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HIGH STREET TIMES

Connecting Younger Generations IN GOD'S LOVE
Embracing All People WITH CHRIST'S COMPASSION
Strengthening Community THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT



OUR VERY OWN DAWN PEACOCK RECEIVES THE MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA!

FULL STORY INSIDE....

HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH,
16-18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON

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FROM THE MINISTER



Dear friends in Christ,

Hannah has been following up questions about what is most helpful for our vision of Connecting Younger Generations in God's Love. Alongside of the importance of inter-generational connections and support, one of the other key things that has come up has been the value of short-term study or interest groups which can be accessed in different ways, such as by zoom. While many people value face-to-face prayer and study groups, a short-term zoom group has advantages for accessibility for some. So even though I hope we will be well out of lockdown, we're going to try a zoom study group in term 3.

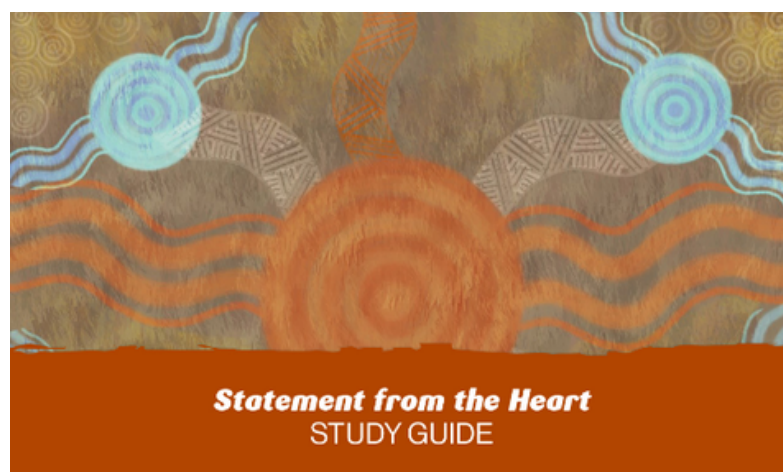
Over 6 Tuesdays in term 3 I'm going to run a study group, over zoom, on the Uluru Statement from the Heart, using study materials prepared by the Uniting Church Assembly. The group will be run on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00pm, starting on Tuesday 27 July – fortnightly for the first three sessions and then weekly after that. If you are interested in joining the group, please send me an email at davidfoth7@gmail.com

I'm hopeful that after we've been through this study, we may be able to listen to the perspectives of members of Nairn Marr Djambana, the Aboriginal Association in Nursery Avenue.

The wider Presbytery of the Uniting Church, which covers the region of Port Phillip West, is encouraging congregations to experiment in different ways of building relationships with people around us, looking for the ways in which God is at work in the world; this may be a particular opportunity to do so.

During July, I'll be away on both the 4th and the 18th of July, the latter for the meeting of the Uniting Church's national Assembly. Please include the incoming President of the Assembly, Rev Sharon Hollis, in your prayers, and the members of the Assembly in their oversight.

Peace and grace,
David



The six evenings will be July 27; August 10, 24 and 31; September 7 and 14



For Our Prayers.....

Each month, High Street Times publishes the names of some of the people who are associated with our congregation, but who find it difficult or are not able to attend on Sunday mornings. We particularly include in our prayers:

Shiela Knoop, Barbara O'Malley, Gwen Paxino, Audrey Smith, Audrey LaBrooy, Ruth Conn, Fay Dungey, Marie de Silva, Lola Coupe, Eileen McCarty, Molly Maughan, Pat Johnson, Margaret Snyder, Beth McNamara and Effie Tilley.

Pray for those who have had surgery recently, including Barbara Trewartha, Ross Huggard, Fiona Jones, Alan Jenkins and Rod Carruthers, and for Trent's ongoing recovery.

Pray for Rona Russell's sister Roberta.

Pray for the parts of the world where access to COVID vaccines is limited, that resources may be shared.

Pray for those around Frankston who experience homelessness.

Pray for those in hospitals and residential facilities who have been impacted by the limits on visitors, and for all whose mental health has been impacted by the lockdowns.

Pray for the initiatives that can be taken to follow our vision of Connecting Younger Generations in God's Love, Embracing All People with Christ's Compassion, and Strengthening Community by the Holy Spirit.

Gracious God, into your hands we
commend ourselves and all those whom we
love, trusting in your love and grace for us in
Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.



WORSHIP LINKS

Phone/zoom details:

The church has purchased a new zoom license and is now transitioning to a single meeting number for both Traditional and Contemporary services. Our new zoom link is:

<https://zoom.us/j/95468493260>
with the password 3199.

(Or go to zoom.us/join and use the Meeting number 954 6849 3260)

To join on a phone without video, call (03) 7018 2005
The meeting ID is 954 6849 3260 #
Participant ID – just press #

We will use these numbers for all services and church meetings for the foreseeable future.

WEBSITE:

Reflections accessible in text format.
<https://www.frankstonuniting.org.au/>

OFFERINGS

If you are not connected to regular
direct debit, one-off or regular offerings can be made to the church by
transfer to

FRANKSTON UNITING CHURCH

BSB: 063 133

Account: 800128

Description: OFFERING

Alternatively, keep a bowl for your offerings at home, or mail a cheque to the church office.

COME ONE, COME ALL
TO THE HIGH STREET UNITING

2ND HAND MARKET DAY

COME AND GRAB A BARGAIN!
CLOTHING, HOUSEHOLD ITEMS,
BOOKS AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!

SATURDAY 24TH JULY
9AM - 1PM



HIGH STREET UNITING CHURCH
16 - 18 HIGH STREET, FRANKSTON

Stall Holders:

\$30 per stall, 2nd hand goods only.....

If you would like to have your own stall please contact church office

before 1st July on Ph: 97833400

or via email: frankstonuc@gmail.com

The Medal of the Order of Australia

DAWN PEACOCK, OAM

It's a delight to be able to share the news with you that Dawn Peacock has been awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia for service to the community of Frankston. Dawn is a founding member of Operation Larder (since 1982) and president since 2012; an elder for 50 years; a volunteer with the Playgroup; has been leading the support of Tom Sutherland for 40 years; a supporter of Health Help International for 20 years; a Foster Carer; and a former cook for Somers Camp. As Dawn shared recently with the Church Council, curiosity led her to join a friend in going to church when she was very young. She was subsequently deeply affected at a church youth camp by the words of Micah 6:8, "He has told you, O mortal, what is good, and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?", and has had a passion for justice and care ever since. As many would be aware, in any spare time Dawn is knitting or sewing to produce wonderful craftwork to give or sell for good causes. Our warmest congratulations to Dawn Peacock, OAM!

A summary of Dawn's service to the community of Frankston.

High Street Uniting Church,

- Frankston Church Elder, 50 years.
- Volunteer, Friday Playgroup, current.
- Parishioner, current.

Operation Larder

(through High Street Uniting Church in conjunction with Community Support Frankston)

- President, since 2012.
- Founding Member, since 1982.

Other Community

- Former Office Bearer, Tom Sutherland Support Group, 40 years.
- Supporter, Health Help International, 20 years.
- Former Cook, Lord Somers Presbytery Camp.
- Former Foster Carer.



CONTEMPORARY ZOOMING

All of our services of worship are available for participation by zoom or phones, which is especially important if anyone is feeling unwell or if distance or other issues make face-to-face attendance difficult. None of the services are retained in video form for later viewing, for a mixture of copyright and privacy reasons. As a part of our commitment to child safety, when there are particularly vulnerable children or families present in the church whose privacy needs protection, we will turn the camera off at any times that the children are at the front of the church. Audio will continue to be available. Thank you for your understanding.

SPECIAL THANKS TO MEG RYAN,

Meg who has been helping with planning and running Sunday morning activities for the children while Hannah has been on reduced time. Meg has been a consistent welcoming presence, particularly during pre-service children's time on zoom during the lockdowns. Meg continues to be a key leader in Somers, and her involvement with the children and families at High Street will continue in different ways. We will acknowledge and thank Meg during the Contemporary service on 11 July.

COVID NEWS

Hopefully by the time you read this we will be able to have larger groups gathering indoors again. At the time of writing we are able to have up to 50 people present in the building for worship. We are improving the check-in system, with a "COVID Marshall" on duty to help sign people in by writing names and phone numbers directly into a tablet. We will continue to support participation in worship using zoom/phones. If you are unwell, please make the most of that option!

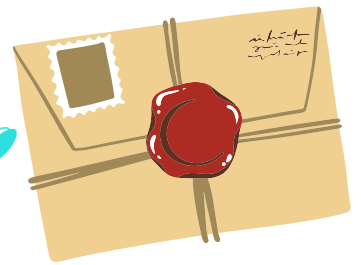
ORGAN UPDATE

The work on the wind-chest for the organ is continuing, though it was slowed down by the lock-down. They are nearing the end of restoring the belts and we will expect the work to be completed in the near future.

ROSTERS

The rosters for both Traditional and Contemporary have been updated and are displayed on the noticeboard inside the church. There are copies printed if you need one. Alternatively if you would like one emailed to you please contact the office.

Thank You



To the Minister and congregation Uniting Church in Frankston,

Both Jim and I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you for the 23 plus years we have spent at High Street.

Jim and I got married on 28/06/97 on a Saturday at High Street Church when the church entrance was on the side where the alter is. We have both enjoyed working for God at High Street.

My career has facilitated our moving, we never thought we would ever leave Melbourne. However God had a plan for us.

Both Jim and I feel blessed that we have been members of High Street Church.

God has been leading me, I got a job at Caboolture hospital and I managed to stay with my sister-in-law.

Jim and I will be attending service on Sunday 27 June to farewell all members. We may remain in Frankston for another week after.

Once again, thank you all
May God bless you all.

From Mr & Dr Briggs



Vale Gladys Thuraisingham

Santhira would like to thank all the members of the Uniting Church Congregation for thier messages of sympathy, prayers, support, kindness and friendship extended to her after the passing of her beloved mother Gladys Thevamalar Thuraisingham.



MONASH University Chaplaincy Update

By Mandy Lake – Monash Uni Chaplain



With widespread joy and relief, students and staff returned back to campus for Semester 1, after such a difficult year in 2020. It was wonderful to see so many students back for classes and tutorials, and so many staff back in the offices, and really lovely to catch up with people we had not seen for so long. Many were expressing their happiness about being back face to face, and what a difference it was making to their study and work and personal well-being. And many were sharing stories about how things had been for them in the past year.

Pancake breakfasts were able to commence again, of course complying with COVID safety guidelines, with much excitement from far and wide! We were quickly able to get back into a regular routine, with help from my amazing volunteers – Alan and Gill, Peggy, Sarah, Rachel, Yerim and Phoebe. Rachel, Yerim and Phoebe started this year, and have been great assets to our team, engaging beautifully with the students. The numbers of people on campus is still lower than it was previously (due to the absence of large lectures, and smaller more spread out classes) so the breakfasts have not served as many as before, but still attracting 60–70 students and staff each Thursday morning. As numbers at other events at the campus have also been lower than before, this is still really positive, and I consistently receive feedback about the benefits of the breakfast, both for individuals and for the campus.

I've been continuing to provide pastoral care and support, and been involved with different issues, including general stress and anxiety, personal illness, family relationships, isolation from family overseas. And for staff, the challenges of working harder with less in the current financial environment. I have also spoken with people about the general sense of fatigue being experienced, lingering from last year and the lockdowns we have gone through this year. On the positive side, there has also been lots of cheering students on as they progress successfully through their studies, particularly through difficult times.

Special times this semester were Iftar and Eid celebrations for our Muslim students and staff, and friends and family. A couple of Muslim students I know approached me and said that these celebrations during Ramadan were particularly important this year, as there was not the opportunity to get together last year. These two events attracted around 70 people each, many from the Muslim community, but also other students and staff who wanted to support and learn. Some wonderful sharing and connections happened, and the gatherings were very much appreciated by all.



Clothing pop up event



Come along,
select some clothes
leave a donation.

11:30 am - 2pm

Wed 14th July

High St Uniting Church

High Street

Frankston

Proceeds to the
Asylum Seeker
Resource Centre

Limit 5 items per person



HEAL COUNTRY!

4-11 JULY 2021



Artwork: Care for Country by Maggie-Jean Douglas (Gubb Gubb)



HEAL COUNTRY!

When creating 'Care for Country' I kept in mind that this meant spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially and culturally – I chose to create a bright and vibrant artwork that included the different colours of the land but showed how they come together in our beautiful country and to make people feel hopeful for the future. I've included communities/people, animals and bush medicines spread over different landscapes of red dirt, green grass, bush land and coastal areas to tell the story of the many ways country can and has healed us throughout our lives and journeys.

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NAIDOC Week

4-11 JULY 2021



#NAIDOC2021 #HealCountry

As an acknowledgment of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia, NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate their rich and diverse cultures, traditions and languages. NAIDOC Week is a time to learn about their history and to work towards reconciliation.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2021 (27 MAY - 3 JUNE) MORE THAN A WORD. RECONCILIATION TAKES ACTION



On Sunday May 30th, the contemporary worship joined with many Australians to speak about reconciliation, sharing the children's picture book "Sorry Sorry" by Anne Kerr and Marda Pitt, and considering what we could say "Yes" to in order to take action for reconciliation during and beyond National Reconciliation Week.

Reconciliation is more than raising awareness and knowledge. As a nation, and importantly, as people, we need to move from 'safe' to 'brave' in order to advance reconciliation.

What action have you taken?

Check out 20 Actions you can take for Reconciliation in 2021:

<https://nrw.reconciliation.org.au/actions-for-reconciliation/>

Jesus was filled with womandorfian, for the whole of humanity.

things were looking pretty bad until the Womandorian was applied with great skill and care

Womandorfian

A special healing power used to heal everybody in the world

Womandorfian
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i'm totally a womandor, I belive in fighting for womandorfian

How on earth do i womandorfian???? HELP ME!!!!



vote for your favorite before this is gone

WHEN YOUTH GROUP WENT ONLINE...

- Hosted by the Sonder Collective's SonderCloud Ministry, our youth group met with others to play Jackbox games online over the latest lockdown. Above is a screenshot of a game we played, called Dictionarium, where we had to make up a word to match a definition, and then provide an example how the word could be used. "Womandorfian" has quite a ring to it, don't you think!?

DATES FOR TERM 3:

JULY 18

AUG 1, 15, 29

SEPT 12



Our Statement of Commitment to Keeping Children Safe



Uniting Church in Australia
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

This statement is to be formally approved and reviewed annually by the relevant body (council, agency, institution, program, or event committee). No changes or deletions should be made to this commitment without prior consultation with the Synod's Culture of Safety Unit (cultureofsafetycontact@victas.uca.org.au)

Name of congregation/entity: High Street Uniting Church, Frankston

This is a statement of our commitment to keeping children safe

We are committed to implementing the Child Safe Policy of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania so that all children involved in our activities, services, events, and programs are safe and feel safe. We are committed to providing safe environments where children are cared for, respected, nurtured and sustained.

We are committed to embedding child safety and wellbeing in all we do including in our leadership and governance. We have zero tolerance of all forms of child abuse and will do all in our power to safeguard children from abuse.

We are committed to informing children and young people about their rights and to their participation in decisions that affect them. We will take their opinions and suggestions seriously.

We are committed to informing and involving families and communities in promoting child safety and wellbeing.

We are committed to respecting diversity and promoting equity.

We are committed to ensuring people who work with children are suitable for this work and committed to child safety and wellbeing. We will ensure that anyone who works with children is recruited, screened, trained, and supervised well.

We are committed to child focused, culturally appropriate complaints processes. We will take complaints seriously, respond promptly and thoroughly and report abuse to the appropriate authorities.

We are committed to ensuring our leaders and volunteers undertake ongoing education and training on child safety.

We are committed to ensuring our physical and online environments are safe and promote safety.

We are committed to reviewing our practices, procedures, and policies. This includes learning from any accidents or incidents.

We, the Church Council of High Street Uniting committed to this statement on 8th June 2021.

The High Street Uniting Church Council shared this with the congregation/organisation on 25/06/2021.