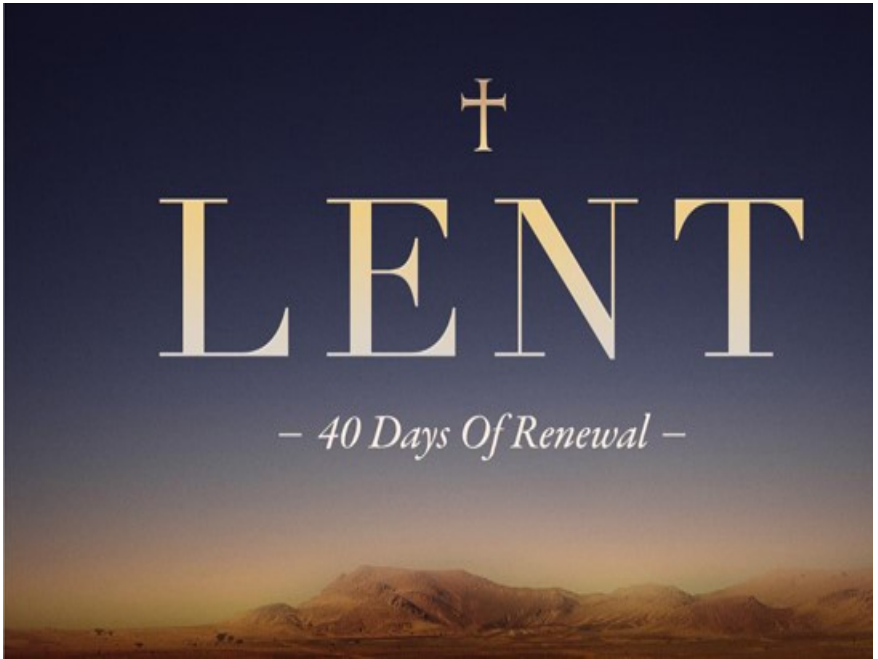


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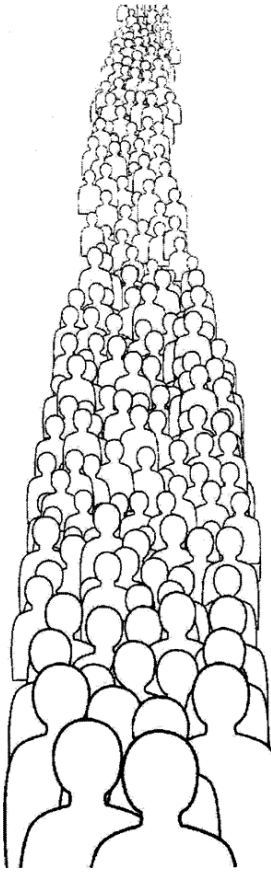
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The views in the articles included in this publication are not necessarily those held by the
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DON'T DO, JUST BE!



**I will be your
God and the
God of your
descendants**

I am not going to tell you to give something up or do something extra for Lent, because what we need most at this time are **being** words, not **doing** words.

In our hurried, harried world where violence engenders more violence, what we need most is people who live simply and deeply and generously. Sometimes our corporate life as congregations can actually get in the way of this. For example, how much extra work do you and your church staff and volunteers face because of Lent and Easter?

Because it is a special and significant season we feel obliged to do something to acknowledge it. Because people expect to be moved, informed and stimulated, we put on special programs, work very hard at creative worship, put on extra services, announce study groups and turn ourselves inside out trying to think of new ways to tell the story. When Easter Sunday is over we take one exhausted day off before our normal routine resumes. Then it's time for Pentecost, and then Advent and Christmas! The cycle goes on.

By all means let us find new and creative ways to tell the story. Let us call people to attend to it and to be converted yet again, but let's keep it simple. Let's not leave the worship leaders, musicians, small group leaders, children and youth ministry co-ordinators exhausted by it all.

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Don't do, just be!

Let's keep it simple, simple enough to be profound, simple enough to let the story speak for itself. If we overwhelm people with too much stimulus, the point gets missed and the worship and other leaders become too preoccupied with the details to expose themselves to the story.

Let us make the journey through Lent simply, humbly, deeply, and so that it will renew and energise us rather than leave us tired and harassed amidst a sea of rosters. As the words of the Eucharist say: "Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again." It's that simple — and that profound!

Ann Siddall is a Spiritual Director working within the life of the Uniting Church. She lives in South Australia.

SAMMY STAMP

Some people may not be aware that we collect stamps which are sold to raise funds for Uniting Church Outreach programs. There is a box on the table in the Narthex for stamps. In 2014 a total of \$40,427 was raised and since 1977 more than \$745,000 has been raised. All monies raised are used for outreach. Some of the grants approved in 2014 were: \$4000 for showers and toilets for a College of Nursing in the Solomon Islands, \$5000 to the Solomon Islands Flood Appeal and \$5000 to Share Asylum Seekers Appeal to provide food etc. Please remember to save your stamps for this worthy project.

TIME WELL SPENT



These days it seems like the only way to display the spirit of generosity is with our wallets, but our time is an amazingly valuable commodity that is equally important to share. Between careers, family time and social lives it can be difficult to see where we can make room to make a difference.

What precious little time we have for ourselves is guarded fiercely, and why not? We work hard to gain it – therefore it should be ours to spend!

A few years ago a friend went through a series of events that affected him greatly. A long term relationship ended abruptly, he lost his job and was then injured in a car accident. He was struggling severely with life and it didn't seem like there was much we could do. So myself and a few of our friends organised ourselves to spend time with him each week – mostly just sitting with him and talking or watching DVDs. Showing him practical love and support during an incredibly bleak time was so important for him to make his way back to the person he is now.

Reflection:

Giving your time doesn't necessarily mean cooking free meals or picking up garbage in the park, it's also in the seemingly everyday acts. Whether sharing a meal, helping with a local community project or simply sitting with a friend, being a positive and joyous giver of your time can create a lasting impact in your life and the lives of those around you.

George Wetherall

THAT ROSTER ON THE REFRIGERATOR DOOR!



A lady in our Bible study group was unhappy with the story of Mary and Martha, and, with respect, our Lord, in defending Mary. Our lady is a Scot, a faithful cleaner, flower provider and Church door opener. In today's

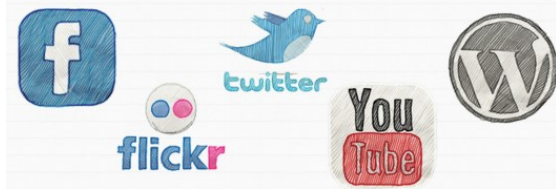
terms a multi-tasker. Why should not Mary help the bustling Martha who is doing all the work? Sometimes children are too busy with homework, or take their turn at the washing up, even though the roster says so. An urgent trip to the toilet is another beauty! Maybe, raking up the grass clippings for Dad would be nice, even if there is no roster for that. With respect, our lady missed the point.

Reflection:

Lord it's all a matter of priorities. Serving is important, listening too. It's all about mission. Hearing and doing are two sides of effective discipleship. Please show us the right balance, and when an appeal to dig deeper suddenly challenges our giving, touch our pockets as well as our hearts.

Bill Pugh

SOCIAL MEDIA



Many people worry that social media is making us anything but social. Communicating via a screen and keyboard lacks the warmth and

immediacy of human contact. But such dismissal of electronic communication ignores the very real connections that can be made.

In my local area we have a Facebook group called 'Buy Swap and Sell'. People post items for sale or free, while others look for pre-loved goods.

You can learn a lot about people by what they are clearing out. Baby clothes, prams and cots means they have moved on from starting a family – many of these people are looking for cubbies, bikes and sporting gear. Household items such as couches and beds can indicate a couple is downsizing, moving from the family home after many years.

But more interesting than the catalogue of items are the conversations between traders. It is obvious from the comments that friendships have started to form; picking up goods has led to a cup of coffee; book clubs have been formed within the group; musical tastes are discussed and playgroups have formed.

What began as a site to recycle goods has become an extension of the local community. People giving of their time, and pre-loved goods, are establishing connections that cross the generations and forming friendships that wouldn't otherwise have happened.

Reflection:

Maybe we all need the occasional prompt to look around our communities and see what we have to offer. How can we connect and give in a way that has the most impact?

SHARING



The little family began with a baby son, mum and dad. Then a little brother arrived. Everyone looking into the pram wanted a hold. No.2 smiled and gurgled ... tolerated by No.1, until he began to crawl.

Then there was a problem about toys and presents. No.1 thought everything belonged to him. Presents

arrived for his little brother's birthday, and people made a fuss of him. No.1 didn't like that. Nobody else should have birthdays and presents. His attitude to this family interloper changed, and at times, he had to be stopped from physically hurting his brother.

It was all about learning to share. There were others in his family to be considered. There were pronouns other than I, me, and mine. There was giving as well as receiving. Presents around the Christmas tree had names on them, not all were his. He had to learn to take turns, and only open his presents. We may smile at his reactions, as he learns to share, but there is a lesson for us too.

Reflection:

Lord sometimes we are so wrapped up in our own little world, that we forget those around us have needs too. The lonely needing a little friendship, the elderly needing a little help, and the Church's mission urgently needing our generous giving. Please remind us that, from those who have been truly blessed, much is to be expected. In as much as we serve the least of our brothers and sisters, we serve Him.

Bill Pugh.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Devotions were led by Wes Porch.

Business arising from minutes. Kids Hope Aus.

A speaker will give the address at our service on 8th March. Training for coordinators will be held on the 17th and 18th March. Thomas Mitchell Primary School has been contacted to see if they are interested in this program.



Business arising from correspondence. The Andrews Centre wishes to speak to some of our congregation to make us aware of what they do. An invitation will be extended to a representative of the Centre to come to a service, possibly on April 26th.

Ministers Report. Kharis will not be available on 26th April and 24th May and will have a day off on 12th April.

Worship report. Infant baptisms will be celebrated on March 15th and April 19th.

We will not have an Ash Wednesday service this year but are welcome to attend the service at Narre Warren North. During Easter week we may attend services from Monday to Wednesday at 7 pm and Thursday at 6 pm. at Narre Warren North. There will also be a shared meal following the Maundy Thursday service. Kharis' time as our supply minister has been extended another three months to the end of May.

Property and Finance. The Manse has been inspected and is in need of a lot of maintenance. A decision is to be made about the future of the manse.

Sunday School/Youth. Stephen and Andrea Mayes are now leading Sunday School on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and activities will be provided for the children on other weeks. The Youth wish to stay in church with their families.

Fundraising. We plan to present the cheque raised for the Philippines to a bishop from the Philippines later this month.

Web Site. This is being continually updated.

General Business. Work is being done on our profile.

Judy Hopkins.

Secretary.



HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Venue
Monday 30th March	7 pm	Narre Warren North Uniting Church, Tom Jones Court Narre Warren North.
Tuesday 31st March	7 pm	
Wednesday 1st April	7 pm	
Maundy Thursday 2nd April There will be a meal as part of the service to commemorate The Last Supper, which will be followed by Communion.	6 pm	
Good Friday 3rd April	10.30 am	Endeavour Hills Uniting Church, Hellyer Way Endeavour Hills
Easter Sunday 5th April	10.30am	

CHURCH COUNCIL

Church Councillors and Elders sign on for up to a 5 year term in office. For some, the time has come either for re-election, to step down, or have a break.

It is also a time when we ask members of the Congregation if they would consider joining Church Council either as a member only, or as an Elder also.

Election will take place at our next Congregational Meeting – yet to be scheduled.

Please see Cheryl, Wes, Judy or Jean or any member of Church Council if you would like further information.

We are not a scary lot – just doing our best for God and His congregation here at Endeavour Hills. No qualifications are necessary – just listen to God to hear if He is leading you in this direction!

SHARE 2015

Share has distributed over \$900,000 in grants to programs giving joy and hope and restoring life to disadvantaged people and some in crisis in 2014.

A new venture is happening!

Over the years some wonderful and generous supporters and friends have blessed Share with gifts in their Wills. Naturally they are delighted to be recipients of such gifts but have not had the opportunity to thank those benefactors.

Consequently, Share has decided to embark upon a proactive bequest promotions campaign commencing in February 2015.

They will send a free booklet to their most loyal supporters.

We now have one copy to display, so please see “Sharing The Seeds Of Hope: A guide to leaving a gift to Share in your Will” on the table in the foyer. Should you want a copy please phone 03 9251 5910.

Lynne Bryan

Notice Board

Sammy Stamp



Please save your used stamps for the Sammy Stamp Appeal—this has raised more than

\$745,000 for needy causes since it began. Please deposit saved stamps in the box marked “STAMPS” on the table in the Narthex.

Trading Table & Book Sales

The next Trading Table will be on the 8th March. The February takings were \$40.00. The proceeds from the next two months will be in aid of Kids' Hope Aus.

Please contact Heather Kimber.

Phone : 9796 8154

Lawn Mowing & Gardening

If you enjoy gardening and lawn mowing, your help with the gardens at the church and the Manse will be very much appreciated.

Contact: Bruce Hansen 9706 0585

Email: bajphansen@bigpond.com

Paper Collection & Packing

Next Packing Day will be announced in due course. Please keep bringing your old newspapers.

Please Note: The collection of aluminium cans has been discontinued.



Kids Hope Aus

Mr Tim Smith from Kids Hope Aus will be presenting the sermon at our Worship Service. Kids Hope Aus is a program designed to link 'one church' with 'one school' to ultimately help vulnerable children in the community.

Check out the website:

www.kidshopeaus.org.au

Casseroles

For many years Judy Hopkins has been organising meals for people in our congregation going through sickness, etc. If you would like to help please leave your details with Judy and she will contact you when needed.

Phone: 9700 7551

Email: judy.inehills@bigpond.com

The Andrews Centre

Donations of non-perishable food will be gratefully received.

Just bring along a couple of cans or whatever you can spare and these will be delivered during the week. There are many in our community in need.

See page 19 for more information about the Andrews Centre.

Notice Board

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

The group meets at the Church at 10.00 am for Bible study (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 10 am on Friday mornings (except on the 1st Friday of the month) 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!

First Friday Lunch



**12.30 PM ON THE FIRST FRIDAY
OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT
JANUARY**

Various people take turns in organising the First Friday Lunch. Everybody is welcome, and you are invited to bring your friends too.

Check Notice Sheet on Sunday prior to lunch for name and contact details of Organiser and venue of lunch.

Contact Organiser by 5 pm on the Wednesday preceding the lunch if you can come.

10 COMMANDMENTS FOR GETTING ON WITH PEOPLE

1. Speak to people — there is nothing as nice as a cheerful word of greeting.
2. Smile at people — it takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile.
3. Call people by name — the sweetest music to anyone's ears is the sound of one's own name.
4. Be friendly and helpful — if you would have friends, be friendly.
5. Be cordial — speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure.
6. Be genuinely interested in people — you can like most people if you try.
7. Be generous with praise, cautious with criticism.
8. Be considerate of the feelings of others. It will be appreciated.
9. Be thoughtful of the opinions of others. There are 3 sides to a controversy — yours, the other person's and the right one!
10. Be alert to give service — what counts most in life is what you do for others.

- From the Seaside'. Magazine of the Le Fevre Peninsula Parish of the Uniting Church in Australia.

Thought for the Month

**Blessed are they who can
laugh at themselves, for they
shall never cease to be amused.**

BRAMBLE BUSHES

I love blackberry jam. A couple of weeks ago, I picked a pail of wild blackberries for my wife, Joan. You may have encountered domesticated berries. They grow on more or less thornless canes in disciplined rows. But the wild



berries that I pick are descended from a Himalayan stowaway. The canes grow in chaotic tangles, on treacherous slopes, with thorns that can slice skin open faster than a surgeon's scalpel. I have tried various ways of protecting myself from the thorns. I have armoured myself with a leather jacket, welder's gloves and two pairs of jeans. Not one thorn penetrated my skin.

However, several thousand hooked deep into my protective covering. They wrapped around me tighter than the arms of an octopus. It took me almost an hour to peel those vicious vines off me, one by one. I've concluded it's actually safer to pick blackberries while wearing a minimum of clothing. Bare arms are more vulnerable, but at least I can feel the thorns nibbling before they sink their teeth into me.

These days, my technique is to squirm as far into the berry bush as I dare, pick everything I can reach and then try to extricate myself with a minimum of damage, which is not a bad description of how I write my newspaper columns.

As a journalist, I can't possibly be an expert in all the subject areas I write about. I have no degrees in psychological counselling, geology, microbiology, economics, astronomy or genetics. Yet often I have to reach deep into those subjects to make connections. Limited to my own professional expertise, I'd have to write mainly about colons, commas and quotation marks. Those subjects don't have many avid readers.

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Bramble Bushes

So I have to wriggle as deep as I dare into thorny thickets where I am a rank amateur. Sometimes I manage to pluck some juicy fruit out of the tangle; sometimes I have to extricate myself from a mess of my own making. I'm grateful for those persons who take the trouble to supplement my education when I get into difficulties. Writing a weekly column doesn't make me an expert. It makes me a lifelong learner.

I'm also grateful to those who risk sharing their stories with me. Faith is not a given, packaged with all necessary ingredients like Kraft Dinner. It's more like a plant, always growing. Each experience shapes that plant. No other person on earth, living or dead, has had exactly the same experiences as me. So it's only as I can be confident that my experiences parallel theirs that I can expect their faith to resemble mine. You may not have picked wild blackberries. But I'm sure you've found yourself entangled in difficult situations. Hopefully, you got out with minimal damage. Perhaps, in hind-sight, you even gained something valuable from the experience. It influenced your development, your understanding, your sense of meaning. To paraphrase another saying, when life hands you thornbushes, make jam.

-By Jim Taylor. Used with permission. Jim is a freelance journalist living in British Columbia.

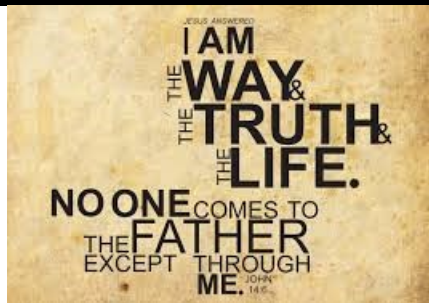
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I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH AND THE LIFE

JOHN 14:6

The truth here means the Christian's union with Christ (the Word of God) is the key to the root of holiness. How do we achieve a life of true holiness? It is by an inspirational study of the Bible, meditation on the Word and a life dedicated to



continuous, importunate prayer. An effort to seek holiness can be made when Scripture becomes alive to the reader with the enabling inspiration of the Spirit of God. It has to be an entire life of self-consecration to God, setting aside a time every day for an appointment with Him, amidst our busy lifestyles. We all see in part and have a treasure in earthen vessels. Human life is a life of choices, like politics, secularism or worldliness, or to continue with our own lifestyles, as opposed to practical holiness. The subject of personal godliness is not sufficiently preached in churches today. Preachers preach what the listeners wish to hear. Therefore, the subject of holiness has become irrelevant and hence driven into insignificance. In the book of Titus we understand the immense importance of adoring the doctrine of God, our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ. (*Titus 1:1-3.*) Are our daily habits and tempers compatible with what Saint Paul says in the book of Titus? Are we merely Sunday Christians only in the Church? Why do heathens, pagans or worldly unbelieving people complain that the 'religious' people are not as likeable, friendly, unselfish and good natured as others who make no profession of religion? Preachers speak about sanctification and justification. Sound protestant and evangelical doctrine is useless if it is not accompanied by a holy life. It could be worse than useless. It brings religion into disrepute and

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I am the Way...

contempt. Satan or the deceiver is fully aware of the power of true holiness. Let him not mystify true believers and confuse their minds about sanctification and justification, words without knowledge. Let us also hope goodwill will be brought out of evil, discussion will elicit truth, and a variety of opinion will lead us all to search the Scriptures more, to pray more and become more diligent in trying to find out what the Mind of the Spirit is. A life of daily self-consecration and daily communion with God should be the aim of all true believers. We need to pursue the habit of presenting our Lord everything we find a burden and casting them upon Him. (1 Peter 5:6)

The Word of God speaks of only two divisions of humankind. It speaks of the living and the dead in sin, the believer and the unbeliever, converted and the unconverted, the wise and the foolish, the children of God and the children of the devil. Between these two classes there is an enormous chasm, as distinct as life and death, light and darkness, heaven and hell. We need to understand it is a gradual growth in grace, knowledge, faith, love, holiness, humility and spiritual-mindedness. The need of true believers in the present age is, to dedicate and consecrate themselves more in spirit, soul and body to Christ and diligently seek the Mind of Christ.

Laksman Pethiyagoda

THE ANDREWS CENTRE

ENDEAVOUR MINISTRIES AND OPPORTUNITY SHOP

The website for the above ministry is www.andrewscentre.org.au

If you have time – check it out. It is very interesting and our church was very much a part of this ministry, especially the Opportunity Shop, in the early years.

Judy Martin, from The Andrews Centre, will be giving the address in our worship service on the 12th April to let the newer members of our congregation know what the Centre is all about and bringing the rest of us up to date on what they are doing in the community now.

The Andrews Centre is where we take the food donated by you and dedicated at worship on Sundays.

Perhaps it's time for a reminder – any non perishable food is greatly appreciated.

Jean Lacey

THE DAILY ROUND OF LIFE

In the daily round of life, dust and cobwebs accumulate in our souls. The hidden corners of our hearts become encrusted with grime or filled with forgotten debris. During the weeks of Lent, God's Spirit is given opportunity to clear away the clutter, sweep away the dust and wash us clean. We are invited to prepare ourselves heart, soul, mind and body for the new life of Easter.

Marlene Kropf in The Mennonite. Christianity Today - February 2004



QUOTES AND COMMENTS

Jesus said, "Love one another." He didn't say love the whole world.

Mother Teresa

It is reported that a text in a certain study reads., "God so loved the world that he didn't send a committee."

God created us to love people and use things; our problems come when we love things and use people.

An elderly man had serious hearing problems for a number of years. His family tried again and again to convince him to get a hearing aid. Finally, he relented. He went to the doctor and was fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed him to hear 100 percent.

A month later he went back to the doctor. The doctor said with a smile, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The old man replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to their conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

From Leadership

We have enough religion to make us hate, but not enough to make us love one another.

Jonathan Swift

An individual's capacity for justice makes democracy possible; but their inclination to injustice makes democracy necessary.

- Reinhold Niebuhr

Books and numbers

Marriage is like a long trip in a rowboat. If one passenger starts to rock the boat, the other needs to steady it; otherwise they will both go to the bottom together.

David Reuben

The wedding was over and the minister was standing at the church door in his white alb and stole, black hair and beard. A little girl at her first wedding was saying goodbye. "Bye Nanna, bye Papa" and with a wave at the minister, "See you later, Jesus."

"WHO DO WE THINK WE ARE?"

FEBRUARY 7TH, 2015

Twenty seven people met (age 10 to 80) to share ideas about the identity of this church as a "people of God"... and to work towards future directions and activities.

Kharis led us in a short time of worship to acknowledge God and welcome him into our conversation and ideas, asking for the direction of Holy Spirit. The scripture reading mentioned a time when God reminded his people that he had created them, redeemed them, called them by name, and promised to be with them always, no matter how grim things seemed, guiding them into an unknown future. "I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?" (Isaiah 43:1-4, 16-21)

We looked at 'our mission statement and unanimously (it seemed... we didn't vote) agreed that what we desire to be is what those words say!

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

It was then a good place to begin. Most agreed that we were falling very short of being engaged satisfactorily in much of what we claim to be.

It was felt that we needed to be engaged and commit more to the building up of the members of the congregation—sharing our faith and supporting each other—in order to be useful in connecting with people 'outside' the church walls. We need to get to know each other and we need to grow spiritually.

"Together We Grow"

It was thought that small groups was perhaps the best way to offer spiritual and personal support, and social events would also add to getting to know each other...(nurture). Whilst learning would take place in those groups more learning opportunities were needed (Biblical and world

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Who do we Think we Are?

knowledge). E.g. We would encourage people to attend Neighbourhood Centre information session regarding Street Drugs in our Local Community!

With ideas on connecting with community it was agreed that we work alongside other agencies – complementing, supporting and sharing with them, or starting something new that is needed, but not happening as yet.

The day was a positive one which ignited passion and enthusiasm to start growing, sharing, and following the call of God in community. We prayed for discernment and listening ears to hear what God was calling us into. We felt as though we heard each other, and were on one ‘page’. We were recalled into unity to grow forward as the body of Christ—together.

The full report of suggestions and ideas will be available for you to read if you would like it—just ask me. Please place any ideas, comments, offers, in the “Suggestion Box” on the wall down in the foyer of the old Childcare end of the building. Discussion will continue. Look out for “Together” events.

Please indicate your willingness to be involved in a “Small Group” (nurture, sharing, studying, whatever the members decide) by placing your name on the sheet on the Guest Book stand. We will start these as soon as possible.

Cheryl Doddrell

CARTOON CORNER

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



"The Bible says to bear one another's burdens.
You got the 'bear' part down."

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



"A sermon on not letting technology replace
the human touch? I have an app for that!"

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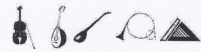


"God got His children to cross the Red Sea
and the Jordan River ... I can't even get
mine to take a bath."

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

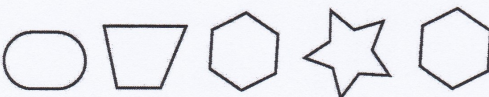
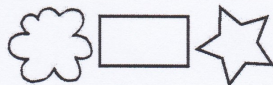
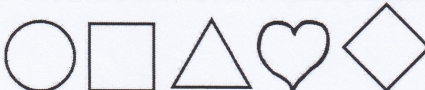
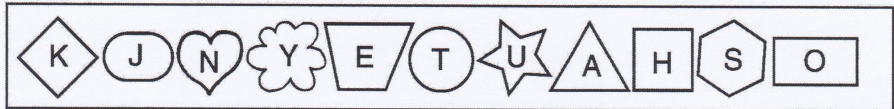
Hidden Words

Colour the spaces that have these musical instruments. Some instruments are used more than once. Others are not used at all.



Psalms 100:4

"Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name." Write the letter from each shape into the same shape below.



Answer: Thank you Jesus

USAGE OF CHURCH BUILDING

Day	Time	Group	Area
Sunday	10.30 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas
	2—3 pm	Jesuran Computer Classes	Hall
	3-6:30 pm	Jesuran Worship Service	Church
Tuesday	7:30-9 pm (1 st and 3 rd Tuesday)	Beta Bible Study	Meeting Room
	7:30 - 9 pm (4 th Tuesday)	Property & Finance Committee	Meeting Room
Wednesday	10-12 noon(except School Holidays)	Bible Study	Meeting Room
	7-9 pm	Jesuran Music Group (6-8 people)	Hall
	7:30 pm (1st Wednesday)	Presbytery	Hall
	7:30 – 9:30 pm (2nd Wednesday)	Church Council	Hall
Thursday	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
Saturday	9.30 am – 2:30 pm	Jesuran Worship	Hall & Church
Other areas for meetings as necessary			
ALL GROUPS will have access to toilets and kitchen. "Hall" = old pre-school area			



Lectioary for March

Date		Readings
Lent 2 1st March 2015		Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16 Psalm 22:23-31 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38
Lent 3 8th March 2015		Exodus 20:1-17 Psalm 19 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 John 2:13-22
Lent 4 15th March 2015		Numbers 21:4-9 Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 Ephesians 2:1-10 John 3:14-21
Lent 5 22nd March 2015		Jeremiah 31:31-34 Psalm 51:1-12 Hebrews 5:5-10 John 12:20-33
Palm Sunday 29th March 2015		Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29 Philippians 2:5-11 Mark 11:1-11

FAMILY PRAYER MINISTRY

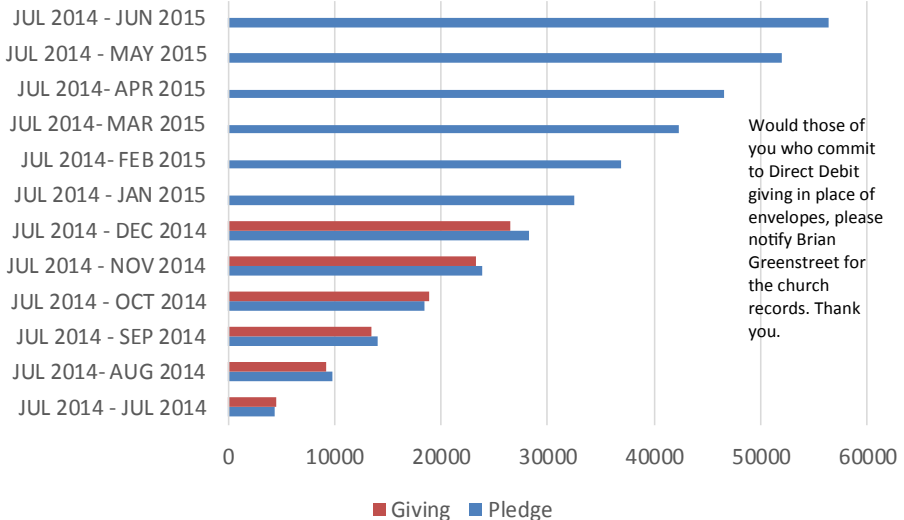


In our Family Prayer Ministry we pray for three families of our congregation every week, from Sunday to Saturday. This is in addition to our Prayer Chain Ministry, and other special requests mentioned during Worship Services.

Please keep the families listed below in your prayers during the weeks indicated.

Week beginning:	Families		
1st March	COMMUNION SUNDAY		
8th March	KNIGHT	LACEY	MANUOFETOA
15th March	BAPTISM		
22nd March	MARTIN	MATTHYS	MCADAM
29th March	MEHL	MOORE	MORLAND

Planned Giving



March Roster

March 2015	1	8	15	22	29
Bible Reading	Wes & Jenni Porch	Gavin Bartholomeusz Elke Beecher	Pam Cowley Gavin Bartholomeusz	Colin Wilhelms Sue Reid	Lynda & Brian Greenstreet
Communion Preparation	Pam Cowley Patricia Matthys				
Communion Servers	Diane Hall Colin Wilhelms				
Communion Steward	Brian Hall				
Counting of Offering	Lynne Brian 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 Flow- ers	Mary Mehl	Artificial Flowers	Artificial Flowers
Kitchen	Joan Hansen Sandra	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	Jenni Porch Murray John	Michelle & Rufane Smith	Olive Morland	Band
Preacher/Duty Elder	Kharis Susilowati Diane Hall	Tim Smith (Kids Hope Aus) Judy Hopkins	Kharis Susilowati Pam Cowley Rev. Ineke Gyles (Baptism)	Kharis Susilowati Colin Wilhelms	Kharis Susilowati Diane Hall
Public Address	Colin Wilhelms	Warren Ward	Paul Watkins	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Geoff Lacey
<p style="text-align: center;">A Reminder</p> <p>If you swap, would you please make a note on the Roster on the Notice Board? Also, it may be a good idea to make sure you are not doing conflicting duties!</p> <p>For those needing access to the church, please note that Jesuran Healing is using our church every Saturday from 9.30 am to 2.30 pm.</p>					

April Roster

April 2015	3 Good Friday	5 Easter Sunday	12	19	26
Bible Reading	Cheryl Doddrell Geoff Lacey	Diane & Brian Hall	Lynne Brian David Gamepudi	Sue & Stan Ashley	Joan Hanse Mary Mehl
Communion Preparation		Heather Kimber Christine Summers			
Communion Servers		Diane Hall Judy Hopkins Cheryl Doddrell			
Counting of Offering		Patricia Matthys David Gamepudi	Warren Ward Lynne Bryan	Sandra Cox Pam Cowley	Bruce Hansen Grant Allison
Door/Offering	Christine Summers	Andrew Moore	Grant Allison	Murray John	Sandra Cox
Early Word		Kharis Susilowati	Michelle Smith	Steve Mayes	Sue Reid
Flowers		Elizabeth Kapitany	Artificial Flowers	Edith John Cheryl Doddrell	Artificial Flowers
Kitchen		Delilah Spencer Elizabeth Moore	Smith Family	Sue & Stan Ashley	Mathy Watkins Jaqui Gacutan
Organist/ Pianist	Olive Morland	Olive Morland	Sue Reid	Sue Reid	Band
PowerPoint	Jean Lacey	Ursula Ebert	Andrew Moore	Patricia Matthys	Marion Ward
Praise Time		TBA	Geoff Harkness	Olive Morland	Band
Preacher/Duty Elder	Kharis Susilowati Cheryl Doddrell	Kharis Susilowati Diane Hall Rev. Ineke Gyles (Communion)	Judy Martin (The Andrews Centre) Colin Wilhelms	Kharis Susilowati Judy Hopkins Rev. Ineke Gyles (Baptism)	TBA Pam Cowley
Public Address	Colin Wilhelms	Warren Ward	Paul Watkins	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Geoff Lacey

Endeavour Hills Uniting Church

Service Times

Sunday of the Month	10.30 am
1st	Worship Service with Communion
2nd, 3rd	Worship Service
4th (when 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

Church Council

Chairperson

Cheryl Doddrell 9700 1674

Vice Chairperson

Wes Porch 9706 1995

Treasurer

Catherine Gonsalves 9796 9852

Church Council Secretary

Judy Hopkins 9700 7551

Council Members

Gavin Bartholomeusz 9700 5015

Jean Lacey 9700 7246

Marion Ward 9700 1878

Elders

George Balthazar 9700 3998

Pam Cowley 9793 5997

Cheryl Doddrell 9700 1674

Diane Hall 9700 5104

Judy Hopkins 9700 7551

Colin Wilhelms 9794 7175

Our Web Address

The Endeavour Hills Uniting Church web page is available for viewing at <http://www.ehuc.org.au>. Church Council oversees its maintenance. Please send all correspondence etc. to the Secretary, Judy Hopkins. Email: church_council@ehuc.org.au

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Sandra Cox

Work Groups

Conveners

Administration

Jean Lacey

Hospital Visiting Team

Judy Hopkins

Pastoral

Judy Hopkins

Prayer Chain

Mary Mehl

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'

Contributions to Interact

Any material you may have to be included in Interact may be sent in one of two ways:

1. e-mail (preferred method) to interact@ehuc.org.au putting "Interact" in the subject line
2. leave in the green Interact folder which is located on the stand to the right of the kitchen window.

Your articles, notices, goods & services for sale etc. are very welcome, **BUT please include your name, phone number &/or email address in case it is necessary to contact you.**

Material should be submitted by 5 pm on the deadline dates indicated below:

Month	Deadline	Publication Date
March 2015	February 22nd	March 1st
April 2015	March 29th	April 5th
May 2015	April 26th	May 3rd
June 2015	May 31st	June 7th