with declining rates of spirituality. Lot’s wife had all the religious privileges in her capacity as a learned professor.

In addition she was immensely supported by her husband and her uncle by marriage, Abraham.

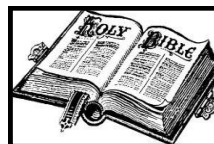
In those days there was no saving religion, Bibles, ministers, churches, tracts and missionaries. The knowledge of God was limited to few families. Most people were living in darkness, ignorance, superstition and sin. It is the same today in varying degrees. Lot’s wife was a favoured woman belonging to a closely knit spiritual society with clear knowledge and plain warnings, in comparison with millions of her fellow creatures in her time, lost in darkness. Religion was the ruling principle of her life with Lot and Abraham and the mainspring of their actions. She was there when Abraham first received the promises from God. She was there when Melchizedek the king of Salem came to meet

Abraham with bread and wine. In all the important occasions she was there to witness everything. When the angels came to Sodom and warned her husband to flee, she saw them and heard their warning. When the angels took Lot and his wife by the hand and led them out of the city, she was helped by them to escape. With all the privileges she had, what good effect did they have on the heart of Lot's wife? None at all.

In spite of all her opportunities, grace, special warnings and messages from heaven she lived and died graceless, godless, impenitent and sadly unbelieving. The eyes of her understanding were never opened; her conscience was never aroused and quickened; her will was never brought into a state of obedience to God. Her affections were never really set upon things from above. The form of religion which she had was kept up for fashion's sake and not from feeling her heart was wrong in the sight of God. The world was in her heart, and her heart was in the world. In this state she lived and in this state she died. The mere possession of religious privileges will not save anyone's soul. What was her sin? 'She looked back from behind her husband and she became a pillar of salt'. The totality and the substance of her transgression lies in three words 'She looked back'. The look itself appears to be a little thing but it revealed the true character of Lot's wife. An analogy comes to mind of Eve who ate the forbidden fruit. Both Lot's wife and Eve fell from grace and innocence and became sinners in the sight of God instantly. The look and eating the fruit though little things, it was sheer disobedience. The express command of the angel was straight and unmistakable. 'Flee for your lives! Don't look back and don't stop anywhere in the plain'. Gen.19:17

That command from God, Lot's wife refused to obey. The Spirit says 'to obey is better than sacrifice' Lot's wife had doubts whether God was going to destroy Sodom. She appeared not to believe of any real danger to flee hastily. That cost her life and most importantly her soul was lost forever. Lot's wife had a secret love of the world, her heart was in Sodom, though her body was outside. She disobeyed and did not have faith in God. "Without faith it is impossible to please God". Heb.11:6.

Laksman Pethiyagoda



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