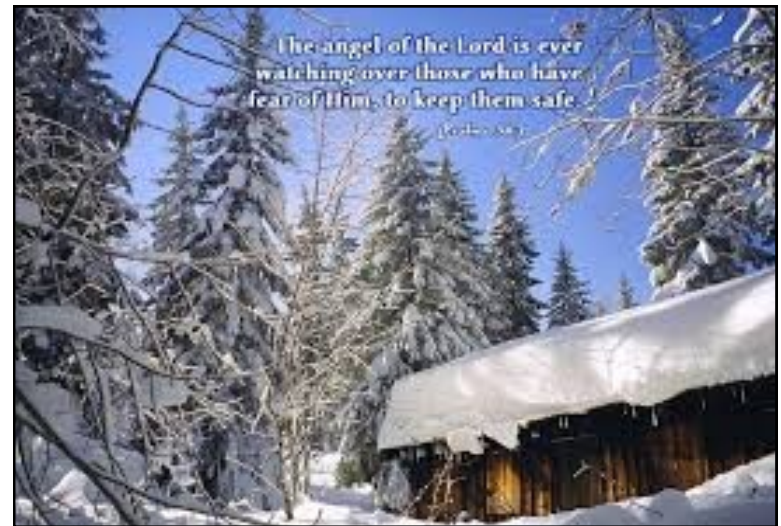


INTERACT

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'



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Endeavour Hills Uniting Church

Service Times

Sunday of the Month	11 am
1st	Worship Service with Communion
2nd	Worship Service
3rd	Worship Service
Last Sunday of the month	Contemporary-Style Worship Service (February to November)
Wed. Morning (during School terms)	10-10.30 am Morning Worship

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:

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FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH—4TH JULY

The July and August lunches will be held

@ **Lynbrook Hotel**

550 South Gippsland Highway

Lynbrook

We are going to Lauleti's favourite "all you can eat" venue for these last two lunches!

Please let Jean Lacey know by Wed 2nd July & 31st July, if you can attend.

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FAREWELL TO THE TU'INAUVAI FAMILY



"Service of Release"

The "Service of Release" for Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvai will be held on

Sunday, 3rd August 2014 at

10.30am (NOTE TIME)

at **DANDENONG NORTH**

UNITING CHURCH

CNR BIRCH & HOLLY AVENUES, DANDENONG NTH

This will be a combined service including Holy Communion.

Lunch will be served after the service.

Please bring a plate of food to share.

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

Sundays	11 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas Except Presbytery Office
	2—3 pm	Jesuran Computer Classes	Hall
	3-6:30 pm	Jesuran Worship Service	Church
Tuesdays	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)
Wednesday	10-12 noon	Bible Study	Church and Meeting Room (except School Holidays)
	7:30 pm —	Presbytery	Hall (1st Wed)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Church Council	Hall—(2nd Wed.)
Thursday	10 am—4 pm	Presbytery	Hall—(2nd Thurs)
	7:30 pm -	Presbytery	Hall (3rd Thurs)
	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
Friday	10 am - 1 pm	Presbytery	Hall (4th Fri)
Saturdays	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			

Corpus Christi- 10 Righteous Men

In the story of Sodom and Gomorrah, Abraham asked the Lord to spare the city if he could find 50 righteous people. God responded to Abraham's plea "If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare allGenesis 18:16-33

The movie “Corpus Christi” is due to be released this June to August. It is a disgusting film set to appear in America later this year which depicts Jesus and his disciples as homosexuals! As a play, this has already been in theaters for a while. It's called "Corpus Christi" which means "The Body of Christ". It's a revolting mockery of our Lord. But we Christians can make a difference.

That's why I am sending this e-mail to you. If you do send this around, we just might be able to prevent this film from being shown in Australia, Canada and America etc. Let's stand for what we believe and stop the mockery of Jesus Christ our Savior. Where do we stand as Christians? I am forwarding this to all I think will respect and appreciate being informed. Please help us prevent such offenses against our Lord. There is no petition to sign, no time limit, or minimum number of people to send this to...It will take you less than 2 minutes!

If you are not interested and do not have the 2 minutes it will take to do this, please don't complain if God does not seem to have time for you. *Imagine what would happen if this film were depicting Mohammad in the same way...the Islamic world would be in flames!!*. Apparently, some regions in Europe have already successfully banned the film. All we need is a lot of prayer and a lot of E-mails.

JUST GET THE WORD OUT!

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

After church on the 29th June, Wes explained the process of selection of a new Minister for Endeavour Hills and Dandenong North Uniting Churches.

Please **pray** and think about

- Where should our church be heading over the next few years.. Dream big.
- Is God calling you to be part of the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC)??

Share ideas and visions with Wes, Jean or a member of Church Council.. preferably in writing if possible. Email etc.

WEB SITE

The web site could do with more photos (with permission from anyone concerned). Anyone who can take a few photos at church events is encouraged to do so –eg: 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!

INTERACT & THE WEB SITE

Many families have opted to read Interact on the website instead of the printed version. The printed version is still very important, and it is intended that this will be kept as an option as long as required!

If anyone has any ideas for the website, please contact Jean Lacey – gandilacey@ozemail.com.au or Marion Ward – wardmarion@hotmail.com

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

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11th June 2014

Devotions led by Pam.

Business Arising

Church councils from Endeavour Hills and Dandenong North will meet with Steve Terrell from Presbytery on Tuesday 17th June to discuss how to proceed with organising supply ministry and our next minister after Lauleti leaves.

Business Arising from Correspondence. The church needs to discuss the Report on Marriage. Two dates were chosen for this: Wednesday 30th July at 7.30 pm and Thursday 31st July at 10 am.

Minister's report Lauleti's Service of Release will be on Sunday 3rd August. It will be a combined service with Dandenong North and will be led by Rev. Liz McMillan. Venue to be decided.

As the manse at Nunawading needs major renovations Lauleti and his family will not be able to move in for up to 5 months. Lauleti requested permission to stay in our manse during this time. This was approved.

Worship. Phil Martin will lead the service on June 29th with the "Alive at 11" Team. Pat Goss from Samaritans Purse will speak on Sunday 13th July. A retiring offering will be taken on this day for the postage of our Christmas boxes. We will request supply ministry from September on. Our lay preachers will lead services in August.

Property and Finance. Catherine presented the budget. This was approved to be presented to the congregation on 15th June.

Fundraising. The shopping tour will be held on 11th October and we will again join with the Neighbourhood Centre for this.

General Business. Dandenong Primary School will need people to run CRE classes when Lauleti and Manusiu leave.

Judy Hopkins.

A Moment with Lauleti

Hospitality: Part of our mission imperative!

Jesus challenged his followers through the Scripture into one of mission imperatives of Christianity – Hospitality. It is also my hope and prayer that Endeavour Hills Uniting Church will continue in this mission and ministry of a welcoming community. Jesus said in Matthew 10:40-42:

⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”



Psalm 32

Confession and Forgiveness^[a]

32 Happy are those whose sins are forgiven,
whose wrongs are pardoned.

² Happy is the one whom the LORD does not accuse of doing
wrong

and who is free from all deceit.

³ When I did not confess my sins,

I was worn out from crying all day long.

⁴ Day and night you punished me, LORD;
my strength was completely drained,
as moisture is dried up by the summer heat.

⁵ Then I confessed my sins to you;

I did not conceal my wrongdoings.

I decided to confess them to you, and you forgave all my sins.

⁶ So all your loyal people should pray to you in times of need;

^[b] when a great flood of trouble comes rushing in,
it will not reach them.

⁷ You are my hiding place;

you will save me from trouble.

I sing aloud of your salvation,
because you protect me.

⁸ The LORD says, “I will teach you the way you should go;
I will instruct you and advise you.

⁹ Don’t be stupid like a horse or a mule,
which must be controlled with a bit and bridle to make it submit.”

¹⁰ The wicked will have to suffer,
but those who trust in the LORD
are protected by his constant love.

¹¹ You that are righteous, be glad and rejoice because of what the
LORD has done.

You that obey him, shout for joy!



YOU'RE ALWAYS THERE FOR ME

When the world comes crashing in
And chaos rules my mind,
I turn my heart to you, Lord,
And pure, sweet peace I find.

You lift me out of trouble
You comfort me in pain;
You nourish, heal and cleanse me,
Like cool, refreshing rain.

In times of joy and bliss,
When things are going right,
You lift me even higher,
And fill me with delight.

You listen to my prayers;
You hear my every plea;
I'm safe because I know
You're always there for me.

By Joanna Fuchs



A Moment with Lauleti

In response to this mission and ministry imperative many congregations want to become welcoming communities and with bold declaration on a public sign that “all are welcome here,” “a church of all nations” some have written “welcome” into their mission/vision statements, and some will be intentional about offering words of welcome to first-time visitors. Our EHUC Mission Statement also states that we are: “... an open door ...” So we acknowledged Christ’s message to be welcoming!

In biblical times people had a communal – yet hierarchical feudal – way of living. Welcoming an individual, therefore, meant welcoming the community that she or he represented, and what that person stood for. As Jesus associated with people who were the most isolated and marginalized in society, welcoming disciples, apostles, and all whom Jesus stood for and with was to welcome not only Jesus but God, whom Jesus embodied.

In Greek, the word translated *welcome* could also be translated as *receive* (*dechomai*). Some translations, therefore, speak who “receives” Jesus, while others about who “welcomes” Jesus. This meaning raises profound questions about *giving* and *receiving* as well as



A Moment with Lauleti

God is described in the scripture as host of all communities and all people, regardless of ethnicity or social status, are special guests of God. This is the truth that Jesus embodied in his earthly public ministry. God has also an extravagant love and welcome for all people, the Scripture reminds us all. The loving welcome, shown in Matthew 10:40–42, shows us how we can be in community together and welcome each other as God in Jesus welcomed us all. This warm welcome encourages us to go beyond what is comfortable and go into our communities showing God's love through simple actions such as offering a cup of water, a smile and a handshake.

Even when God's love is difficult to sense, may our lives as faithful disciples continue in serving and welcoming one another into diverse and mixed-cultural communities where God is the host for all guests and where no one is a stranger or treated differently.

In the last 8 years I have witnessed EHUC's welcoming identity as a congregation with "an open door" welcoming and hosting all people from diverse background into God's family.

It is my prayer that our loving, gracious and welcoming God continues to love each of us exactly as we are and continue to model us to become how we should be with each other – an embodiment of a welcoming and hospitable people of God.

In Christ's mission imperative of hospitality!

Lauleti

FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



K I D S K L I P S

Word Fun

Circle the word in each square that does not belong.

chair table heart	friend run walk	flower love tree	speech pen pencil	car gracious truck	valley mountain king
2	6	1	4	3	5

In the blanks below, write the word you have circled from each box, matching the numbers.

Those who _____₁ a pure _____₂ and are _____₃

in _____₄ will have the _____₅ as a _____₆.

Proverbs 22:11

Answers: love, heart, gracious, speech, king, friend



Loving Ways

Read the first word in Group A. Then look for a word in Group B that is the exact opposite attitude.

1. Draw a line to connect these two words.
2. Circle the word that describes the attitude that is most loving.
3. Cross out the word that is not loving. (The first one is done for you.)

Group A

~~rude~~
selfish
humble
bored
kind
forgiving
deceitful
lazy
cheerful
annoyed
stubborn

Group B

mean
patient
honest
resentful
grumpy
flexible
generous
respectful
prideful
helpful
interested

Answers:
rude – respectful
selfish – generous
humble – proud
bored – interested
kind – mean
forgiving – resentful
deceitful – honest
lazy – helpful
cheerful – grumpy
annoyed – patient
stubborn – flexible

**ENDEAVOUR HILLS UNITING CHURCH and
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 to book your seat.

Payment of \$31.00 due by Friday 12th September at the office.

Endeavour Hill Uniting Care

Neighbourhood Centre

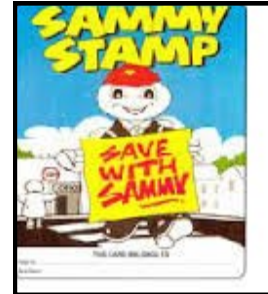
Phone 9700 3789 (Mon-Fri 9am-3pm)

www.ehuc.org.au



Pat Goss from Samaritans Purse will speak on Sunday 13th July. A retiring offering will be taken on this day for the postage of our Christmas boxes.

We still need items of clothing, t-shirts, underwear etc and items such as facewashers. Appropriate toys, not weapons or witchcraft.



Sammy Stamp, short for the UCAF Special Needs Fund "Stamps, provides grants for smaller aid projects.

Funds are raised by the sale of used stamps and Met tickets collected from churches, business, houses and other organisations.



Without the support of SHARE, many UnitingCare programs providing emergency relief, meals, homelessness services and other vital assistance would be forced to close.

Visit <http://shareappeal.org.au/>

CARAVAN FOR SALE:



2001 Jayco Freedom pop-top 16 ft. Island double lift up, extendable bed. Plenty of storage, microware, gas hot plates and grill. Front boot – extras – eg hose, wing mirrors etc. TV aerial. 12 months' registration. Very good condition. \$17,000
NEGOTIABLE

Contact: Geoff Lacey 9700 7246 or 041 959 3855

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

July 13th 2014

Aug 10th 2014

Sept 14th 2014

Trading table & Books\$129.45

Thanks to your support in purchasing and cleaning up.

Please contact Heather Kimber

Phone: 9796 8154

Fundraisers....



1.Aluminium Can Collection



2.Paper Collection & Packing

The Andrews Centre

Please keep donating non perishable food thank you!

SHOPPING TOUR

Please note that this year's shopping tour will be held on Saturday 11th October.

Please contact Jenni Porch for further details.

(PH: 706 1995)

jporch@bigpond.net.au

Please see page 20 for further details.

AUGUST ROSTERS

AUG 2014	3	10	17	24	31
Bible Reading		Jenni & Wes Porch	Brian & Lynda Greenstreet	Sue & Stan Ashley	Colin Wilhelms Gavin Bartholomeusz
Communion Prep	SERVICE WILL BE HELD AT DANDENONG NORTH AT 10:30 AM				
Communion Servers	SHARED LUNCH AFTER SERVICE	Clifford Naude Sandra Cox	Grant Allison Leena Garnepudi	David Garnepudi Wes Porch	Pam Cowley Brian Hall
Communion Steward	SEE NOTICES FOR MORE DETAILS	Andrew Moore	Sandra Cox	Stan Ashley	Grant Allison
Counting of Offering		Pam Cowley Artificial Flowers	Lynda Greenstreet Anne Williams	Michelle Smith Artificial Flowers	Judy Hopkins Mary Mehl
Door/Offering			Patricia Matthys	Jacqui Gacutan & Mathy Watkins	Catherine Gonsalves
Early Word		Sue Reid	Olive Morland	Edith John	AA11 team
Flowers		Marion Ward	Patricia Matthys	Andrew Moore	Jean Lacey
Kitchen		Edith & Murray John	Jean Lacey	Olive Morland	AA11 Team
Organist/Pianist		Pam Cowley Diane Hall	Phil Martin Pam Cowley	Phil Martin/Pam Cowley	Wes Porch Judy Hopkins
PowerPoint		Warren Ward	Colin Wilhelms	Paul Watkins	Gavin Bartholomeusz
Praise Time					
Preacher/Duty Elder					
Public Address					

JULY ROSTERS

July 2014	6	13	20	27
Bible Reading	Mary Mehl Lynne Bryan	Elke Beecher Geoff Lacey	Smith Family	Molesi Tu'inauvai Isaac Tu'inauvai
Communion Prep	Christine Summers Heather Kimber			
Communion Servers	Colin Wilhelms, Diane Hall Cheryl Doddrell, Pam Cowley			
Counting of Offering	Pam Cowley Lynne Bryan	Manusiu Tu'inauvai Grant Allison	Leena Garnepudi David Garnepudi	Wes Porch Patricia Matthys
Door/Offering Early Word	Christine Summers	Murray John Elke Beecher	Pam Cowley Michelle Smith	Andrew Moore Lauleti Tu'inauvai
Flowers	Edith John	Artificial Flowers	Elizabeth Kapitany	Mary Mehl
Kitchen	YOUTH	Tu'inauvai Family	Naude Family	Pam Cowley Heather Kimber
Organist/Pianist	Olive Morland	<i>Edith John</i>	<i>Sue Reid</i>	Olive Morland
PowerPoint	Andrew Moore	Ursula Ebert	<i>Patricia Matthys</i>	Ursula Ebert
Praise Time	Jean Lacey	Geoff Harkness	Tu'inauvai family	Singing Group
Preacher/Duty Elder	Lauleti Tu'inauvai Diane Hall	Pam Goss – Samaritan's Purse Colin Wilhelms	Lauleti Tu'inauvai Judy Hopkins	Lauleti Tu'inauvai Cheryl Doddrell
Public Address	Warren Ward	Paul Watkins	Colin Wilhelms	Gavin Bartholomeusz

If you swap, would you please make a note on the Roster on idea to make sure you are not doing conflicting duties!

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 Outing

This group, meets on the 1st Friday of each month. The 'outing', usually lunch, is open to everybody, and various people take turns in organising it. Details will be available in the weekly Notice Sheet, usually on the Sunday prior to the event.

First Friday Lunch



4th July & 2nd August

The July and August lunches will be held at :

Lynbrook Hotel

550 South Gippsland Hwy

Lynbrook

We are going to Lauleti's favourite "all you can eat" venue for these last two lunches as he will be able to join us.

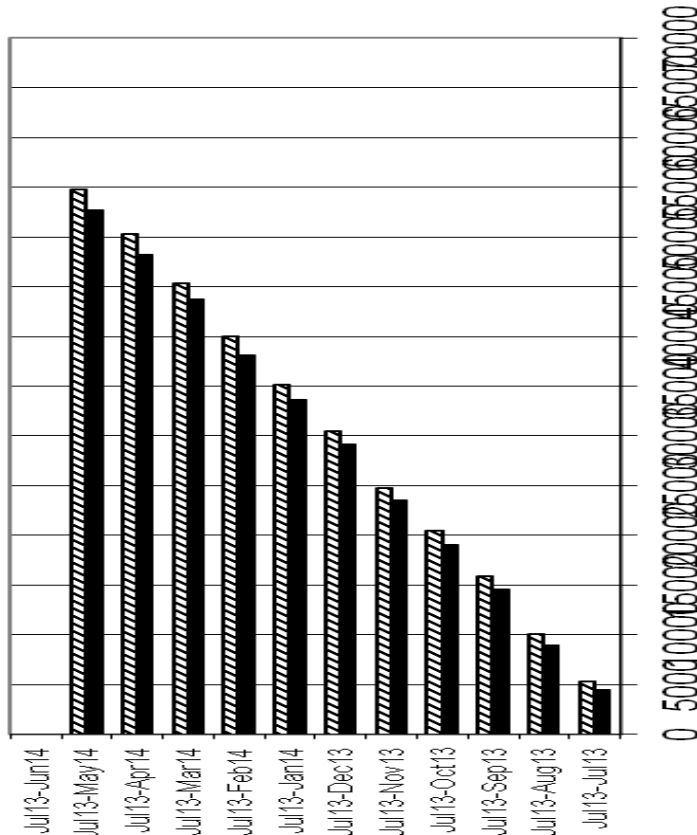
Please let Jean Lacey know by Wed. 2nd July and Wed 31st July, if you can attend.

gandilacey@ozemail.com.au or 0419593855 or 9700 7246

Planned Giving



Received
Pledge



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.

LECTIONARY FOR AUGUST



Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
August 3, 2014
[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

[Genesis 32:22-31](#)

[Isaiah 55:1-5](#)

[Romans 9:1-5](#)

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

[Psalm 17:1-7, 15](#)

[Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21](#)

Proper 14 (19)
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
August 10, 2014
[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

[Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28](#)

[1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

[Romans 10:5-15](#)

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

[Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 43](#)

[Psalm 85:8-13](#)

Proper 15 (20)
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 17, 2014
[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

[Genesis 45:1-15](#)

[Isaiah 56:1, 6-8](#)

[Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32](#)

[Matthew 15: \(10-20\), 21-28](#)

[Psalm 133](#)

[Psalm 67](#)

Proper 16 (21)
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
August 24, 2014
[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

[Exodus 1:8-2:10](#)

[Isaiah 51:1-6](#)

[Romans 12:1-8](#)

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

[Psalm 124](#)

[Psalm 138](#)

Proper 17 (22)
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 31, 2014
[ART](#) -- [PRAYER](#)

[Exodus 3:1-15](#)

[Jeremiah 15:15-21](#)

[Romans 12:9-21](#)

[Matthew 16:21-28](#)

[Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b](#)

[Psalm 26:1-8](#)





LECTIONARY FOR JULY

<u>Proper 9 (14)</u> Fourth Sunday after Pentecost July 6, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17 or Song of Solomon	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
<u>Proper 10 (15)</u> Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
<u>Proper 11 (16)</u> Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 20, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
<u>Proper 12 (17)</u> Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 27, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Why Do We Exist And For What Purpose?

Why do we exist? This is one of the most foundational questions of life. What a person believes about the reason for life has a profound impact on every other decision they make.

And yet, many people haven't a clue how to answer this question. They live without any overarching purpose. For them life is merely there to be used up. So they blindly keep walking on the road of life until it is over.

As tragic and foolish as this may seem, the end result is not any better for those who have given themselves wholeheartedly to any one of the numerous wrong purposes for life. Although they run through life with a great sense of direction, in the end they will have arrived at the same wrong destination.

Why do we exist? Ultimately, because God created us to honour and glorify Him with our worship..

1. Life is a precious gift from God.

For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb ... All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.
(Psalm 139:13, 16)

2. Life is valuable.

When I consider your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, the son of man that You care for him? You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honour. (Psalm 8:3-5)

3. Life is hard, but worth it.

We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair, persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed.

(The apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 4:8-9)

4. Life is short.

Lord, help me to realize how brief my time on earth will be. Help me to know that I am here for but a moment more. (Psalm 39:4)

5. Life is to be lived wisely.

Teach us to number our days and recognize how few they are; help us to spend them as we should (Psalm 90:12)

Some people are just living to make a living. For them, financial survival has become all consuming. They work hard so they can get out of debt, pay for education, improve their standard of living, and save for their retirement. Year after year after year, the financial treadmill keeps them running. It seems like there just isn't time for anything else. Making a living has become that total focus for their life

As Christians we must not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:16-18)

Thank you very much

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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		
6th July	COWLEY	COX	DODDRELL
13th July	EBERT	EDGECOMBE	GACUTAN
20th July	GARNEPUDI	GONSALVES	GREENSTREET
27th July	GYLES	HALL	HANSEN
3rd August	-	-	-
10th August	DESILVA	HARDING	HARKNESS
17th August	AMOL	HOPKINS	JOHN
24th August	ATAYA	JOHNSTON	KAPITANY
31st August	KIMBER	KNIGHT	LACEY

