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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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UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

Endeavour Hills Uniting Church

	SERVICE TIMES
Sunday of the Month	**10.30 am**
1st	Worship Service with Communion (Includes Sunday School)
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 Reid 9704 9195

Pam Cowley..... 0429 932 111

Usage of church building

Sundays	10:30 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas except childcare office and nursery
Monday	9.30 - 11.30am	Play Group "Treasure Trove"	Narthex and/or Nursery
	Afternoon	Montessori	All childcare areas
Tuesday – Friday	All day	Montessori	All childcare areas
Tuesday	7:30-9 pm	Beta Bible Study	Meeting Room (1st and 3rd Tues)
Wednesday	10-12 noon	Bible Study	Meeting Room (except School Holidays)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Church Council	Meeting Room (2nd Wed.)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Property & Finance Committee Group	Meeting Room (4th Wed of month execpt when 5)
Thursday	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
Friday	9,00am	Prayer and Share group	Church
	Outside Montessori hours	For Church Use	All areas (except childcare office and nursery)

ALL GROUPS will have access to toilets and kitchen.
"Hall" = old pre-school area

ENDEAVOUR HILLS UNITING CHURCH

CAROL SERVICE

11TH DECEMBER @ 7.15PM

FOR A 7.30PM START.

PLEASE KEEP THE DATE FREE!

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

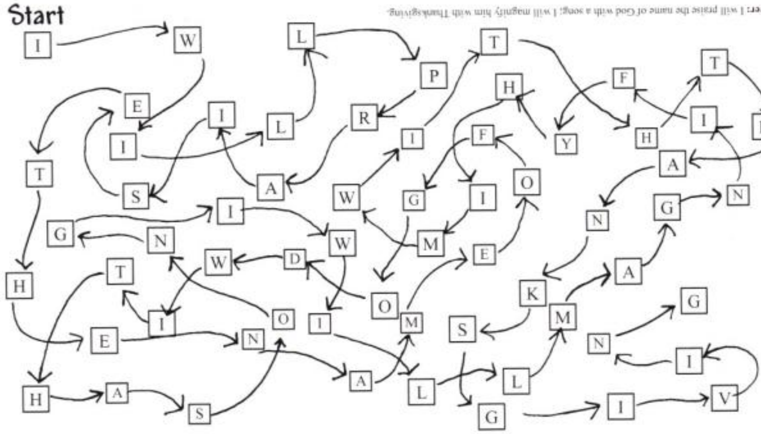
FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

K I D S   K L I P S

Psalm 69
Follow the arrows and put the letters in the blanks

Start

Answer: I will praise the name of God with a song; I will magnify him with Thanksgiving.



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Word Scramble
Unscramble the words to find things and people for which we should be thankful.

H H C U R C

O O F D

T P E S

E T A U N R

A D D

H E O M

L F W R S E O

M M O

S R A T S

S R I D N K

Y T O S

Answer: CHURCH, NATURE, FLOWERS, DRINKS, FOOD, DAD, MOM, TOYS, PETS, HOME, STARS

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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 10.30am 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

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

Various people take turns in organising.

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

Contact the Organiser by 5pm on the Wednesday preceding the lunch if you can come
Please see page 15 for further details..

Prayer and Share group

This group meets Friday @8.30am.
Contact Cheryl Doddrell for details.
PH: 9700 1674.

Notice Board

Lawn Mowing and Gardening

This is on going and any help is appreciated. Please contact:

Bruce Hansen.

Phone: 9706 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.

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. Please consider helping if you can. PH:9700 7551

Email: judy.inehills@bigpond.com

A Plea from Rev. Robin Yang

Please wear your name badges. If you need one or wish to have a replacement, please see Jean Lacey. Phone: 9700 7246

Paper Collection &Packing

The next paper packing will be on the 18th November at DNUC @ 9,00am.

Followed by an A.G.M. Everyone welcome.

Trading Table

Next trading table will be 13th Nov.

October Takings: $72.50

for trading table and books.

Money going to church funds.. Special thanks to Pam for running the table through Sept. & October.

Contact: Heather Kimber.

PH:9796 8154

Opportunity Shop

Donations of used goods and clothing (good condition), greatly appreciated. The Op shop works in conjunction with The Andrews Centre.

The Andrews Centre

Thank you to everyone that has donated non perishable goods.

There is a strong need in the community for this service. Keep up the good work.

OVERCOMING THE SIN OF PRAYERLESSNESS

We often pray to God, but at the end of our prayers we insist in our own secular (worldly) ways, ignoring God and what He says in His Word. We may say that we walk with the Lord, but are they mere rhetoric and empty words? Why are we so busy in following the world with their corporate business plans and make God a limited Being and not what He has commanded us the mortal beings to do in our lives. Are we ignoring God's best for our lives? It is always a choice in our belief, either we allow God to bring us to the highest level and favour that He desires for us, or reject and limit Him, so that we carry on with what we do and live by our worldly instincts. The abundance of an affluent life that lacks nothing can lead to a prayerless life.

When we study the Old Testament, we see Israel was originally governed solely by God, and God spoke to His people through the prophets. 1 and 2 Samuel give a glimpse of the Sovereign Lord's dealings with His people. God was the ultimate judge and deliverer and not the prophets.

Sadly there came a time when Israel did not want to be ruled by God. Are we experiencing a time such as then, when our lives are controlled by modernism and secular systems? Israelites preferred a king whom they can see, as opposed to an unseen sovereign Lord. God honoured the demand by His people for a king and anointed Saul as king of Israel. Sometimes God honours our requests because we are His people. Later we come to the knowledge that our requests were not what God intended for our lives. The Israelites learnt their mistake in asking for a king. 1 Samuel 8: 1-22.

There is a great deal of insight in 1 Samuel 12. "**As for me far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by failing to pray for you. And I will teach you the way that is good and right" 1 Samuel 12: 23. Verse 24 "But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what great things He has done for you. Verse 25 "Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your king will be swept away".** I believe prayerlessness is a sin that needs to be overcome by devoting a time to have an appointment with the Lord in our busy lives. God is the Creator of everything. John 1: 1 - 5; John 12: 23. God invites us to come and fellowship with Him, talk to Him like we have intimacy with our dearest and nearest. Do we have such prolonged intimacy, like the union between a man and a woman? Very often we say we do not have time to pray, but we make time to do everything else. Again it is a choice to spend time with the Lord or become prayerless. Prayer is an exercise of the spirit. So we get tired and feel sleepy, like when the Lord asked the disciples to watch and pray, instead preferred to sleep. So it is a battle between our spirit and the flesh , where a war is going on all the time. Our flesh rebels against the spiritual exercise of prayer. The work of the Lord is hindered by prayerlessness. All that we do through our faith in Christ Jesus, must be accomplished through prayer, and our agreeing together in prayer. Whether we agree or not, we do not pray because of our unbelief, and limiting God's work in our lives. Christians are God's disciples appointed to bear fruit, fruit that will last. There is power in prayer and a stronger prayer life will bear much fruit that pleases the Lord.
LAKSHMAN PETHIYAGODA

LECTIONARY FOR NOVEMBER

November 1, 2016 *(Sometimes observed on first Sunday in November)* *ART* -- *PRAYER*	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 Psalm 149		Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Proper 27 (32) Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost November 6, 2016 *ART* -- *PRAYER*	Haggai 1:15b-2:9 Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 ***or*** *Psalm 98*	Job 19:23-27a Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Proper 28 (33) Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 13, 2016 *ART* -- *PRAYER*	Isaiah 65:17-25 Isaiah 12 **	Malachi 4:1-2a Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Reign of Christ - Proper 29 (34) Twenty-Seventh Sunday after Pentecost November 20, 2016 *ART* -- *PRAYER*	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Luke 1:68-79 **	Jeremiah 23:1-6 Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Thanksgiving Day, USA November 24, 2016 *ART* -- *PRAYER*	Deuteronomy 26:1-11 Psalm 100		Philippians 4:4-9	John 6:25-35
November 27, 2016 *ART* -- *PRAYER*	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

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12th October 2016

Devotions –Wes.

Robin will be on leave from 24th October to 6th November. As he will be away on our normal communion Sunday, communion will be on Sunday 13th November. Preachers have been arranged for this time. Robin will also be on study leave from 14th to 17th November.

The Carol service on 11th December and the Christmas Eve services are being planned. We hope to advertise the Carol service widely in the hope that some non-church members may attend.

Jenny Maple has been added to the list of confirmed members. Jenny has been worshipping with us for several weeks now and is most welcome.

Judy Hopkins

Secretary.

ORDINARY PEOPLE WITH AN EXTRORDINARY GOD!

Extraordinary God, that works through us
To achieve amazing things,
He guides us through each and every day,
His grace and love he brings.

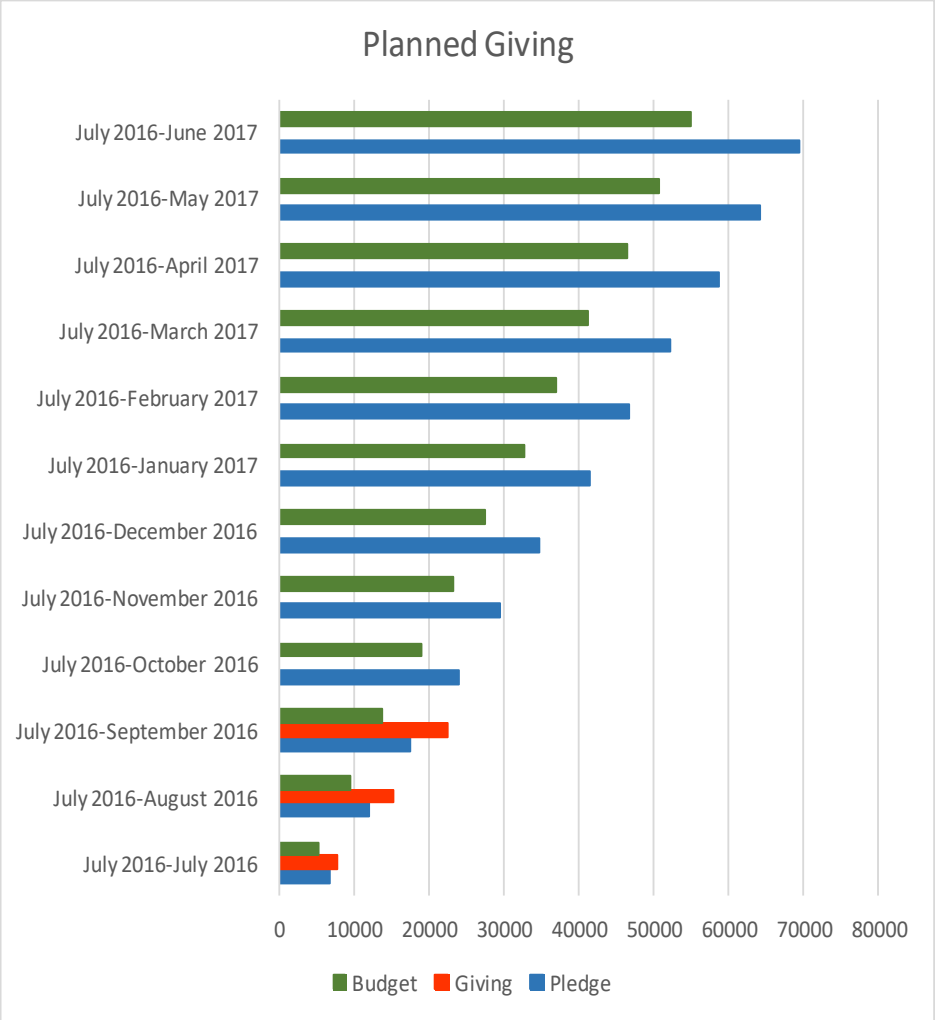
Though we are powerless, weak and small,
With God's grace we are strong,
He works through us to achieve great things,
Helps us to right our wrongs.

We toil together in peace and prayer,
Willing hands and love we share,
We do it all in Christ's own name,
Outreach with hope and care.

Without God's grace the world is dark,
But through him we stand tall,
He empowers us to shine his light,
And bring his word to all.

Thanks to Rev. Robin Yang's sermon about our Extraordinary God achieving extraordinary things through his ordinary people at Endeavour Hills Uniting Church.

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.

A Reflection with Robin

Friends,

October has been a significant and busy month with our stewardship season. A huge thank you to everyone for believing and investing into our church by offering your time, gifts and finances. Whilst at the time of writing, the profile and financial forms have not all been sorted, I know the generosity of the people of God will exceed our expectations. I thank and praise God for you all. I would also like to acknowledge and thank the organizing team for all their efforts in making this season possible.

Let us always remember that stewardship is an investment into more than just buildings or programs. Stewardship is an investment into the people of God. As we walk boldly and confidently into the future, let us steward with grateful hearts and simply play our small part with faithfulness and in a spirit of joy. We will witness God take the ordinary and make it extraordinary.

For those who missed out, please visit our church website to listen to Sunday messages, download copies of stewardship profiles and financial giving forms. Return them to the church office during the week or in the offering plates on Sundays.

Robin Yang

Endeavour Hills Uniting Church has a new sign with our Minister's name.

FIRST FRIDAY LUNCH

Please note that the next Friday lunch will be on Friday 4th November at Cafe Coffea, 376-382 Heatherton Rd, Narre Warren.

Contact: Ursula (preferably by Wednesday 5pm) on

PH: 0400 426 273 or uebert@bigpond.net.au

ROSTERS FOR NOVEMBER

November 2016 revised	7	14	21	28
Bible Reading	David Garnepudi	*Wes & Jenni Porch*	Brian & Lynda Greenstreet	Youth
Communion Prep		Christine Summers Judy Hopkins		
Communion Servers		Colin Wilhelms, Pam Cowley Cheryl Doddrell Elke Beecher		
Counting of Offering	Grant Allison Bruce Hansen	Catherine Gonsalves Brian Hall	Wes Porch Brian Greenstreet	Pam Cowley David Garnepudi
Door/ Offering	Andrew Moore	Grant Allison	Pam Cowley	Sandra Cox
Early Word	___	*Elke Beecher*	Stephen Mayes	___
Kitchen	Elizabeth Moore Delilah Spencer	Smith Family	Jacqui Gacutan Delilah Spencer	Shinduk Kwoun Unsook Kim
Organist/ Pianist	Sue Reid	Olive Morland	Edith John	BAND
PowerPoint	Ursula Ebert	Andrew Moore	Rufane Smith	Sungpil Lee
Duty Elder	Judy Hopkins	Diane Hall	Pam Cowley	Colin Wilhelms
Preacher	*Elke Beecher*	Rev Robin Yang	Rev Robin Yang	Rev Robin Yang
Public Address	Colin Wilhelms	Geoff Lacey	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Geoff Lacey

ROSTERS FOR DECEMBER

December 2016	4	11	18	24 (Saturday 11 pm)	25 (9 am)
Bible Reading	Diane & Brian Hall	Smith family	Cheryl Doddrell Elke Beecher		Gavin Bartholomeusz Pam Cowley
Communion Prep	Pam Cowley Sandra Cox			tba	
Communion Servers	Pam Cowley Diane Hall			tba	
Counting of Offering	Grant Allison Lynne Bryan	Brian Hall Sandra Cox	Catherine Gonsalves Brian Greenstreet		
Door/ Offering	Stan & Sue Ashley	Andrew Moore **7:15 pm – Sandra Cox**	Grant Alison	Pam Cowley	Christine Summers
Early Word		Michelle Smith	Stephen Mayes		Robin Yang
Kitchen	Kerrie & Jeff Wilkinson	Mary Mehl Christine Summers **7:15 *pm Carol Service*** *Elizabeth Moore &* Delilah Spencer	Pam Cowley Heather Kimber		
Organist/ Pianist	Olive Morland	10.30am - Sue Reid 7:15 pm - Orchestra	Edith John	**11 pm -** Olive Morland	Edith John & Sue Reid
PowerPoint	Jean Lacey	Andrew Moore	Rufane Smith	Sungpil Lee	Ursula Ebert
Duty Elder	Diane Hall	Judy Hopkins **7:15 pm Carol Service** Judy Hopkins	Cheryl Doddrell	Pam Cowley	Pam Cowley
Preacher	Rev Robin Yang	Rev Robin Yang	Rev Robin Yang	**11 pm** Rev Robin Yang	Rev Robin Yang
Public Address	Colin Wilhelms	Gavin Bartholomeusz **7:15 pm Geoff Lacey**	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Colin Wilhelms	Geoff Lacey

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2. **It would also help if the contribution was written in a word document format and attached.**
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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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