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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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Manusiu Tu'inauvai 9706 1881

EXPERT ADVICE OR INNER EXPERIENCE?

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"Advice is seldom welcome; and those who want it the most always like it the least."

-Earl of Chesterfield, Letter to his son January 29, 1748.

"What's really angering about instruction of this sort is that they imply there's only one way to put this rotisserie together- their way. And that presumption wipes out creativity. Actually there are hundreds of ways to put the rotisserie together and when they make you follow just one way without showing you the overall problem the instructions become hard to follow in such a way as not to make mistakes. You lose feeling for the work. And not only that, it's very unlikely that they've told you the best way."

Robert M. Pirsig, *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*.

"Robert Pirsig, in his book *Zen and the Art of Motorcycle Maintenance*, makes the point that even when we are putting together some appliance, obeying advice or instructions robs us of feeling creative about what we are doing.....It is difficult to feel really good about ourselves.....when we apply in our interactions advice which we were given by someone else. It robs the interaction of the spontaneity that makes for humanly meaningful and hence truly satisfying experiences." (Bettleheim, 1987).

Contribution by Elke Beecher.

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

<i>Sundays</i>	11 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas Except Presbytery Office
	2—3 pm	Jesuran Computer Classes	Hall
	3-6:30 pm	Jesuran Worship Service	Church
<i>Tuesdays</i>	7:30-9 pm	Beta Bible Study	Meeting Room (1 st and 3 ^d Tues)
	7:30 - 9 pm	Property & Finance Committee Group	Meeting Room (4 th Tuesday)
<i>Wednesday</i>	10-12 noon	Bible Study	Church and Meeting Room (except School Holidays)
	7-9 pm	Jesuran Music Group (6-8 People)	Narthex
	7:30 pm —	Presbytery	Hall (1st Wed)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Church Council	Hall—(2nd Wed.)
<i>Thursday</i>	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)
<i>Saturdays</i>	9.30 am – 2:30 pm	Jesuran Worship	All except hall and Presbytery Areas
<i>Monday-Friday</i>	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

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

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9th April 2014

Devotions led by Judy.

Minister's report Lauleti will have a Sunday off on 27th April and Pam will lead the service. This will be a contemporary worship service.

Worship. On Sunday 18th May the Somers camp leaders will come to our service to tell us what this year's theme for the camp will be. On 25th May a representative from the bible society will speak. The congregational meeting for the presentation of the budget will be on 15th June

Property and Finance. Further discussion has taken place with O.H. & S people about the hand rail at the front of the church. This must be wood, not chrome and cannot be portable. We have also been advised that we should not have chairs in front of any exit doors.

Sunday school. Cheryl finds the extra space is an improvement.

Fundraising The money raised at the International dinner (\$1450) will be donated to the Philippines when a suitable project is chosen. Three months profits from the Trading Table will go to Somers camp attendees and the following six months to the Mission Liaison Group.

General Business. Hilda from the Jesuran Healing group is looking for a music teacher to teach keyboard. A representative from Samaritans Purse has offered to come and speak to our congregation. We will invite her to come in July.

Judy Hopkins.

Minutes Secretary.

A Moment with Lauleti

If Christ was not raised... The eye-witnesses response!

As we are journeying in this Season of Easter (The great fifty days beginning with the Easter Vigil and concluding on the Day of Pentecost that celebrates the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.) let us look briefly at our foremost and primary source of our faith in the Resurrected Christ, the Scripture, to enhance and embolden our Christian faith that Christ was risen from the dead. We need to be aware and conscious of the foundation of our Christian faith, in a world that is looking for more scientific, reasonable and philosophical account of the Easter Faith. We need to know the foundation and the core of our faith and who we are as Christians.

We will focus briefly on two of the earliest witnesses to the Risen Christ; the ***Apostle Paul***, who claimed to meet the Risen Lord (1 Cor. 9:1; 15:8; Acts 9:1-19; 22:3-16; 26:12-18) on his way to Damascus to persecute the earliest followers of Jesus and the ***Apostle Peter***, one of the Twelve, and the major spokesperson of Jesus' disciples. Peter became the first Bishop of Rome and the first Pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

Paul, in his own statement of faith in response to a claim that there is no resurrection from the dead from the church he established in Corinth, stated:

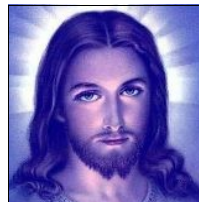
¹² But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised.

¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

¹⁵ More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised.

¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised either.



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¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins.

¹⁸ Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost.

¹⁹ If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. 1 Corinthians 15:12-19 (NIV)

We will examine four significant features in this passage that the apostle Paul affirmed to challenge the question about resurrection posed by the Corinthians: *if Christ was not raised from the dead?*

1. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is

your faith. The resurrection of Christ is the heart of God's gospel, "the heart of Good News". And Paul wrote earlier in the same chapter:

15 Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. ² By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. ³ For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures. 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 (NIV)

This was the very heart and core of God's message preached and proclaimed by Paul. The resurrection was the supreme and ultimate proof from God in confirming the claims of Jesus' resurrection.

When the Jews had asked for a sign of resurrection Jesus replied:

A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. Matthew 12:39-40

And Paul also appealed to this when he also affirmed of Christ in Romans 1:4 and declared:

He was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead; even Jesus Christ our Lord.

Paul reminded his friends in Corinth that no resurrection means no Gospel/ Good News. Not only is the resurrection the supreme proof that Jesus is the Christ, but if there was no resurrection, the message of the gospel is robbed of its life and is a dead message.

The writer of John also affirmed of Jesus and wrote: ***"In him was life; and the life was the light of men"*** John 11:25; to which Jesus added, ***"I am the resurrection and life"*** (John 1:4).

Evidences on this point can be seen today in the history of Christianity. Proclamation of the gospel and Good News of Christ's resurrection in the last 2000 years attracted and convinced billions of people to Christ and to Christ's Church as it, the gospel of Christ's resurrection, has the power to transform the lives of people. It takes a living and resurrected Christ to give life to all people; he lives and gives life because God raised him from the dead to live forever.

In his sermon to those who had demanded the death of Christ, believed to be preached just fifty days after Jesus' resurrection, the Apostle Peter, the disciple of Jesus, charged and affirmed:

²² ***"Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³ This man was handed over to you by God's deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴ But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. Acts 2:22-24 (NIV)***

And likewise in all of his other sermons recorded in the book of Acts, Peter constantly affirmed the same fundamental witness and fact – ***God raised Jesus from the dead! Christ has Risen!***

Moreover, the apostle Paul contended for the same in his preaching, an example of which may be taken from his sermon preached in Athens on Mars Hill. Having charged the heathen philosophers with worshipping in ignorance "an unknown God," the apostle Paul concluded and wrote:

³⁰ ***In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. ³¹ For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."*** Acts 17:30-31 (NIV)

2. If Jesus was not raised, the apostles were false witnesses!

⁴⁵ ***More than that, Paul exhorts, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. Now the point Paul was trying to prove was just this: If Christ has not been raised, they (the first eye-witnesses)***

are found to be false witnesses of Christ, because they had testified in all their preaching that God had raised Jesus.

If the apostles cannot be believed at this point, how can they be believed on any point? And if later and latter Christians cannot believe the earliest apostles of Christ as the first eye-witnesses, away goes our faith (Christ of faith) even in a "historical Jesus," for it is on the earliest apostles' testimony that the followers of Jesus believed about Jesus!

And when faith in Jesus is gone, all hope topples to earth; for our hope for eternal things rests upon our faith in Jesus, which stands or falls upon Jesus' resurrection.

But, if the apostles are to be believed at this point, they must be believed in all things they taught; and if believed, then Jesus is Lord and Christ and to be followed, because he possessed all authority in heaven and on earth.

3. Your (Christians) faith is futile (useless, fruitless, unsuccessful); you are still in your sins. Faith that saves is faith in the Christ whom God raised, not faith in merely a good or a great man. Faith in the Resurrected Christ witnessed to by the writers of the Scripture. If Jesus was not raised, then the testimony has been false, our faith is vain and useless, for there is no fact believed, only falsehood. We can now see how futile and empty the message of one who denies resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

4. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. (No eternal life). If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied (feel sorry for).

Therefore, no resurrection, no Hope! This means that all those fond hopes that we and our ancestors and fore bearers in faith for loved ones now gone and have been in vain. There is no hope; our beloved one who had gone are now "lost" and perished and so must we will be perished with them. All hope of life rests upon the resurrection of Jesus. The apostle Peter added:

²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

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Peter 1:20-21 (NIV)

According to Peter, then, if no resurrection, then there is neither faith nor hope. Hope is very significant for Christians! Hope and faith gave us the ground to believe that there is life beyond death. Faith and hope gave us the guarantee and promise of life everlasting.

– Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Have a blessed Easter Season journey!

Lauleti



Notice Board

Lawn Mowing and Gardening

Thank you to all those who quietly go round mowing the lawn and pulling out weeds – it's a big task so if anyone has a spare hour or so???

SAMMY STAMP

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

There is a box marked *Stamps*

On the table in the Narthex.

See page 22 for further details.

Trading Table

The next Trading Tables will be on

11th May 2014

June 8th 2014

July 13th 2014

April trading table \$133.50

Thanks to your support in purchasing and cleaning up.

Please contact Heather Kimber

Phone: 9796 8154

Fundraisers....

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1.Aluminium Can Collection

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2.Paper Collection & Packing

Next paper packing ...see page 20 for details.

Pancake Day

Big thank you for all those who supported the day, especially the cooks.

Amount raised: \$120.65

Which will go to homelessness and financial crisis.

The Andrews Centre

Please keep donating non perishable food thank you!

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



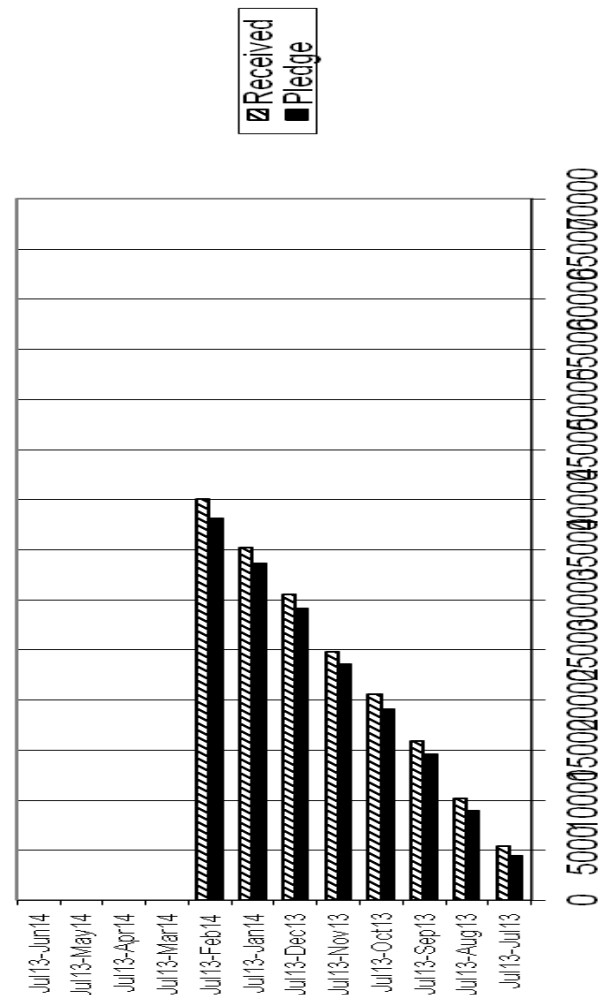
12.30pm on the First Friday of the month.

Various people take turns in organizing it and everyone is welcome!!!

Please check Notice Sheet for details!

Contact the Organizer by 5 pm on the Wednesday prior.

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.

AN ETERNAL LEGACY FROM THE UPPER ROOM

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Some years ago Mila and I visited Jerusalem, where we were shown an upper chamber well known as the Cenaculum, which today stands on the original site of the Upper Room. It is in the old city of Jerusalem, on the hill of Mount Zion, forming a part of a Franciscan Church, adjoining the tomb of King David. The Cenaculum we believe is the most authentic and sacred site in Jerusalem. To stand in this room and contemplate on the New Testament, going back to many centuries, recreates the scene old but ever new and the awesome feeling of the unmistakable presence of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Two significant aspects come to mind about the Upper Room. 1) Jesus instituted the Sacrament of His Supper and 2) He washed the feet of His disciples. He bequeathed an eternal legacy, a means of service to God and a means of service to humans. The disciples were arguing who among them was considered the greatest. Jesus rebuked them and made it clear to them that the one who serves is the greatest. But the disciples did not pay attention to the significance of what Jesus said. They were repulsive to the thought of being slaves. He showed by action what he meant. He rose from His seat from the Supper, picked up a water basin, tied a towel around His waist went down on His hands and knees and started to wash the feet of the disciples. The Master became the Servant to His beloved disciples. Everyone was shocked and bewildered with absolute silence. After He washed the dirty feet of all the disciples, even the feet of the betrayer Judas, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done for you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought also to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you" This is the eternal legacy that comes from the Upper Room, the power of a great example. Albert Schweitzer, Brother Lawrence, David Livingstone, Hudson Taylor, Catherine of Siena, Mother Theresa , a few among

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hundreds of others who were inspired by Jesus. This was the beginning of Christianity. Christianity has certain features in common with all world religions. Some of the world religious leaders like Confucius, Buddha, Hindu gods, Mohammed among others preached great philosophies. Christians are not confronted with only a philosophy, a theological system or a code of ethics, but with a Person, a unique Person, and that Person is Jesus Christ who taught and offered Himself to the conscience of all human kind as the Great Example.

In the twenty first century, Christianity is eroding into a minority religion, even in those countries where once it exercised the greatest influence. Christianity is not rejected after a vacuum is filled in the human heart; it is not persecuted and laughed at; it is not even looked over and respectfully declined. It is simply set to one side as something not worthy of serious attention, as a way of life which in its organized form has too deeply perjured itself ever to be believed in again. Today an immense and weary battle confronts the worldwide church of true believers and New Testament Christianity, before she is likely to be taken seriously again into the minds of the people, not to mention their hearts, imagination and wills.

The “church” in its evangelistic task must go right back to where Christianity started, confronting not with high pitched oratory with doctrine and dogma, ultra modern accomplished institutions and 21st century state of the art high tech systems, but by fixing our gaze on a Person and the Person Jesus Christ, the author and Perfecter of our faith.



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.

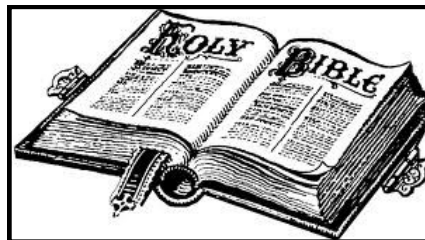
Week beginning:	Families		
4th May	O'KEEFFE	PETHIYAGODA	PORCH
11th May	REID	RODGERS	SAMUELS
18th May	SHAW	SLEETH	SMITH
25th May	SPENCER	SUMMERS	THOMAS
1st June	TU'INAUVAI	WARD	WATKINS
8th June	WEGMANN	WESTCOTT	WILHELMS
15th June	WILLIAMS	ABRAHAMA	ALLISON
22nd June	ASHLEY	BALTHAZAR	BARTHOLOMEUSZ
29th June	BAXTER	BEECHER	BRYAN





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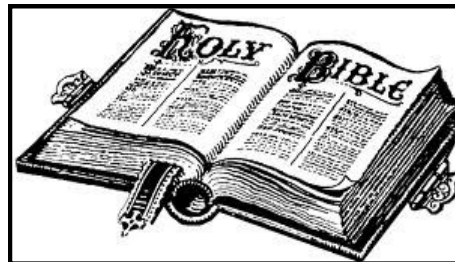
May 4, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	* Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
Fourth Sunday of Easter May 11, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	* Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
Fifth Sunday of Easter May 18, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	* Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
Sixth Sunday of Easter May 25, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	* Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Ascension of the Lord May 29, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	* Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47 or Psalm 93	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth May 31, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	* 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Psalm 113	Romans 12:9-16b	Luke 1:39-57





LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

June 1, 2014 (If Ascension not observed here) ART -- PRAYER	*Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
Day of Pentecost June 8, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	*Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39
June 15, 2014 <i>First Sunday after Pentecost</i> ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 1:1-2:4a Psalm 8		2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
Proper 7 (12) Second Sunday after Pentecost June 22, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 21:8-21 Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17	Jeremiah 20:7-13 Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
Proper 8 (13) Third Sunday after Pentecost June 29, 2014 ART -- PRAYER	Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13	Jeremiah 28:5-9 Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42



MAY ROSTERS



May 2014	4	11	18	25
Bible Reading	Rufane & Michelle Smith	Lynda & Brian Greenstreet	Stan & Sue Ashley	Mary Mehl Ashley Williams
Communion Prep	Patricia Matthys Pam Cowley			
Communion Servers	Diane Hall, Colin Wilhelms Geoff Lacey, Cheryl Doddrell			
Counting of Offering	Leena Garnepudi Brian Hall	Sandra Cox Wes Porch	Patricia Matthys Clifford Naude	Brian Greenstreet Pam Cowley
Door/Offering	Grant Allison	Andrew Moore	Sandra Cox	Chris Summers
Early Word	N/A	Michelle Smith	Elke Beecher	Lauleti Tu'inauvai
Flowers	Elizabeth Kapitany	Artificial Flowers	Manusiu Tu'inauvai	Art Flowers
Kitchen	YOUTH	Sandra Neal Joan Hansen	Sue & Stan Ashley	Heather Kimber Pam Cowley
Organist/Pianist	Sue Reid	Olive Morland	Edith John	BAND
PowerPoint	Ursula Ebert	Patricia Matthys	Marion Ward	Andrew Moore
Praise Time	Michelle & Rufane Smith	Tu'inauvai Family	Geoff Harkness	BAND
Preacher/Duty Elder	Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvai Diane Hall	Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvai Judy Hopkins	Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvai Colin Wilhelms	Rev Lauleti Tu'inauvai Pam Cowley
Public Address	Paul Watkins	Colin Wilhelms	Warren Ward	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!

JUNE 2014	1	8	15	22	29
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JUNE ROSTERS



JUNE 2014							1	8	15	22	29
Bible Reading		Brian & Diane Hall	Judy Hopkins Heather Kimber	Sue & Stan Ashley	Sue Reid Catherine Gonsalves	Cheryl Doddrell Murray John					
Communion Prep		Sandra Cox Delilah Spencer									
Communion Servers		Diane Hall Pam Cowley									
Communion Steward		Brian Hall									
Counting of Offering		Clifford Naude Manusiu Tu'inauvai	Leena Garnepudi Grant Allison	David Garnepudi Wes Porch	Brian Hall tba	Sandra Cox Clifford Naude					
Door/Offering		Christine Summers	Murray John	Stan & Sue Ashley	Andrew Moore	Sandra Cox					
Early Word			Judy Hopkins	Lauleti Tu'inauvai	Sue Reid	Lauleti Tu'inauvai					
Flowers		Lynda Greenstreet	Artificial Flowers	Anne Williams	Catherine Gonsalves	Artificial Flowers					
Kitchen		Youth	Elizabeth Moore Delilah Spencer	Stan & Sue Ashley	Jacqui Gacutan Mathy Watkins	Smith Family					
Organist/Pianist		Edith John	Olive Morland	Sue Reid	Edith John	Alive@11					
PowerPoint		Marion Ward	Andrew Moore	Ursula Ebert	Jean Lacey	Marion Ward					
Praise Time		Olive Morland	Tu'inauvai Family	Edith & Murray John	Michelle & Rufane Smith	Alive@11					
Preacher/Duty Elder		Lauleti Tu'inauvai Diane Hall	Lauleti Tu'inauvai Judy Hopkins	Lauleti Tu'inauvai Colin Wilhelms	Lauleti Tu'inauvai Pam Cowley	tba Cheryl Doddrell					
Public Address		Warren Ward	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Colin Wilhelms	Paul Watkins	Geoff Lacey					

PAPER PACKING

To all volunteers,

The paper loading day set for 3rd May has been cancelled as the firm we are now to use will collect the paper.

However when the paper is collected it will be on a weekday and it is hoped that there will be some people available to assist on the day.

This will not entail loading a truck as bundles will be placed in a cubic metre wire enforced basket and lifted by truck crane onto truck.

As the date has not been fixed as yet I will send further email as to date when this will take place.

After all the paper is cleared then paper loading days as we knew them will be a thing of the past.

More information will be emailed in due course.

Syd Swaby



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FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



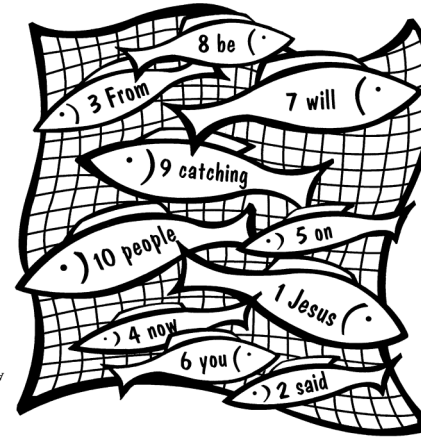
K I D S K L I P S

A Fish Story

In Luke 5:1-11, Jesus teaches people about God while he sits in a boat. Then he went fishing with his disciples. Read the story. Then choose words from the fish in the net that will fill each blank below. Then you can read what Jesus told his disciples.

_____ 1 _____ 2 _____
 " _____ 3 _____ 4 _____ 5 _____
 _____ 6 _____ 7 _____ 8 _____
 _____ 9 _____
 _____ 10 _____ "

Answer: Jesus said, "From now on you will be catching people." Luke 5:11



How Big Is Your Faith?

Cross out every other letter (the first one is done for you). Then write the remaining letters in the space provided to find out how Jesus described heaven.

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Answer: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed. It is the smallest of seeds, but grows to be the greatest of trees. Matthew 13:31-32.

.....AND GOD LAUGHED.....



THROUGH A CHILD'S
EYESWONDERFUL!!!!

Dear God,
I went to this wedding
and they kissed right in church
Is that ok?
Neil

Dear God,
Instead of Letting people die
and haveing to Make new ones
why don't you just
Keep the ones you got now?

Tane

Dear God,
I think the stapler
is one of your
greatest invention
Ruth M.

Dear God
In bible times
did they really
talk that fancy?
Jennifer

Dear God,
I am Amearican
What are you?
Robert

Dear God,
I bet it is
very hard
for you to
love all of
every body in the
whole world
There are only
4 people in our
family and I
can never do it.

Nan

Dear God -
Please put a -
nother Holiday
between Christmas
and Easter.
There is nothing good
in there now.
Ginny

Dear God,
If you watch in
Church on Sunday
I will show you
my new shoes
Mickey D.

Dear-God-if-
we-come-back
as-something-
please-don't
let-me-be
Jennifer-Horton
because-I-hate
her.

Denise

Dear God

Maybe Cain and Abel
would not kill each so much
if they had their own rooms.
It works with my brother

Larry

Dear God,
If you give me
genie lamp like Alladin
I will give you anything
you want
except my money
or my chess set.
Raphael

We read Thos. Edison
made light.
But in SUN. School they said
you did it.
So I bet he stole
your idea.
Sincerely,
Danna

Dear God,
If you let The dinosaur
not extinct we would
not have a country.
You did the right thing.

Jonathan

Dear God,
Please Send Dennis Clark
to a different camp
this year.

Peter

Dear God,
Thank you for
the baby brother
but what I prayed
for was a puppy
Joyce

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday 18th May

Strike a Note for Timor. Relax in a beautiful garden while listening to an amazing variety of music groups. Funds raised will provide scholarships for girls in Timor to stay at high school for another year. Details on flyer on Notice Board.

Sunday 31 May

Restoration of Timor Leste independence.

Join members of the local East Timorese community, students and teachers from local Friendship Schools (who will visit Timor this year) and Friends of Ermera at this Party. Great food! Great music! Experience the East Timorese culture! ***Details on flyer on Notice Board.***



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

Photos of various events are very welcome!!!!

Let go and let God – I have been called into a new placement!

I believe that we have acknowledged that participating in Christ's mission and ministry is not only an exciting and rewarding journey but also confronting, heart-breaking, sad with tough decisions needed to be made. We have experienced this during our following of Christ's Lenten Journey and Easter Day. The place that we have called home with many friends established for several years has to be farewelled and we move on. But Christ has promised his being with us to the end of the age!

The first three months of this year has been very stimulating and challenging. In late December 2013, I received an invitation from the Synod Placement Committee to test my call and engage in a conversation with two amalgamating congregations looking for a Minister of the Word. This is our church's process of call. After several conversations with the Joint Nominating Committee, I received a Letter of Call from Blackburn North-Nunawading (BNN) UCA Congregation in late March.

Engaging in a week of prayerful, thoughtful and thorough discernment, I have considered this current placement's mission and ministry for over seven years as well as my son's 'Aisake educational endeavour. 'Aisake is in Year 9 and will be Year 11 on my 10th year in this current placement. Changing placement now will give 'Aisake enough time to settle into the new school before facing VCE in 2017. I then decided to accept the call to become BNN minister from 1st September 2014.

Blackburn North and Nunawading congregations have been amalgamated this year to form BNN Congregation. They have sold their Blackburn North property and joined Nunawading Congregation on Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (close to the corner of Whitehorse and Springvale Rd). BNN congregation is looking for a minister to minister with them in this new phase of their journey as an amalgamated congregation and minister with them in searching for a more liberated theology and diverse style of worships.

I will officially conclude my placement at Endeavour Hills and Dandenong North on 31st August 2014 with some annual leaves to be taken before I officially started at BNN on 1st September.

I firmly believe that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, we have had an exciting and challenging journey together in fulfilling God's mission and ministry in and through Endeavour Hills and Dandenong North Congregations for almost eight years. I have no doubt that God will continue to empower, enthuse and inspire all of you here at Endeavour Hills in this exciting and challenging journey now and in many years to come.

May we continue to prayer for each other during this last few months as your minister and pastor as we will be working together to face the different paths ahead of us as God continues to call us into his diverse missions and ministries.

Shalom to you all.

Lauleti

Servant in Christ's exciting and challenging mission and ministry.

There are

Angels

God puts on this Earth

Who care for us and guide us.
You can feel their love and gentleness
as they walk through life beside us.

They do great things for us every day
they whisper in our ears,
they even hold us in their hearts
when we are filled with all our fears.

They are always there to give a hug
and try to make us smile.
They treat us with respect and love,
they treat us like their child.

God blessed me with an Angel,
I'm proud to call my own.
She's been with me throughout my
life, been with me as I've grown.

She's guided me the best she can,
she's taught me like no other,
and I'm thankful I'm the lucky one
who get's to call her...

Mother

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

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