

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

Prayer Chain

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

Mary Mehl..... 9791 5442

Judy Hopkins 9700 7551

Sue Reid9704 9195

Pam Cowley..... 0477 149 361

USAGE OF CHURCH BUILDING

<i>Sundays</i>	10:30 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas
<i>Tuesdays</i>	7:30-9 pm	Beta Bible Study	Meeting Room (1 st and 3 rd Tues)
<i>Wednesday</i>	10-12 noon	Bible Study	Meeting Room (except School Holidays)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Property & Finance Committee Group	Meeting Room (2nd Wed.)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Church Council	Meeting Room
<i>Thursday</i>	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
<i>Saturdays</i>	9.30 am – 2:30 pm	Jesuran Worship	Meeting Rooms & Church

ALL GROUPS will have access to toilets and kitchen.

“Hall” = old pre-school area



Please Note:

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

NEW PLAYGROUP BEGINNING IN JULY

Exciting News!

Playgroup sessions will begin in Term 3, 2015.

At Endeavour Hills Uniting Church 'hall'

Mondays from July 13th, 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

Check website for details, (soon).

If you are able to be part of the support team for this please chat with Cheryl or Stephen.

We need 'people' on the Mondays (with Working with Children Check), and prayer support.

Please chat with families with preschoolers (0-5) you know, who may be interested.

Donations of 'safe toys' welcome. Thank you.



AN ETERNAL COMMISSION FROM THE UPPER ROOM

In the Israeli sector of the old city of Jerusalem in Mount Zion stood the Upper Chamber known as the Cenaculum. The Upper Room here is important, because it is where our Lord Jesus had His final meeting with His disciples on the night before His crucifixion. It is here that the most sacred supper ever was served. They were the most holy sacraments, the partaking of bread and wine, symbolising the blood that was to be shed and the body that was to be broken. This indeed was the new covenant between God and man.

It is awesome to contemplate on the everlasting commission Jesus made from the Upper Room after His resurrection; He said "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28: 19-20. What did He mean when He said this? We understand this command and commission to be a mutual everlasting relationship between Christ and His believers.

The great Commission from the Lord Jesus Christ had a promise attached to it "I am the Vine and you are the branches, if a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:5. The Vine needs the branches to bear fruit and the branches need the Vine in order to be of any use. With the advancement of nuclear science, aeronautics, space exploration, Information technology, digital science, quantum physics etc., the 21st century society seems to be dominated by a mood of disillusionment. Instead of feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, sheltering the homeless, why do the technologically advanced nations compete in nuclear weapons industry and engage in warfare and ultimately destroy themselves with their own weapons?

Have we gone back to the 'Age of Reason and Enlightenment', a highly optimistic outlook to everything?

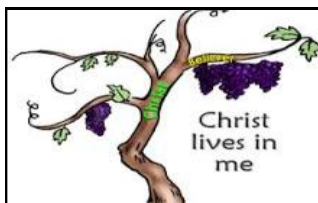
At this point have we ceased to feel the need of God? Have we started to go alone without God? Do we believe in a great illusion that we can have the Christian morality without the Christian faith? That we can go Christ's way and

reject Christ Himself? Why do we pretend to have a great deal of serious love, concern, philanthropy, social reform and peacemaking calling it Christian? All the above are curiously ineffective, will not accomplish anything meaningful. Seriously, have we lost our contact with the source of life, like flowers uprooted from the earth, like branches cut from the Vine? Was the first generation religious, the second learned, the third worldly and the fourth has no history? The question is, why is the worldwide “church” ineffective today, congregations moving by the drove? What is really wrong with the “church”? With all the “Christian” schemes, plans, programmes, preaching, money, hard work etc, yet in proportion to all, we bear meager fruit in terms of redeemed lives and redeemed societies. Do we trust ourselves and our actions more than the work of the Holy Spirit? We remember the branch which cannot bear fruit of itself and never will. The “church” has to recover its contact with the source of power. It has to spend less time in committee and more time in prayer. Less time in discussion and more time in listening to the Word of God. The Word has greater relevance today than ever before. The promise of the Lord Jesus Christ has been well documented and tested in the lives of the prophets and true Christians.

Finally we arrive at the promise from the true Vine, to His disciples. Hudson Taylor the missionary in the China Inland Mission, was in constant spiritual struggles, to get more of Christ in his life. He prayed, agonised, fasted, made resolutions, read the Bible. But any sense of holiness, serenity, vitality and power that he sought escaped him. An Irish missionary named McCarthy wrote to Hudson Taylor, asking him “Are you striving to increase your faith?” All we need is to focus our mind entirely on the Lord Jesus.

We work, pray, discipline ourselves, but not with a sense of strain and agony. If we fail to bear spiritual fruit, it means the branch has separated from the vine. We have lost our vital contact with Christ. However, that contact can be restored by connecting our inmost nature with Christ’s inmost nature. We need to relinquish our pride and surrender completely to Christ, in mind, body and soul, so that the life which was in Him, may also be in us.

LAKSMAN PETHIYAGODA



ALIVE @ 10.30

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Instead of everyone “bringing a plate” for lunch, Church Council decided we would provide soup and bread rolls.

The cost will be \$5 per serve (children free) and all proceeds will go to the Nepal Appeal.

Endeavour Hills UnitingCare Neighbourhood Centre

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Notice Board

Lawn Mowing and Gardening

Anyone who enjoys gardening – look on the church/manse garden's as your second home!

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

Any help appreciated.

Please contact Bruce Hansen

Phone: 706 0585.

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 Table will be on

Sunday June 14th

May trading table/Book sales:

\$79.60. Proceeds towards Kid's Hope program.

Please contact Heather Kimber.

Phone: 9796 8154

Fundraisers....

Paper Collection & Packing

Keep collecting newspapers,

The Andrews Centre

Please keep donating non perishable food thank you!

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

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

Group News

Wednesday Morning Bible Study Group

The group meets at the Church from 10.00 am, (except during school holidays). Everyone is welcome.

Beta: Ladies' Bible Study Group

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

Please contact Mary Mehl: Phone 9791 5442.

Coffee Break

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



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

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

First Friday Lunch



NEXT

First Friday Outing
Friday 5th June

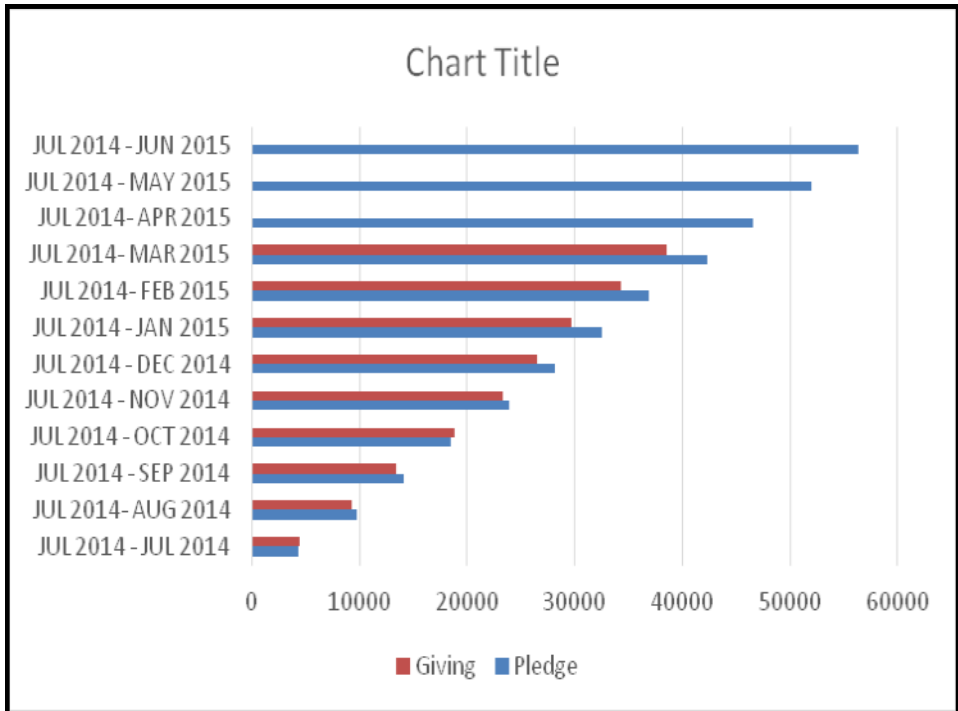
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12.30pm

This informal lunch is held on the first Friday of every month throughout the year. It is open to everyone to attend.

Details will be available in the weekly Notice Sheet.

PLANNED GIVING



DIRECT DEBIT:

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

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

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13th May 2015

Devotions led by Judy.

Business arising from minutes. Steve Mayes and Cheryl have been investigating the possibility of running a weekly playgroup in the former childcare area. Volunteers would be needed to assist, (see page 4 for more details).

The vice-principal of Thomas Mitchell primary school has been given the information regarding the Kids Hope program

A new bible for the church has been purchased.

Business arising from correspondence. The Manuofetoa family have transferred to Blackburn north/Nunawading U.C.

Worship report. The last Sunday in May will be Kharis' last Sunday with us and the service will be followed by a shared lunch.

Property and Finance. Work on manse is continuing

Music. Singing group is preparing to sing on Pentecost Sunday and the Communion Sunday in June.

Fundraising Our last Sunday lunch in June will be soup and a roll at a cost of \$5 to raise funds to donate to the Nepal Earthquake appeal.

General Business The profile was finalised and has been delivered to P.R.C. Jean was thanked for her work on the profile. David Garnepudi has agreed to be part of the Joint Nominating Committee.

Judy Hopkins.

Secretary.



LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

<p>Second Sunday after Pentecost June 7, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)</p> <p>Psalm 138</p>	<p>Genesis 3:8-15</p> <p>Psalm 130</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1</p>	<p>Mark 3:20-35</p>
<p>Proper 6 (11) Third Sunday after Pentecost June 14, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13</p> <p>Psalm 20</p>	<p>Ezekiel 17:22-24</p> <p>Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17</p>	<p>Mark 4:26-34</p>
<p>Proper 7 (12) Fourth Sunday after Pentecost June 21, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49</p> <p>Psalm 9:9-20</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16</p> <p>Psalm 133</p>	<p>Job 38:1-11</p> <p>Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 6:1-13</p>	<p>Mark 4:35-41</p>
<p>Proper 8 (13) Fifth Sunday after Pentecost June 28, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27</p> <p>Psalm 130</p>	<p>Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24</p> <p><i>or</i></p> <p>Lamentations 3:22-33</p> <p>Psalm 30</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 8:7-15</p>	<p>Mark 5:21-43</p>



LECTIONARY FOR JULY

<p>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 Psalm 48</p>	<p>Ezekiel 2:1-5 Psalm 123</p>	<p>2 Corinthians 12:2-10</p>	<p>Mark 6:1-13</p>
<p>Proper 10 (15) Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 12, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 Psalm 24</p>	<p>Amos 7:7-15 Psalm 85:8-13</p>	<p>Ephesians 1:3-14</p>	<p>Mark 6:14-29</p>
<p>Proper 11 (16) Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 19, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:1-14a Psalm 89:20-37</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 23</p>	<p>Ephesians 2:11-22</p>	<p>Mark 6:30-34, 53-56</p>
<p>Proper 12 (17) Ninth Sunday after Pentecost July 26, 2015 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>2 Samuel 11:1-15 Psalm 14</p>	<p>2 Kings 4:42-44 Psalm 145:10-18</p>	<p>Ephesians 3:14-21</p>	<p>John 6:1-21</p>



ROSTERS FOR JUNE

June 2015	7	14	21	28
Bible Reading	Cheryl Doddrell Pam Cowley	Smith Family	Marion & Warren Ward	Elke Beecher Pam Cowley
Communion Preparation		Pam Cowley Sandra Cox		
Communion Servers		Pam Cowley Judy Hopkins Diane Hall Cheryl Doddrell		
Counting of Offering	Brian Hall Wes Porch	Grant Alison David Garnepudi	Sandra Cox Warren Ward	Bruce Hansen Lynne Bryan
Door/Offering	Christine Summers	Grant Allison	Sandra Cox	Andrew Moore
Early Word	Michelle Smith	n/a	Steve Mayes	Elke Beecher
Flowers	Artificial	Artificial	Artificial	Artificial
Kitchen	Sue & Stan Ashley	Smith Family	Gonsalves family	Joan Hansen Sandra Neal
Organist/Pianist	Olive Morland	Edith John	Sue Reid	Band
PowerPoint	Andrew Moore	Jean Lacey	Ursula Ebert	Marion Ward
Preacher/ Duty Elder	Berlin Guerrero Judy Hopkins	Berlin Guerrero Cheryl Doddrell	Berlin Guerrero Diane Hall	Berlin Guerrero Pam Cowley
Public Address	Warren Ward	Geoff Lacey	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Warren Ward
<p 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>				

ROSTERS FOR JULY

July 2015	5	12	19	26
Bible Reading	Lynne Bryan Gavin Bartholomeusz	Judy Hopkins Heather Kimber	Wes & Jenni Porch	Lynda & Brian Greenstreet
Communion Preparation	Heather Kimber Christine Summers			
Communion Servers	Pam Cowley Elke Beecher			
Communion Steward	Brian Hall			
Counting of Offering	Catherine Gonsalves Pam Cowley	David Garnepudi Wes Porch	Brian Hall Brian Greenstreet	Grant Allison Sandra Cox
Door/ Offering	Grant Allison	Stan & Sue Ashley	Christine Summers	Murray John
Early Word		Judy Hopkins	Stephen Mayes	Lynda Greenstreet
Flowers	Artificial Flowers	Artificial Flowers	Mary Mehl	Artificial Flowers
Kitchen	Elizabeth Moore Delilah Spencer	Mary Mehl Christine Summers	Heather Kimber Pam Cowley	Jacqui Gacutan Mathy Watkins
Organist/ Pianist	Olive Morland	Edith John	Sue Reid	Band
PowerPoint	Jean Lacey	Andrew Moore	Jean Lacey	Marion Ward
Preacher/ Duty Elder	Berlin Guerro Pam Cowley	Berlin Guerro Cheryl Doddrell	Berlin Guerro Judy Hopkins	Berlin Guerro Diane Hall
Public Address	Geoff Lacey	Colin Wilhelms	Paul Watkins	Warren Ward



The blue, heavenly skies look down
With hopes to lift,
Our eyes ever upward
And remind us,
Of God's Gift.

The bright shining sun presses warmly
Upon our face;
The beams gleaming ever brightly
Filled with God's grace.

While The Lord made
The ultimate sacrifice,
For our sins
Life on earth He would lose;
This Gift is ready for us to accept,
It is now up to us to choose.

Taken from the web page *Christian Poems of Encouragement:*

<http://www.christian.poems.of.encouragement>

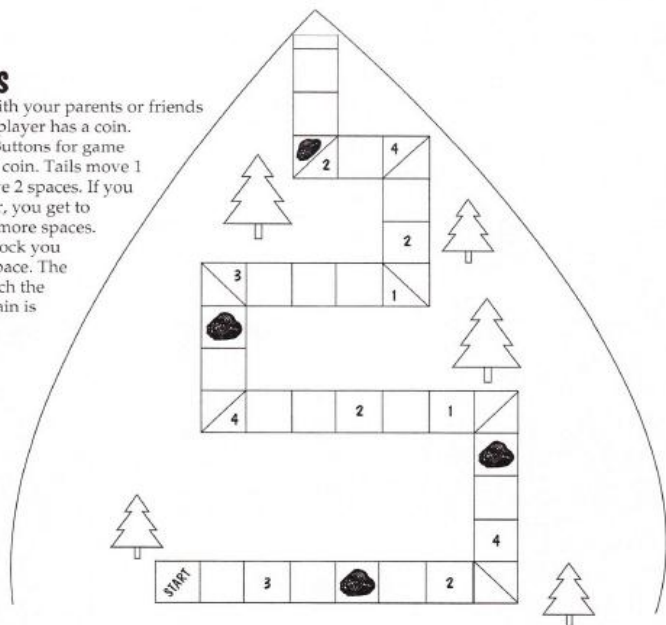
FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



K I D S' C L I P S

Coin Toss

Playing games with your parents or friends can be fun. Each player has a coin. Take turns. Use Buttons for game pieces. Toss your coin. Tails move 1 space, heads move 2 spaces. If you land on a number, you get to move that many more spaces. If you land on a rock you must go back a space. The first player to reach the top of the mountain is the winner.



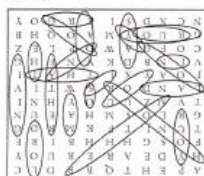
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Answers:



June 2015

GOD'S GRACE ENABLES ME

BY JANET ANGLADE

I KNOW IT'S THE SPIRIT
WHO'S AT WORK WITHIN ME
'CAUSE I CAN'T DO THESE THINGS
BY MYSELF
I HAVE TRIED AND I'VE TRIED
BUT IT'S ALWAYS THE SAME
ON MY OWN
EVERYTHING IS A MESS
I GIVE PRAISE TO MY LORD
I GIVE PRAISE TO MY KING
I GIVE GLORY AND HONOR
TO GOD
FOR IT'S HIM AND NOT ME
THIS I CLEARLY DO SEE
IT'S HIS GRACE
THAT ENABLES ME

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August	July 26th	August 2nd
September	August 30th	September 6th
October	September 27th	October 4th
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