

INTERACTIONS

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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	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 Reid9704 9195
 Pam Cowley..... 0429 932 111

USAGE OF CHURCH BUILDING

<i>Sundays</i>	10:30 am	Worship EHUC	All Areas except childcare office and nursery
<i>Monday</i>	9.30 - 11.30am	Play Group "Treasure Trove"	Narthex and/or Nursery
	Afternoon	Montessori	All childcare areas
<i>Tuesday – Friday</i>	All day	Montessori	All childcare areas
<i>Tuesday</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	Church Council	Meeting Room (2nd Wed.)
	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Property & Finance Committee Group	Meeting Room (4th Wed of month except when 5)
<i>Thursday</i>	7:30 pm	Singing Group	Church
<i>Friday</i>	8.30 am	Prayer and Share group	Church
	<i>Outside Montessori hours</i>	For Church Use	All areas (except childcare office and nursery)

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

LIVE BY THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER

“So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other so that you do not do what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law” Galatians 5: 16 - 18. In order to abide in what God says in His Word, we need to ask the Holy Spirit to manifest His power in our Christian living. So how are we empowered by the power of the Holy Spirit? It is by the fruit of the Spirit. Saint Paul says “but the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified their sinful nature with its passions and desires. “Since we live by the Spirit let us keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other”. Galatians 5: 25 - 26.

Our true Christian character is produced by the Holy Spirit, not by the mere moral discipline of trying to live by the law. Justification by faith alone, does not give us a licence, to live as we please. Holy Spirit produces Christian virtues in the believer’s life. If we live in the Spirit, we need to walk in the Spirit. We need to aim for God’s standard. In the nine fruits mentioned earlier we need to aim for perfect love, perfect joy and perfect peace. Then we have made great efforts to meet God’s standards to accomplish the first three fruits related to God.

God looks for these three fruits from all His believers. Above everything else that we possess, love, joy and peace can please God. The next three fruits, patience, kindness and goodness towards our outward lives, to those whom we come into contact every day by the hour.

The final three fruits, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control are all related to ourselves. If we have been living secular lives, separated

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from God and now seek Him diligently with all our hearts, God meets us with the three graces, love, joy and peace.

“And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us”. Romans 5:5. At the same time joy comes into our hearts followed by peace. We cannot fake them. If we try to manufacture love, joy and peace we will end up fooling ourselves. We are mortal beings and cannot usurp God. The three primary graces are an act of God coming from above. God speaks the Word from His Holy Scriptures and gives the love, joy and the peace. We are only able to receive these from Christ Jesus by our faith in Him, enabled by the Holy Spirit. When we have the Spirit, we will have these graces. If the whole church of God live as the Lord would have them live, Christianity would be the mightiest power in this world. If our standard of life as Christians is low, we cannot bear much fruit, they will be like trees planted in poor soil, hard and stony and the roots cannot reach the rich soil. “He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green . It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.” Jeremiah 17:8. For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith, goodness, and to goodness, knowledge, and to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control, perseverance, and to perseverance, godliness, and to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ”. 2 Peter 1: 5 - 8. This is the only way we can bring forth fruit that will be acceptable to God. So, in our constant bringing forth of fruit acceptable to God, we will grow in grace and will be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit of God.

LAKSHMAN PETHIYAGODA



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.

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

Keep collecting newspapers,

Details regarding packing of paper will be in the weekly notices or

Interact.

Trading Table

Next trading table will be

11th Sept

August Takings: \$120
for trading table and books.

Money going to Kid's Hope.

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

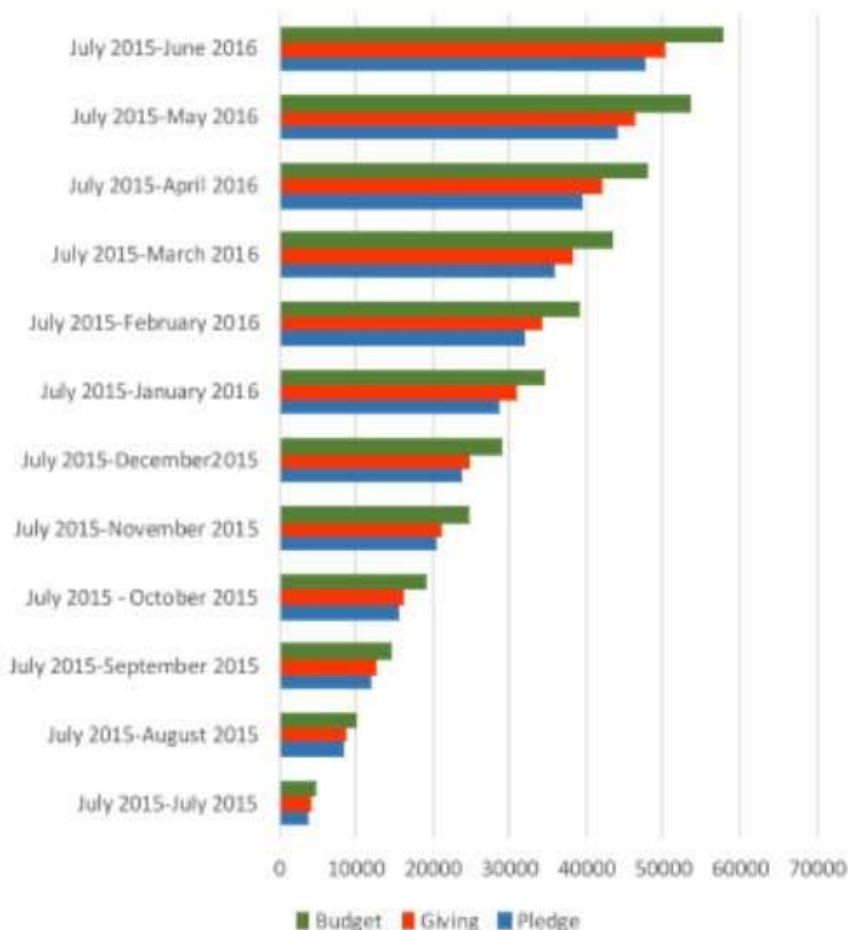
Thank you to everyone that has donated non perishable goods.

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

Planned Giving



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

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

10th August 2016

Devotions –Cheryl

Discussed the need for a Stewardship campaign which will be in October.

A church group will be hiring our building on Saturday and Wednesday evenings for several weeks

Robin, Cheryl and Stephen and Andrea Mayes will be attending an Intergenerational conference. Council approved that we should pay for this. Robin will be on leave from 24th October till 6th November. He will be away on the normal communion Sunday so communion will be on the 2nd Sunday in November. .

Christmas services were discussed. The Carol Service will be on the 11th December and Christmas day worship will be at 9 am on Sunday 25th December. Robin will discuss having a shared Christmas Eve service with Narre Warren North, with Rev. Ineke Gyles, probably at Endeavour Hills.

Robin will meet with parents to discuss programs for children and youth.

The Kids Hope program has been running for 3 weeks and all mentors have found it to be a positive experience.

Feedback about what people really want in Interact would be welcome.

Judy Hopkins



LECTIONARY FOR SEPTEMBER

<p>Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 4, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Jeremiah 18:1-11 Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1</p>	<p>Philemon 1:1-1:21</p>	<p>Luke 14:25-33</p>
<p>Proper 19 (24) Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost September 11, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28 Psalm 14</p>	<p>Exodus 32:7-14 Psalm 51:1-10</p>	<p>1 Timothy 1:12-17</p>	<p>Luke 15:1-10</p>
<p>Holy Cross September 14, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Numbers 21:4b-9 Psalm 98:1-5 <i>or</i> Psalm 78:1-2, 34-38</p>		<p>1 Corinthians 1:18-24</p>	<p>John 3:13-17</p>
<p>Proper 20 (25) Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 18, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Jeremiah 8:18-9:1 Psalm 79:1-9</p>	<p>Amos 8:4-7 Psalm 113</p>	<p>1 Timothy 2:1-7</p>	<p>Luke 16:1-13</p>
<p>Proper 21 (26) Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 25, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15 Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16</p>	<p>Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146</p>	<p>1 Timothy 6:6-19</p>	<p>Luke 16:19-31</p>





LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

<p>Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost October 2, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Lamentations 1:1-6</p> <p>Lamentations 3:19-26 <i>or</i> Psalm 137</p>	<p>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</p> <p>Psalm 37:1-9</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:1-14</p>	<p>Luke 17:5-10</p>
<p>Proper 23 (28) Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost October 9, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7</p> <p>Psalm 66:1-12</p>	<p>2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c</p> <p>Psalm 111</p>	<p>2 Timothy 2:8-15</p>	<p>Luke 17:11-19</p>
<p>Canadian Thanksgiving Day October 10, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 26:1-11</p> <p>Psalm 100</p>		<p>Philippians 4:4-9</p>	<p>John 6:25-35</p>
<p>Proper 24 (29) Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost October 16, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:27-34</p> <p>Psalm 119:97-104</p>	<p>Genesis 32:22-31</p> <p>Psalm 121</p>	<p>2 Timothy 3:14-4:5</p>	<p>Luke 18:1-8</p>
<p>Proper 25 (30) Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost October 23, 2016 ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Joel 2:23-32</p> <p>Psalm 65</p>	<p>Sirach 35:12-17 <i>or</i> Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22</p> <p>Psalm 84:1-7</p>	<p>2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18</p>	<p>Luke 18:9-14</p>
<p>Proper 26 (31) Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost October 30, 2016 (If All Saints not observed on this day) ART -- PRAYER</p>	<p>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4</p> <p>Psalm 119:137-144</p>	<p>Isaiah 1:10-18</p> <p>Psalm 32:1-7</p>	<p>2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12</p>	<p>Luke 19:1-10</p>

10 Most Popular Father's Day Sayings

- 1 By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. Charles Wadsworth
- 2 Any man can be a father but it takes someone special to be a dad. Anne Geddes
- 3 A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty. Author Unknown
- 4 It doesn't matter who my father was; it matters who I remember he was. Anne Sexton
- 5 It is easier for a father to have children than for children to have a real father. Pope John XXIII
- 6 A father is a banker provided by nature. French Proverb
- 7 You know, fathers just have a way of putting everything together. Erika Cosby
- 8 The greatest gift I ever had came from God; I call him Dad! Author Unknown
- 9 A father carries pictures where his money used to be. Author Unknown
- 10 Once a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, make me the kind of man my daddy is. Later that night, the father prayed, Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants

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FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE



K I D S K L I P S

At the Zoo

Help the girl find her way to the gift shop where she is meeting her friends.



Word Scramble

Look up Proverbs 13:1 in your Bible and use it to help you unscramble this message.

A I E S W H L D I C E L V O S
 E I N C I S L I P D U T B A
 F S F C E O R O S D E O T N
 I T N E S L O T U R K E E B

Proverbs 13:1

Answer: A wise child loves discipline, but a scoffer does not listen to rebuke.

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A Reflection with Robin

Dear members and friends of EHUC,

It is again an honour to be able to write for the September edition of Interact. For the past two editions, I have written on two of three foundational pillars that I believe are essential to our church, namely worship and community. In this edition, I will be introducing the third - Prayer.

"And He taught them, and said, 'Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'" Mark 11:17

John Burton makes the interesting observation that scripture calls the church a house of prayer for all nations. That is its foundational identity, yet prayer is rare in the church today. Many people tend to choose churches based on the appeal of the teaching, preaching and the worship instead of the fervency of prayer. If the church was a house of teaching or a house of worship, that would make sense, but it's not. The Western church seems to be everything but a house of prayer, as other activities and focuses tend to take precedence.

I am convinced that one of the reasons why the church in Australia and indeed around the western world is declining, is there is a distinct lack of prayer. Spiritual complacency has taken hold of many Christ followers and one only has to look at growing churches in the East to see the power and importance of prayer.

What might Endeavour Hills Uniting Church look like if we established a culture of prayer? I know that there are some, if not many in our church who pray, hopefully everyday. We have our prayer chain and Friday morning prayer meeting that intercede for those sick and in need. The

many people who prayed for me when I missed worship due to the flu was evidence of this. The prayer I am speaking about as a foundational pillar for our church however is not intercessory prayer.

The point of prayer is not a church growth strategy; it's not to twist God's arm to bring revival. Prayer is not about the church. The focus must be on seeking God and knowing him - not on seeking what he can do for us. This relentless pursuit of God then becomes the engine room for the church. In effect, prayer should be what drives everything we do.

Daniel Henderson shares this story. Early on the morning of a scheduled prayer gathering, I reluctantly tossed the warm covers aside and dragged myself out of bed. After leading multiple prayer meetings every week for years, I pleaded with God, "I'm tired, Lord. How long must I do this?" "How long will you dress, shave, and brush your teeth?" I felt him say. "Until you die. So shall you pray." We need a dream of dying on our knees.

I find this story inspirational because the truth is to pray unceasingly (1 Thess 5:17) is very hard! At times it feels like prayer is the most unnatural thing to do. Yet the call of God to pray is much bigger than you or I. It is the key to establish God's kingdom here on earth. May God mold, shape and transform us to be a house of prayer.

Robin Yang



ROSTERS FOR SEPTEMBER

September 2016	4	11	18	25
Bible Reading	Cheryl Doddrell Elke Beecher	Lynda and Brian Greenstreet	Catherine Gonsalves Lynne Bryan	Youth
Communion Prep	Pam Cowley Sandra Cox			
Communion Servers	Cheryl Doddrell Colin Wilhelms Pam Cowley Elke Beecher			
Communion Steward	n/a			
Counting of Offering	Lynne Bryan Catherine Gonsalves	Brian Greenstreet David Garnepudi	Sandra Cox Wes Porch	Bruce Hansen Brian Hall
Door/ Offering	Grant Alison	Andrew Moore	Christine Summers	Sandra Cox
Early Word	n/a	Lynda Greenstreet	Steven Mayes	Sue Reid
Kitchen	Elizabeth Moore Delilah Spencer	Smith Family	Jacqueline Gacutan Delilah Spencer	Catherine Gonsalves Ruth O'Keeffe
Organist/ Pianist	Olive Morland	Sue Reid	Edith John	BAND
PowerPoint	Andrew Moore	Jean Lacey	Ursula Ebert	Rufane Smith
Duty Elder	Cheryl Doddrell	Judy Hopkins	Pam Cowley	Colin Wilhelms
Preacher	Rev Robin Yang	Rev Robin Yang	Rev Robin Yang	Rev Robin Yang
Public Address	Gavin Bartholomeusz	Geoff Lacey	Colin Wilhelms	Gavin Bartholomeusz

ROSTERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2016	2	9	16	23	30
Bible Reading	Diane and Brian Hall	Judy Hopkins Heather Kimber	Pam Cowley Mary Mehl	Colin Wilhelms Gavin Bartholomeusz	Youth
Communion Prep	Heather Kimber Diane Hall				
Communion Servers	Diane Hall Judy Hopkins				
Communion Steward	Brian Greenstreet				
Counting of Offering	Gary Allison Lynne Bryan	David Garnepudi Catherine Gonsalves	Brian Hall Pam Cowley	Brian Greenstreet Wes Porch	Lynne Bryan Sandra Cox
Door/ Offering	Pam Cowley	Andrew Moore	Grant Allison	Sandra Cox	Christine Summers
Early Word	_____	Judy Hopkins	Stephen Mayes	Robin Yang	_____
Kitchen	Elizabeth Moore Delilah Spencer	Jeff and Kerri Wilkinson	Shinduk Kwoun Unsook Kim	Jacqui Gacutan Elizabeth Moore	Pam Cowley Heather Kimber
Organist/ Pianist	Edith John	Sue Reid	Olive Morland	Edith John	BAND
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