

INTERACT

The Magazine of the Endeavour Hills Uniting Church

The Time it is a-Changing!

From September 7th 2014, Sunday Morning Worship
will commence at 10.30 a.m. until further notice.

See page 10.



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

WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED



In one congregation I served, summertime was the catalyst for many of our members to hook up their camper trailers and head off for a weekend at a beautiful campground. In an effort to minister to these

“weekenders,” I floated the idea of offering a Monday night worship service for the returning campers.

One hot July evening, only one man showed up. As I visited with him and glanced anxiously at my watch, it became obvious there would be only three of us: the organist, the lone worshiper, and I. Finally, I went ahead with a shortened version of the service. I know my heart was not in it because I was inwardly pouting over my disappointment. I wonder what memories the “lone worshiper” has of that service. I know that I will never forget it! The “martyr complex” I felt that night is symbolic of other times in my ministry when I was really into the numbers game and became quite discouraged when the turnout at a meeting or special service was smaller than anticipated. On those occasions, the words of Jesus, “where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them,” were far from my thoughts.

And yet, in reflection, some of the most moving times in my ministry have come when only two or three of us were gathered together in Christ’s name. One such incident comes to mind from my early years as a pastor. I was asked to call on a member of the congregation who had been a patient in a mental hospital for many years. It was a 40-mile trip to the hospital, so I brought along my private communion set with the goal of sharing the sacrament with him on this visit. After I met Louie, I did my best to spark some kind of conversation with him. Since Louie had been a farmer, I used my own farm background to weave in comments and questions that I thought just might interest him. Nothing! Louie seemed to be off in his own

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Where Two or Three Are Gathered

little world, mumbling some unintelligible words and occasionally looking at me with a blank stare. So, I moved on to plan B. I said: “Louie, I would like to share Holy Communion with you.” To my surprise, he quieted and then folded his hands. So, there we were, just the two of us, in this stark hospital room. I prepared the bread and wine and then shared God’s word and offered a prayer. Then I said to him: “Louie, let’s pray together the Lord’s Prayer.” The memory is as vivid as if it were yesterday. As I began to pray, I could hear Louie’s clear voice praying the Lord’s Prayer with me. He didn’t miss a word! Surely the presence of the Lord was in that place.

I learned something in a congregation I served where consistently there were over 500 people at the worship service. In a follow-up to visitors I often heard the comment, “You certainly serve a friendly congregation.” Of course, I was pleased to hear that and then would ask: “Why do you say that?” “Oh, people talked with us and smiled at us and welcomed us.” My response: “How many people would you say did that?” Their response: “Oh, I suppose there were at least five different people who spoke to us.”

Think about it: hundreds of people did not even know of their presence. But, because a small group of people took the time to welcome them, they concluded that this was a friendly congregation. The impact that a few people can have on a congregation is powerful. Never discount that! Never sell yourself short.

It doesn’t matter whether the group is large or small, right? Through the centuries, Jesus reassures us: “Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

— E. Dean Windhom, *excerpted with permission from The Clergy Journal*, © Logos Productions.

FROM LITTLE THINGS



When I was asked to write this piece, a couple of things came to mind. One was the great saying of Winston Churchill; “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” The other was that of C. S Lewis; “Nothing is really ours until we share it.” Both statements reminded me of my ministry placement at Springvale Uniting Church, a congregation with a big

heart but very limited resources.

There were many situations where we didn’t know how we would be able to extend God’s love to those in dire need, especially in our dealings with the newly arrived refugees. A step of faith inspired the Springvale congregation to start a No Interest Travel Loan Fund to help these families. Yet there was no money—not a cent for this project. Overwhelmingly, the generous and kind-hearted giving of many congregations and individuals who had heard our story enabled this project to bear fruit and gave life to these families. The families were offered hope and new life, and experienced God’s love anew.

Reflection: I believe that when the Spirit moves us to act, we should move with it. Otherwise, we will be left behind and miss out on the great blessings that are in store for God’s mission. May the Holy Spirit remind us that “we make a life by what we give,” and “nothing is really ours until we share it.”

Lavingi Fine Tupou

WORDS THAT ENCOURAGE



There was born to a woman who had no husband a beautiful son; this child was much loved and well looked after.

As he grew and attended childcare, then school, he withdrew into himself because people were always asking him, “Who is your father?”. This

distressed him as he had no answer.

Mother and son usually attended church on a Sunday and the boy always managed to avoid talking to anyone after the service, so that no one could ask him, “Who is your father?”

This certain Sunday he got distracted and was late leaving the service, when the minister greeted them and asked the boy, “Who is your father?” Fortunately, the minister saw that the boy was upset as soon as he’d asked this, and so he said, “Oh! Wait a minute I know who your father is—you are a child of God.” The boy was delighted with this response and thereafter always answered people with the words, “I am a child of God”. This boy went on growing in confidence and became a leader of his country.

We should remember someone in our lives today who needs a reminder that they are one of God’s children.

The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of God stands forever.

We are all God’s children.

Shalom to you all.

Pam Cowley

THERE ARE THREE KINDS OF PEOPLE IN THIS WORLD

1. The natural man has not received Christ; he has a self-centred life in his being. He is in charge and dominates everything in life. Christ is outside of his life. 1Cor.2:14
2. The spiritual man is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit. He abides in Christ and yields to Christ, and being spiritual, he has the mind of Christ. 1Cor.2:15
3. The carnal man has received Christ, but tries to live the Christian life by his own strength. 1Cor.3:1-3

Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is the third Person of the Holy Trinity. He is a Person possessing a will, intellect and emotions.

He is God with all the attributes of deity co-equal with God the Father and God the Son. There is one God but He manifests in three Persons, whom Christians call the Trinity. (Triune God)

To be filled with the Holy Spirit is to be filled with Christ. The Holy Spirit came to glorify Christ and to lead believers into all Truth, the Word of God.

There are three levels of life in humans

1. Unbelievers who have no Holy Spirit
2. Believers indwelt, but not filled with the Holy Spirit
3. Believers indwelt and who are filled with the Holy Spirit

Although Christian believers have received salvation, very few of them live their lives by the power of the Holy Spirit. Few Christians are aware of what it means to live by the Spirit; to be led by the Spirit in their daily lives as God intended. Those Christians who are filled with the Holy Spirit know the reality of an abundant life, being filled with the Holy Spirit and are living constantly, moment by moment, under His gracious direction.

Acts 1:8; Romans 6: 11-14; Galatians 5:22

Laksman Pethiyagoda

FRONTIER NEWS

The statistics are telling. On average per capita, men in Outback Australia and other isolated regions of Australia are far more likely than their city counterparts to die young, (and often tragically), to commit suicide, to suffer from mental health problems, to abuse alcohol and drugs, to find themselves on the wrong side of the law and/or be incarcerated.

However, what Frontier Services does have is *an abundance of heart, experience and skills* amongst its Ministry and Community Services workforce to provide timely and meaningful help to people dealing with these problems and more, right across regional and remote Australia.

Please read the “Men’s Edition” of August Frontier News.

JOHN FLYNN

Religious Minister. Bushman. Journalist. Photographer. Lecturer. Epic traveller. Social commentator. Advocate. To generations, John Flynn was simply “Flynn of the Inland”.

The ministry John Flynn began with the Australian Inland Mission is the legacy Frontier Services carries forth today. Flynn imagined bringing spirituality and practical resources to the far-flung people of inland Australia. He dreamed of closing the vast empty spaces between them.

John Flynn’s vision was as comprehensive as it was epic: ‘padres’ patrolling parishes as big as European countries: hospitals, schools, rest homes and libraries built upon the hard gibber; nurses and doctors accessible in the remote heartland; an “air ambulance” supported by a nation-wide radio network run by amateurs, replaying any medical emergency.

Contributed by Lynne Bryan

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

13th August 2014

Devotions were led by Cheryl Doddrell.

Business Arising from Minutes. Letters were sent to Patricia Matthys and Rufane Smith thanking them for their contributions to Church Council.

Business Arising from Correspondence. Olive Morland has resigned from the Special Services Worship group as she was the only remaining member of this group.

An invitation was received from Narre Warren North Uniting Church Council to Endeavour Hills Church Council to join them at their Church Council meeting to discuss the futures of both our churches. Some members of our Church Council will attend.

F.O.D. Kharis Susilowati joined us to discuss her role as Supply Minister. Kharis will lead our worship on Sunday 24th August and will commence as Supply Minister on Sunday 7th September.

Worship. We discussed whether a Carol Service would be held this year, what form it should take and a suitable date. It was decided to have a service of carols and readings with the Singing Group leading the singing. This will be on Sunday 21st December.

Property and Finance. We have not yet purchased a new photocopier as this needs more research. Geoff Lacey needs more help organising the maintenance of the building. Lauleti's name and contact details have been removed from the notice board and web site.

Church Membership/Carers. New carers have been allocated to those people whom Manusiu cared for.

General Business. Re-elections at AGM were discussed. Jean and Judy discussed their morning at Narre Warren North where they observed some of outreach programs undertaken.

Judy Hopkins

Minutes Secretary.



CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHANGE OF WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES



It was decided at the Annual General Meeting held on the 17th August 2014 that, from the 7th September 2014, our **Sunday Worship** will start at 10.30 am instead of 11 am; our **Praise Time** will commence at 10.20 am. It is expected that these times will be in place until a permanent minister is appointed.

ANNUAL REPORT 2013-2014

A copy of the Annual Report for 2013/2014 is available on our website at www.ehuc.org.au. Click on the Publications tab.

Alternatively, you may contact Anne Williams (Phone: 9700 6114 Email: annewilliamsa@bigpond.com) for a printed copy.

INTERACT AND THE WEBSITE

Many families have opted to read Interact on the website instead of having the printed version; however the printed version will be kept as an option for as long as it is required.

If anyone has any ideas for the website, please contact:

Jean Lacey (ganjlacey@ozemail.com.au)

or

Marion Ward (wardmarion@hotmail.com).

Photos of various events are very welcome.

CARE GIVING

Differently abled we are gifts to each other.

Through the gift of a visitor's touch,
presence is shared
... humanity is realised.

We may become vulnerable
... treading water in a sea of uselessness.

Yet the simple sense of touch
bridges the abyss between helplessness
and loneliness.

The precious gift of 'being' for each other
creates a new reality;
and giving, gives far more than each
intends

... to be pondered in a time beyond
embrace.

Di Price

Notice Board

Sammy Stamp



Please save your used stamps for the Sammy Stamp Appeal—this has raised more than \$600,000 for needy

causes since it began.

Our thanks to Warren Ward who makes sure the stamps are not damaged and that there is at least 3mm around the perforations.

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 14th September 2014.

The August takings were \$95.00.

Thank you to Lynne for keeping up the Book sales.

Please contact Heather Kimber.

Phone : 9796 8154

Paper Collection & Packing

Aluminium Can Collection

Next loading day is set for 12th September 9-00 a.m. at Dandenong North U C. If you can assist please come along.

Contact Syd Swaby.



Lawn Mowing & Gardening

Anyone noticed the “garden” lately???? If you have an hour or so to start on the weeds, that would be great!!!

Web Site

The web site could do with more photos (with permission from the people concerned). Anyone who can take a few photos at church events is encouraged to do so —e.g. anything from NCYC, photos of children and youth activities, Trading Table, Praise Time Singers, Singing Group etc.— just look around. The more people involved the better our web site will look. (Please submit to Jean Lacey or Marion Ward.) A big ‘thank you’ in advance.

The Andrews Centre

We are continuing to take donations of food to the Andrews Centre each week, which is very much appreciated. Just bring any donations and leave near the door on Sundays.

Notice Board

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

The group meets at the Church at 10.15 am for Morning Tea and at 10.30 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.

HOSPITALITY IN A MODERN WORLD



I recently spent two-and-a-half weeks in Darwin. I'd never been to the city before and was unfamiliar with all the quirks

and beauty it (quite literally!) harbours. Being that I went in the popular dry season, accommodation options were very expensive. Modest hotel rooms began at \$200.

Eventually I looked on an online noticeboard for community-based private advertising. A beautiful self-contained unit in Darwin for \$125 a night came up. It was owned by a family who lived in the house beside it on the same property. Not only was this option affordable, the arrangement was far better than any hotel. The unit had a large breezy double bedroom, outdoor area, access to a pool, kitchenette, office space and large bathroom. There was complimentary coffee and Wi-Fi, a friendly pet dog, and the offer to use their washing machine in the house. Even an old but sturdy pushbike was provided for use. When I got food poisoning from some badly handled seafood, the family offered food and electrolyte supplements – accompanied by a 'let us know whatever you need'.

Reflection: Between complete strangers, this arrangement was mutually beneficial, non-exploitative and harmonious. I felt cared and provided for in a way that was not stressful or financially burdensome. At the end of our stay I wrote a kind note in their 'guest book' which was filled with former guests' gratitude for their kindness. The family could easily charge more while providing less – but they choose to operate this side venture with integrity in a way that benefits not just themselves but those receiving their hospitality.

Megan Graham

A HAIR-RAISING CONTRIBUTION



The usual method of giving is a donation of money; however I am pleasantly surprised on a regular basis by the many different forms it takes. One area that often gets minimal recognition is that of volunteers. Our organisation, and many others, could not operate without the generosity of many hundreds of volunteers who give their time and expertise. I am the treasurer of various organisations and in these roles I often witness the enormous donation of time for the benefit of others. Many of these different types of giving were encapsulated for me during 'Jim's BIG Shave' for SHARE a few years ago. The costume shop gave us free use of their huge range of costumes to use for publicity photos and the hairdresser donated his time and (thankfully for me) his skill.

Reflection: Many other people gave financially to demonstrate their desire for me to be less hirsute and in the process, we raised many thousands of dollars for those in need. All of these volunteers make wonderful contributions towards creating a better world for many other people and reflect that 'giving is indeed living'.

Jim Milne

ENDEAVOUR HILLS UNITING CHURCH & NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

Shopping Tour

Grab a bargain shopping at factory outlets!

The Neighbourhood Centre and Uniting Church are holding a combined fundraising tour, so book your seat now. You can relax and chat while the driver takes you to 10-11 outlets on the day, with a great variety of ranges and discounts. Everyone is welcome, so why don't you invite a friend or relative to share your day out.



Day: Saturday
Date: 11 October 2014
Time: Bus departs at 8.00am and returns at 6.00pm
Departure: From the Uniting Church
11 Hellyer Way, Endeavour Hills
Cost: \$31.00 (BYO lunch)

Phone 9700 3789 (Mon-Fri 9am-3pm) to book your seat.

**Payment of \$31.00 due by Friday 12th September at the Endeavour Hills Uniting Care Neighbourhood Centre office,
10 Raymond McMahon Road, Endeavour Hills.**

QUOTES AND COMMENTS

Humans are born with 300 bones in their body; however when a person reaches adulthood they only have 206 bones. This occurs because many of them join together to make a single bone.

greatfacts.com

It takes the Hubble telescope about 97 minutes to complete an orbit of the Earth. On average, the Hubble uses the equivalent amount of energy as 30 household light bulbs to complete an orbit.

greatfacts.com

Reconciliation should be accompanied by justice, otherwise it will not last. While we all hope for peace it shouldn't be peace at any cost but peace based on principle, on justice.

Corazon Aquino

Consider how much more you suffer from your anger and grief than from those very things for which you are angry and grieved.

— *Marcus Aurelius*

The tragedy is not that things are broken. The tragedy is that they are not mended again.

The history of a people is found in its songs.

George Jellinek

After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music.

Aldous Huxley

Let your intentions be good — embodied in good thoughts, cheerful words, and unselfish deeds — and the world will be to you a bright and happy place in which to work and play and serve.

Grenville Kleiser

Realise that if you have time to whine and complain about something then you have the time to do something about it.

Anthony J. D'Angelo

I can remember what flavour of ice cream cone my grandmother and I shared at Disneyworld; but most of the time, I can't remember what day it is. I guess it depends on what you think is important.

Katherine, age 13

THE RAIN



The rain it raineth on the just
And also on the unjust fella.
But chiefly on the just because
The unjust steals the just's umbrella.

Contributed by Judy Hopkins



WHAT HAVE SMARTPHONES EVER DONE FOR US?

“Well, aside from mobile phones, landlines, pay phones, cameras, Walkman, Dictaphones, cheap computers, portable TVs, pocket calculators, watches, alarm clocks, and sat navs ... what have smartphones done for us?” says Office Watch: “also Video cameras, Post It note reminders, diaries, Rolodex, timetables, translator, portable radio, newspapers, magazines, compass, torch, mirror, conversion tables, stopwatch, magnifying glass, ruler, spirit level, eBook reader, file storage, Office document-viewer and editor (if desperate)”

“OK ... aside from those 32 things ... what have smartphones ever done for us?”

CARTOON CORNER

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



“Because Jesus saves and because of His Great Commission - is that how He makes a living?”

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



“I see – revival of the fittest.”

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



“If Sarah can give birth at 90, I can certainly sign up for nursery work.”

Salt and Light by Jonny Hawkins



“Spinach is *not* an abomination unto the Lord!”

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS



Image courtesy of Adam Dser on flickr

Some of us still remember a penny. Even a one-penny ice cream! As kids in our Sunday School, mostly a penny was put in the bowl as it came down the row. A penny was large and made a lot of noise as the boys dropped it into the plate on top of the rest. We sang, “Hear the pennies dropping, listen how they fall, every one for Jesus, He shall have them all.” Then came decimal currency, the widening mission of the Church – a few cents were not enough. We could no longer sing, “Hear the pennies dropping.” We had sermons and reminders that we needed to increase our giving; stewardship of time, talent and energy. Ourselves and our resources were the focus.

We were, and are, challenged by the parable of the talents. We could no longer think of giving to God the little bit leftover. Each new day as we wake up in Australia, most of us are reminded of God’s great generosity in the air we breathe, and the birds that sing, and the smiles of family around. And we have something to eat. How blessed we are! And daily we are reminded of the great need of the less fortunate here and around the world.

Reflection: Lord, remind us not to take your gifts for granted. Open wide our eyes, and touch our hearts, to the needs around us. Jesus was moved with compassion to help the widow who had lost every means of support, and her very own son. Teach us the difference between sympathy and compassion. Amen.

Bill Pugh

BEING CHURCH TOGETHER

We know that Jesus came to earth to teach us about God's love. Jesus showed people God's love and he told them about it, too. Jesus spent lots of time teaching his friends, the disciples, how God's love works when people get together. In Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus explains it this way:

Jesus said, "Even you, my disciples and friends, will have disagreements. When one of you wrongs another, the wronged one must stand up to the other and explain how to make things right. If that solves the problem, great!"

"But what if it doesn't?" the disciples wondered. Are you wondering, too?

Jesus said, "If that doesn't work, the wronged one can bring other church members to explain what needs to happen to make things right."

"But what if that doesn't help either?" the disciples wondered. Are you wondering, too?

Jesus said, "Don't give up. Don't let any of my sheep be lost. Hold sinners close, and don't stop teaching them what I want them to do."

"But what if the sinners don't want to learn?" the disciples wondered. Are you wondering, too?

Jesus said, "Keep trying! Don't let them go! All of you are my sheep and I love you. You are a family called the church, which means you stick together. And I will be with you, always!"

"We understand and we will!" said the disciples.

Imagine you are one of the people Jesus was talking to. Would you have taken his advice? What could have given you the courage to speak up or to admit that you had done something wrong? Try some of these activities to explore what it means to be church together.

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Being Church Together

Talking by twos and threes

In Matthew 18:20 Jesus makes a promise: “For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” Jesus encourages us to talk in pairs or small groups to work out problems. Try this with friends or family members. Start with simple questions and move toward more complicated ones. And remember, this is just to practise talking; there aren’t any wrong answers.

What is the most beautiful colour?

Which food tastes best?

Which is the scariest animal?

What makes a good friend?

What is the most important thing Jesus taught us?

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FOR OUR TEENAGERS

DOES GOD FORGIVE YOU IF YOU KEEP MAKING THE SAME MISTAKES?

Many Christians find that they make the same mistake repeatedly. This is especially so if you have years of bad habits to overcome. So rest assured, you are not alone in this struggle.

The apostle Paul writes about the struggle between a mind which wants to serve God and a sinful nature which just keeps on sinning. And he writes that Jesus Christ delivers him from this body of death (Romans 7, esp vv 24-25). So Jesus' blood is quite powerful enough to wash away ALL your sin, even repeated sins. You are NEVER beyond forgiveness.

But you must repent sincerely. The idea that God cannot be mocked (Galatians 6:7) basically means that God sees right through someone who is not repenting sincerely. SOMETIMES, repeated sin can be an indication that the person hasn't really repented, and is only saying that they repent. God is not fooled by that.

Repeated sin is a sign that you have a particular weakness to that sort of temptation - and I believe that we all have it in varying degrees. For some it may be anger, for others it may be jealousy. That you continue to sin in the same way should indicate to you that you need to work particularly hard not to sin in that area.

So pray that God will help you overcome the sin, and then take practical steps to avoid it. Try to work out what situations, decisions, activities or friends lead you into this sin, and then take steps to avoid them. That way you won't even get close to it. It is a good idea to tell a Christian friend about the sin so they can pray with you and encourage you. That would obviously need to be someone you could trust to keep it confidential. And if you fall into sin, turn back to God and ask for forgiveness and then keep trying - remembering that a day will come when it will no longer be a problem.

SO, IN SHORT, God is always ready to forgive, but we must never get complacent about sin and think it doesn't matter. Rather we do whatever we can to avoid temptation and deal with sin when it happens.

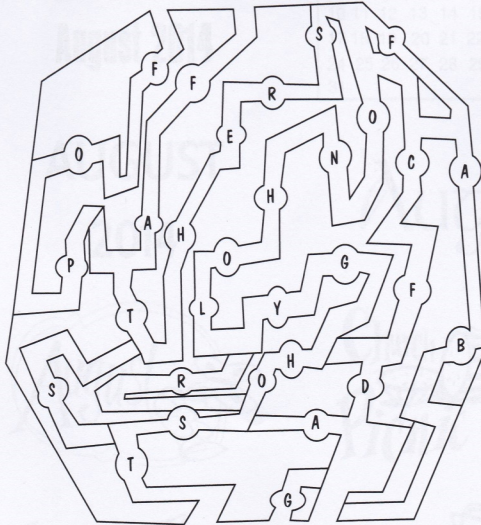
Answers are kindly provided by our friends at Christianity.net.au

Phil Martin

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

A-maze-ing!

Starting in the upper left, find a path that takes you from one side of the maze to the other. As you go through the maze, write down the letters in the blanks to the right to discover three names for God.



Answers: Father, Son, Holy Ghost

Names for God

The Bible uses many different words to describe what God is like. To discover some of these, write in the blank the letter that comes *before* this letter in the alphabet. For example, if "B" is below the blank, write an "A" in the blank.

ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZ

D S F B U P S

G B U I F S

N P U I F S

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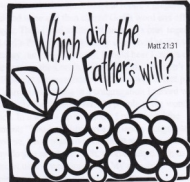
Answers:
Creator
Father
Mother
Friend
Son
Comforter
Savior
Wisdom
Holy Spirit

USAGE OF CHURCH BUILDING

Sunday	11 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas Except Presbytery Office
	2—3 pm	Jesuran Computer Classes	Hall
	3-6:30 pm	Jesuran Worship Service	Church
Tuesday	7:30-9 pm	Beta Bible Study	Meeting Room (1 st and 3 rd Tuesday)
	7:30 - 9 pm	Property & Finance Committee	Meeting Room (4 th Tuesday)
Wednesday	10-12 noon	Bible Study	Church and Meeting Room (except School Holidays)
	7:30 pm	Presbytery	Hall (1st Wednesday)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Church Council	Meeting Room (2nd Wednesday)
Thursday	10 am—4 pm	Presbytery	Hall—(2nd Thursday)
	7:30 pm -	Presbytery	Hall (3rd Thursday)
	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
Friday	10 am - 1 pm	Presbytery	Hall (4th Friday)
Saturday	9.30 am – 2:30 pm	Jesuran Worship	All except hall and Presbytery Areas
Monday- Friday	Business Hours + meetings	Presbytery	Back Office
		Other areas for meetings as necessary	
ALL GROUPS will have access to toilets and kitchen. “Hall” = old pre-school area			



Lectionary for September

Date		Readings
Pentecost 13 7th September 2014		Exodus 12:1-14 Psalm 149 Romans 13:8-14 Matthew 18:15-20
Pentecost 14 14th September 2014		Exodus 14:19-31 Psalm 114 Romans 14:1-12 Matthew 18:21-35
Pentecost 15 21st September 2014		Exodus 16:2-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45 Philippians 1:21-30 Mathew 20:1-16
Pentecost 16 28th September 2014		Exodus 17:1-7 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16, Philippians 2:1-13 Matthew 21:23-32

FAMILY PRAYER MINISTRY

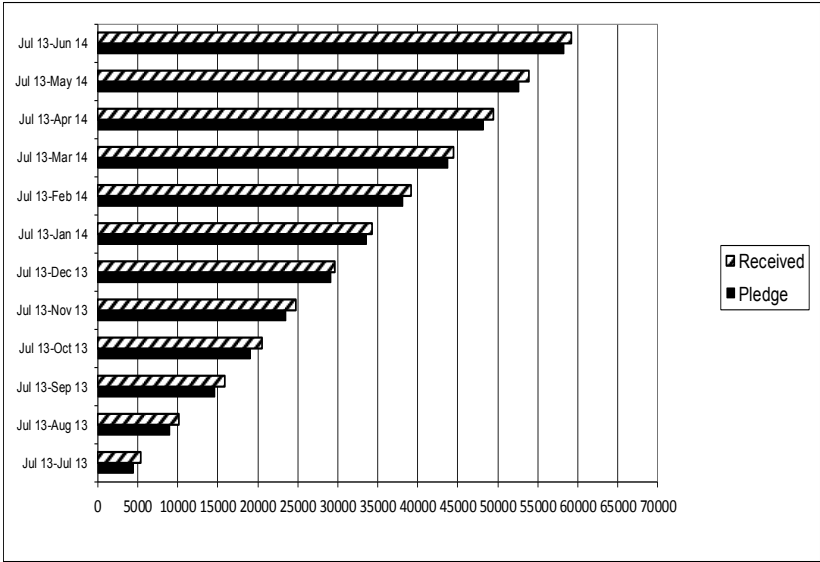


In our Family Prayer Ministry we pray for three families of our congregation every week, from Sunday to Saturday. This is in addition to our Prayer Chain Ministry, and other special requests mentioned during Worship Services.

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

Week beginning:	Families		
7th September	MANUOFETOA	MARTIN	MATTHYS
14th September	MCADAM	MCNABB	MEHL
21st September	MORLAND	NAUDE	NEAL
28th September	NORMAN	O'KEEFFE	PETHIYAGODA
5th October	PORCH	REID	RODGERS
12th October	SAMUELS	SHAW	SLEETH
19th October	SMITH	SPENCER	SUMMERS
26th October	THOMAS	WARD	WATKINS

Planned Giving



Remember Your Pledge!

Would those of you who commit to Direct Debit giving in place of envelopes, please notify Brian Greenstreet for the church records. Thank you.

September Roster

September 2014	7	14	21	28
Bible Reading	Elke Beecher Judy Hopkins	Diane & Brian Hall	Heather Kimber Pam Cowley	Colin Wilhelms Gavin Bartholomeusz
Communion Prep	Patricia Mattys Heather Kimber			
Communion Servers	Elke Beecher Judy Hopkins			
Communion Steward	Brian Greenstreet			
Counting of Offering	Patricia Matthys Leena Garnepudi	David Garnepudi Wes Porch	Sandra Cox Pam Cowley	Grant Alison Brian Hall
Door/Offering	Christine Summers	Andrew Moore	Sandra Cox	Grant Alison
Early Word		Lynda Greenstreet	Pam Cowley	Elke Beecher
Flowers	Edith John	Artificial Flowers	Elizabeth Kaitany	Artificial Flowers
Kitchen	Elizabeth Moore Delilah Spencer	Smith Family	Mathy Watkins Jacqui Gacutan	TBA
Organist/Pianist	Olive Morland	Sue Reid	Edith John	Band
PowerPoint	Jean Lacey	Patricia Matthys	Andrew Moore	Marion Ward
Praise Time	Michelle & Rufane Smith	Geoff Harkness	Olive Morland	Band
Preacher/Duty Elder	Kharis Susilowati Rev. Ineke Gyles (Communion) Judy Hopkins	Kharis Susilowati Diane Hall	Kharis Susilowati Pam Cowley	Wes Porch Colin Wilhelms
Public Address	Geoff Lacey	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Paul Watkins	Warren Ward

A Reminder

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!

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.

October Roster

October 2014	5	12	19	26
Bible Reading	Mary Mehl Judy Hopkins	Lynne Bryan Catherine Gonsalves	Smith Family	Joan Hansen Elke Beecher
Communion Prep	Christine Summers Heather Kimber			
Communion Servers	Judy Hopkins Diane Hall Colin Wilhelms Pam Cowley			
Communion Steward				
Counting of Offering	Clifford Naude Leena Garnepudi	Wes Porch Sandra Cox	Grant Alison Brian Hall	Sandra Cox Leena Garnepudi
Door/Offering	Sandra Cox	Andrew Moore	Grant Alison	Christine Summers
Early Word		Sue Reid	Michelle Smith	Lynda Greenstreet
Flowers	Lynda Greenstreet	Artificial Flowers	Anne Williams	Artificial Flowers
Kitchen	Gonsalves Family	Sandra Neal Joan Hansen	Naude Family	Stan and Sue Ashley
Organist/Pianist	Olive Morland	Edith John	Sue Reid	Band
PowerPoint	Andrew Moore	Jean Lacey	Marion Ward	Patricia Matthys
Praise Time	Edith & Murray John	Michelle & Rufane Smith	Jean Lacey	Band
Preacher/Duty Elder	Kharis Susilowati Judy Hopkins	Kharis Susilowati Diane Hall	Kharis Susilowati Colin Wilhelms	Wes Porch Pam Cowley
Public Address	Geoff Lacey	Colin Wilhelms	Warren Ward	Gavin Bartholomeusz

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

Pam Cowley 9793 5997

Jean Lacey 9700 7246

Marion Ward 9700 1878

Colin Wilhelms* 9794 7175

Elders

Cheryl Doddrell 9700 1674

Judy Hopkins 9700 7551

Pam Cowley 9793 5997

Colin Wilhelms 9794 7175

George Balthazar 9700 3998

Diane Hall 9700 5104

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, Patricia Matthys. Email: church_council@ehuc.org.au

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Catherine Gonsalves

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Brian Greenstreet

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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
October 2014	28th September 2014	5th October 2014
November 2014	26th October 2014	2nd November 2014
December 2014	30th November 2014	7th December 2014