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HIGH STREET TIMES

STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT EMBRACING ALL PEOPLE WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION CONNECTING YOUNGER GENERATIONS IN GOD'S LOVE



High Street Uniting Church, 16-18 High St Frankston www.frankstonuniting.org.au

FOR OUR PRAYERS

For our prayers...

Each month, High Street Times will publish a list of the names of some of the people who are associated with our congregation, but who are not able to attend on Sunday mornings. Some of those listed here come to Tuesday Communion. We do not want to forget any of them; this is one way of keeping them in our prayers. If you or someone you care for would like to be added to this list (or removed from it), please contact Jacqui in the church office.

We pray for: Rosemary de Silva, Leon & Shiela Knoop, Barbara O'Malley, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Glad Thuraisingha, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Trudi Bosscher, Fay Dungey, Jean Frater, Marie de Silva, David Russell, Marg Shilton, Gwen Taylor.

The High Street Uniting Church, Frankston community acknowledges the Bunurong people as the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which the church buildings stand. We remember their ancestors with respect and commit ourselves to work for reconciliation and justice for indigenous people.





Meet the Ministry Team





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FROM THE MINISTER.....

Lenten Silence

During Lent this year, we have had the opportunity for people to come to the chapel on Friday mornings at 10am for a time of intentional silence - giving up words, for a while, in order to be sit, "just as we are", with God. Doing so together helps to keep us intentional about it, and reminds us that we are not alone, even as we come before God. The gathering includes 20 minutes of silence, which I thought would be guite long enough as a challenge. As it has turned out, most people have been surprised that 20 minutes is not too long at all.

The 40-day period of Lent traditionally starts with a reflection on Jesus' 40 days of preparation in the desert, at the end of which he faced down three temptations - the temptation to base his identity on doing something (make bread!), on how others respond to him (the angels will catch you!), or on gathering security to himself (all these kingdoms!) For those who see their identity in doing things, being still is a valuable discipline for practicing trust in God. For those who base their value on how others respond to them, solitude rather than talking with others can be a valuable discipline for resting in God's love. For those who are concerned for security, silence can challenge the frantic voices in our heads. Jesus practiced all of these things in his 40 days in the desert. Our Friday mornings are a way of gently practicing these things too, and perhaps help us to reflect on Jesus' own preparation. We are getting much closer to Easter, where Jesus' trust and faith are pressed to the end... and he is vindicated, opening the path of life in God to us all.

Thank you to everyone for participating in the discussion about service times over the last two months. We have not made any changes, but it's been an important exercise in listening to each other, and wrestling faithfully with possibilities of how we can best make worship available for people with various needs. The explorations will continue in other ways through our leadership councils.

Congratulations to Daryl and Shirley Groves, Jen Johnson and Fiona Jones, who join the team of Elders, and to those re-elected to the Church Council - see the article later in this edition of High Street Times.

Those who have been attending the Lenten silences will recognise this benediction:

As we leave this place,

let us pray that the imprint of the cross remain upon us.

May our wounds and the wounds of all the world

be transformed into sources of love, generosity, and reconciliation.

We make this prayer and every prayer

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's peace,

David



keeping children safe

AT HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH - AN UPDATE!

Does High Street Uniting Church want to keep our children (and all children) safe? Of course we do! That's why our congregation made a commitment to implement the Keeping Children Safe policy, which has been adopted by the Uniting Church at all levels. The basis of this policy is that all children who are involved in any of the Uniting Church in Australia's activities, services, events or programs have a right to feel and be safe. Further, that the Uniting Church in Australia is committed to provide safe environments where children are cared for, respected, nurtured and sustained.

To keep our children safe, we need safe leaders! That's why all our congregation members in leadership positions have been required to provide a current Working With Children Check. This includes everyone involved in children's activities, and also ministers, pastors, lay preachers, and other "leaders" such as elders, church councilors, worship leaders, music leaders and organists, and bible study leaders (even if they don't have direct contact with children). Our leaders have also all had Safe Church Training in relation to Keeping Children Safe policy and procedures, to ensure everyone is up to date and familiar with what is required of us from now and into the future.

In addition, there are new procedures for new volunteers coming into various "leadership" positions, including holding a current Working with Children's Check, and providing references who can confirm the person's suitability in terms of safety around children. This careful screening is something we need to keep in mind whenever somebody new commences in a particular role. The Guidelines for selecting new Volunteers will be placed on the noticeboard in the foyer near the church office for reference.

To keep our children safe, we need safe programs! That's why for all our children's activities, such as playgroup, Sunday School, and youth groups, there are new procedures in place which are being followed including safety risk assessments, and ensuring appropriate parental permissions are received. Our Youth Co-ordinator, Hannah, is doing a great job with this.

Where do I find out more? The full range of information on policy and procedures for Keeping Children Safe and Working with Children Checks can be found on the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania website, www.ucavictas.org.au/keepingchildrensafe. We have also placed some of the important documents in a folder kept in the Church office if you would like to have a look at them there.

Please feel free to contact either Mandy Lake, or Rev. David Fotheringham (0407 861 092) or Hannah Dungan ((0422 628 028) if you have any queries at all about this information, or wish to discuss any aspect further. We are all more than happy to talk with you!

> Mandy Lake Culture of Safety Contact Person (0438 715029)

Taking Five MAC CLELAND



In the winter of 1931, one year before Australia's Great Depression hit an all-time high, with an unprecedented unemployment rate of 32 percent, Hugh and Margaret Cleland welcomed their first and only child, William McKenzie Cleland into the world. Margret, or Meg as she was known by family and friends gave birth in the family's Ormond home.

Mac was only to have twelve years with his mother before Meg passes in 1943. Lena, Mac's maternal grandmother who had lived on and off with Mac, his father Hugh and Meg in their Ormond home becomes Mac's surrogate mother.

Lena, an exceptionally spiritual woman and someone for whom Mac attributes as a major influence in the cultivation of his Christian values and beliefs, moves in fulltime to take care of both Mac and his father Hugh.

Mac received his initial education at Caulfield South Primary school and his grade six teacher recognizes something in young Mac. Mr Jefferson planted a seed by suggesting that young master Cleland should consider following a career in Law.

Whilst attending Scotch College and at age seventeen, Lena, Mac's maternal grandmother passes suddenly. Lena leaves an indelible mark and legacy behind. Her essential faith had helped towards setting the foundations and constructs of Mac's Christian values and ideologies; a legacy perpetuated in Mac's daily life. So powerful is this example of how just, constructive compassion, love and faith are always followed by those for whom one's own essential compassion, love and faith was affected.

Heavily involved with the Ormond Presbyterian Church in not only worship but the P.F.A. (Presbyterian Fellowship Association) a church youth group. Mac also with the help of fellow young Presbyterian John Neal, establish the Ormond Presbyterian's Cricket team.

After matriculating from Scotch College in 1948 and only two years after watching his hero the yet to be knighted Donald Bradman play in the 1946 Boxing Day Test, the seed Caulfield Primary's Mr Jefferson had planted in grade six came to fruition after Mac begins studying Law at Melbourne University. By 1956 Mac finds himself with a Law Degree whilst employed with Maddock, Lonie, and Chisholm. Three years prior he is introduced to Ann, a primary school teacher whom he falls in love with and will later marry.

Now a practicing solicitor and barrister, March of 1957 sees Mac move to Frankston as an employee solicitor of lawyer Maxwell A. White. In August of that same year Ann and Mac are married at Scotch College and settle in Frankston. In 1958 Mac becomes a partner and then remains with the law firm, renamed "White Cleland", until his retirement in 2012 – "55 years that passed so quickly", he says. Between 1958-1968 Mac and Ann have four children, three girls and a boy. All their girls attend Toorak College, whilst son Michael attends Peninsula Grammar.

Mac and Ann have eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Now residing in Baxter Village. Mac and wife Ann enjoy the fruits of their labour and toil with retirement affording both more time to spend among family and friends.

Mac and Ann attended St Andrew's Presbyterian at its original Davey Street location before its move in 1958, to the now High Street locale; witnessing the laying of the foundation stone for our present HSUC. Of note and historical significance, Mac becomes the first Chairman of the Church Council in 1999 after St Andrews and High Street Methodist's integration. "I am exceptionally proud to be a life time elder" Mac comments. After posing to Mac the question "If you were to walk out the door tomorrow what would you like to see?" Mac's answer was almost instantaneous. "More Christian commitment" within Australia and around the world, without discounting other faiths across the board.

With an 87-year connection with Christianity. Mac has seen a decline in the numbers of committed Christians and hopes for a resurrection and re-awakening of Christian ideologies and beliefs; especially among the younger generations. When I asked Mac what his favourite teaching from the bible was. The New Testament and Luke's account of The Resurrection, chapter 24 in its entirety came to mind. What and exceptionally fine example off supporting evidence in Mac's desire to see a resurrection of faith amongst Christianity. Expressing the Resurrection's significance is essential to Christian belief and stands as a reminder and reflection found within the power of renewal.

When asked if he could describe his life in one-word Mac, a HSUC's life-time elder, husband, father, family man and friend answered, "FORTUNATE".

FORTUNATE By Russell Hawkins

"Within faith and honest commitment we find heaven on earth. It is found in the helping hand, Found in the bounty of compassion. Fortunate are those who's endeavours find their light amongst its glory. May your light be a beacon for others to follow; renewing fellowship for all."

Taking Five written by Russell Hawkins

FORGIVENESS

We all at some stage in our lives carry a cross of some description. These sufferings, tragedies and grievances burden our hearts; some for longer periods of time than others. Recognition of these discomforts is where we begin personally and deeply emotive healing processes. Comparisons between each other's pain, or discomfort, is ego's attempt to halt progression. A fruitless and at times harmful endeavour. Compassion of self inclusive of compassion for others, shines the true light of fellowship, understanding and support amongst humanity.

An unburdened heart is key to constructive living.

This mindful ordinance is founded within forgiveness. At times it may seem impossible to give or receive forgiveness. Be mindful of your intentions, for if you seek forgiveness first you must find its weightlessness within that that is the most important, yourself.

Allowing the ideals of forgiveness to permeate the ether surrounding your being, provides an all essential beginning; manifesting the faith most necessary in taking the first steps towards letting go of your cross. Finding strength to support your journey can be found in honest reflection; understanding that commitment towards yourself is required to begin and start living again.

Though forgiveness for many may not be as easy as it seems; pick up the battle. Your life is worth the effort. Find forgiveness within the faith created by self-love, self-respect and compassion. These actions of validation in one's self will stand as a marker for others who find doubt and insecurities from the cross, that they bear. You now have become a beacon of hope. Within forgiveness we are reborn, stronger for the journey and experiences that led your individual set of circumstances to where you'll find yourself.

standing after reconciliation with an open heart.

High St UC Playgroup Term 1 2019

Playgroup started again for the year at the end of January after the school holidays were over. It's been great to welcome some new families to playgroup this year.

played with playdough - it makes great ice-cream and spaghetti!



We have had some great weather which means we could play outside! The playground had plenty of use and the sandpit underneath was a nice shady place to keep cool while pretending to be at the beach. The children enjoyed riding the toy cars and bikes around the courtyard and hiding under the tree canopy.



There is always a craft activity set up. This week's activity was decorating a recycled box that can be used as a tunnel.





Last playgroup for Term 1: Friday 5th April

First playgroup for Term 2: Friday 3rd May

Last playgroup for Term 2: Friday 28th June

Please Note: Playgroup will not be running on Friday 20th May due to the need to use the playgroup space to setup for the Church fete

2019 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SLOVENIA







Hosted by LEGS







A great day, beautiful sunshine, happy relaxed faces and fabulous music by Mike and the Stands. A big thanks to the LEGS ladies and particularly Alan, Robert and Murray for their help – we raised over \$500 on the day.



My experience of "life in the Mallee" began in the 1930's when my Father was appointed as the Methodist Minister to the tiny town of Rainbow. My parents were very familiar with this part of the world as they both grew up on the Mallee farms and father had already served as a Minister in Natimuk and Managatang in his single days. In those days, the new Minister was expected to be in his new pulpit on the third Sunday in April and often that first service was the one held on Good Friday.

In Rainbow, the custom was to hold that aervice early on Good Friday morning. After that, the congregation made ready to go to the bank of Lank Hindmarsh near the town of Jeparit to continue the Easter celebrations, together with the congregations of the nearby towns and little country churches. The cavalcade would be led by one of the farmer's trucks on which the Rainbow Harmonium Organ had been placed and secured. The cars following were packed with people, picnic rugs and food for the rest of the day.

The lake-side service began in the early afternoon. The people gathered around the organ and Good Friday was remembered in the Bible readings, hymns, prayers and talks given by the various Ministers and Home Missionaries of that part of the world.

Finally, a last walk was taken on the bank of the lake if there happened to be any water in the lake, or into the lake bed. Everything was packed up and we all went back to our towns and farms to make ourselves ready for the celebration of Easter Day.

www.victes.uce.org.au/givingisliving | Photo by Pok Rie on Pasel | April 2019





<u>C.O.G. Report</u> Contemporary Oversight Group

We are a group of people who thoughtfully and carefully consider and deliberate on the state and direction of the contemporary congregation, also, who nurture, encourage and develop the congregation and reinforce our shared belief and knowledge in faith and in the love of God.

Last year we talked about Elections for COG it has not happened yet this year, we have asked several people to join COG, however no-one has taken up the opportunity. The current members have agreed to stay in place until elections can be held.

The Youth service and Christmas services late last year were very good and our "Brass and Wind section" were most impressive.

"Open", the 20+ group has a small but loyal following, and still meets fortnightly on Sunday evenings with David.

"Spot Light" is for our secondary aged children is in recess due to lack of numbers, however, Hannah has started a new Youth group named "Empower" for fortnightly Sunday afternoon activities.

"Sunday Kids" for the primary school children continues. (Sunday Mornings)

For the Working with Children and Safe Church requirements, Hannah, Emma and Meg have these issues well covered for "Sunday Kids", the Youth Group "Empower", "the Playgroup", and the "Back Corner Group" which continues to grow with parents, babies, toddlers and friends sharing in worship. It's nice to see the freedom and comfort that the youngsters have within the service, roaming at will, sharing the sanctuary area with David and being involved in the sharing of "the Peace".

The playgroup continues with 6-7 families coming on Friday mornings.

Alan Jenkins and Robert Downing keep the Audio desk and Data Projector running smoothly and they are missed when they are away. This highlights our issue with people resources, help is needed to share the load, and obviously training can be offered.

Worship Planners, Singers and Musicians are doing a great job, but are in short supply, and it would be nice to have a few more in the pool for the roster.

"Thank You" to the ladies who work up the roster, they do a great job and we do appreciate their efforts.

We are grateful for our welcomers who offer a warm greeting and a smiling face as we arrive, these people also help with the visitor cards and information cards.

Pastoral Care: our pastoral care lists for the contemporary people are now up to date. So now we need to monitor and update as necessary, David has been visiting those who are in need and following up on people we haven't seen for a while.

And a reminder, see the Google Group for the HSUC prayer chain. Prayer requests can be emailed to <u>HSUCprayer@googlegroups.com</u> it can be found on the church website.

We have Communion - Every 2 weeks and it is being well received with many positive comments.

We still aspire to have an "E.P.I.C" service

Experiential – (an experience) Participatory – (to be able to be involved) Interactive – (to be offered the opportunity to be involved)

Communal – (a service leading to a full & rich personal relationship)

Our numbers fluctuate but we have a strong core of regular attendees and our aim is still to keep the Contemporary service relevant, fresh, engaging and open to young people and at the same time giving our older people spiritual nourishment.

~ Mike Guest

Our Church Leadership

Following the election at the March AGM, the following people now make up the various councils of the congregation. Those just elected for a new/continuing term are in bold.

Everyone in the congregation serves and shares in different ways; these particular roles are roles of oversight and care for the worship, life and pastoral care of the congregation. Please keep these leaders in your prayers, as they keep you in theirs.

CHURCH COUNCIL:

- Jackie Annable John Coulson Robert Downing Mike Guest Keith Holmes (Treasurer) Ross Huggard (Chairperson) Karin Jooste Alan Jenkins Juli Lincoln Dawn Peacock Kerry Pederick (Secretary) Marg Scarlett Coopted: Murray Burdett and Mandy Lake Ex-officio: David Fotheringham
- ELDERS: Naomi Briggs Dorothy Bucher Jill Cayzer Mac Cleland John Coulson (Secretary) **Beverley Fowler** Daryl Groves Shirley Groves Keith Holmes Erica Hutchinson Jen Johnson **Fiona Jones** Dawn Peacock Rona Russell Marlene Thresher (Minutes Secretary) Stanley Zhungu Ex-officio: David Fotheringham, Arthur Poole

CONTEMPORARY OVERSIGHT GROUP: Jackie Annable Barb Conner Michael Downing Mike Guest (Chairperson) Kerry Pederick (Secretary) Marg Scarlett Patti Scully Ex-officio: David Fotheringham, Hannah Dungan

Please continue to pray for Marg Shilton, who concluded her role as an Elder, having moved into care in Ocean Grove. Many thanks to Elaine Kenyon, who has retired from Elders, but continues to be a blessing to us in other ways.

Easter

Maundy Thursday - 7:30pm Good Friday - 10:00am Easter Sunday - 6:45am & 10:00am

Activities on the Frankston Foreshore Good Friday from 11am



APRIL Diary Dates

MONDAY 1 -	LARDER - 8:30AM
	LEGS - Blue Room - 7:30PM
	BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM
TUESDAY 2 -	WALKIE TALKIES -Overport Park- 8:30AM
	TUESDAY COMMUNION - 11:30am
	RETIRED MINISTERS LUNCH - 12:30PM
	CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Chapel - 7:30pm
WEDNESDAY 3 -	VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:0AM
	COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM
	CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM
THURSDAY 4 -	WALKIE TALKIES - The Mathews home, 4 Tooloomba Crt,
	Frankston- 8:30AM
FRIDAY 5 -	PLAY GROUP - Back Hall - 9:15AM
	LENTEN SILENCE - Chapel - 10:00AM
	(SCHOOL HOLIDAYS START)
SUNDAY 7 -	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM
	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM
	POWER YOUTH GROUP - 3:30PM
	OPEN CAFE - Foyer - 5:30PM

MONDAY 8 -LARDER - 8:30AM BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM TUESDAY 9 -WALKIE TALKIES - Conservation Reserve, Water Way Frankston - 8:30AM WEDNESDAY 10 -COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM THURSDAY 11 -WALKIE TALKIES - Seaford LIfesaving Club - 8:30AM AMITIE - Green Room - 2:00PM FRIDAY 12 -LENTEN SILENCE - Chapel - 10:00am SUNDAY 14 **-PALM SUNDAY** TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM MONDAY 15 - LARDER - 8:30AM BAND PRACTICE - Church - 8:00PM TUESDAY 16 - WALKIE TALKIES - Pentland Gardens, Williams St - 8:30AM WEDNESDAY 17 - COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM THURSDAY 18 - WALKIE TALKIES - St Thomas' Langwarrin -8:30AM MISSION GUILD - Blue Room - 1:30pm MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE - 7:30PM FRIDAY 19 - GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - 10:00AM SUNDAY 21 - EASTER DAWN SERVICE - 6:45AM EASTER COMBINED WORSHIP - 10:00AM

MONDAY 22 - EASTER MONDAY TUESDAY 23 - EASTER TUESDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY WEDNESDAY 24 - WALKIE TALKIES - Sweetwater Ck, Norman Ave- 8:30AM VOICES OF FRANKSTON - Church & Hall - 10:00AM COMMUNITY BBQ - Verandah - 12:00PM CHURCH CHOIR PRACTICE - Church - 3:30PM THURSDAY 25 - ANZAC DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY WALKIE TALKIES - Mile Bridge Frankston - 8:30AM SATURDAY 27 - SHARED LUNCH SUNDAY 28 - TRADITIONAL WORSHIP - 9:00AM CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP - 10:40AM

> The HSUC ministry team would like to wish everyone a joyful and happy Easter. May God bless you and keep you safe during this time.

APRIL TRADITIONAL ROSTER

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP									
MONTH		DUTY ELDERS		<u>COMMUNION SET UP</u>		<u>COMMUNION</u> <u>HELPERS</u>			
April		Stanley Zhungu Jill Cayzer		Dawn Peacock Bev Fowler		Bev Fowler Mac Cleland			
DATES	7th	14th	21st		28th				
STEWARDS	Rona Russell Heather Rawson	Daryl Groves Shirley Groves	Maureen Beens Roy Gieseman		Maureen Beens Roy Gieseman				
MORNING TEA	Carol Calderbank Michael Johnson Jen Johnson Sue Baker	Rona Russell Ron Carolus Eileen Carolus Edna Runciman	Dorothy Bucher Marilyn Sheerin Barbara McKenzie		Dorothy Bucher Jill Cayzer Elaine Kenyon Marlene Thresher				
DATA PROJECTOR	Diana	Murray		Murray	David				
BIBLE READER	Edith Seller	Heather Rawson	L	ola Coupe	Julie Coupe				
FLOWERS	Beryl & Marg	Beryl Curnow	B∈	eryl Curnow	Beryl & Marg				

APRIL CONTEMPORARY ROSTER

Contemporary								
DATES	7th	14th	21st	28th				
STEWARD	Јоу	Јоу	COMBINED	Kate				
WELCOMER	Marilyn	Marilyn	COMBINED	Jackie				
HOSPITALITY	Arthur & Ruth	Arthur & Ruth	Joy & Gill	Joy & Gill				