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Ministerial Musings

Pastor Di Paterson

"Holding Pattern"

As we continue through this time of Level 4 we stay apart, we can be lockdown, in many instances we feel like we together sooner rather are in a holding pattern. I remember a time than later. So many important around 2 and 1/2 hours. frustrating but there was nothing we could best to achieve the best outcome for us all. do, we just had to wait until conditions and So, here we are in the Covid-19 "Holding space at the airport was just right.

stage.

when I was returning from an event in events have been cancelled, not just here Tasmania and our flight was placed in a but overseas as well. Many people have holding pattern over the Wonthaggi area, missed a long planned for trip overseas, or due to heavy rain causing delays at an interstate holiday, and the list could go Melbourne airport. So, what was supposed on. We could feel a bit hard done by, but I to be an hour's flight ended up being believe that we are blessed to be in a It was a bit country where our leaders are trying their

Pattern" for as long as it takes to get the Covid-19 has closed down Melbourne over numbers down sufficiently to slowly open the last 7 weeks, and the lockdown will our city. In the meantime, we have a lot of continue on until perhaps early or even late work to do. You might ask, what! What can October. This has become a bit frustrating we do? To start with we can be grateful for for many of us, but we just have to sit it out, what we have, not for what we don't have. hang in the holding pattern until the Grateful that we have a live stream worship, conditions are right for us to start to open grateful that we can phone a friend and Yes, we did have some easing of have a cuppa chat, grateful for family who restrictions for more exercise and a slightly care enough to ring or in many cases, do later evening curfew but many other our shopping. We can be grateful for ZOOM restrictions are still in place. We long to join and FaceTime, for a warm place to live, food together for worship, we long to be able to to eat and neighbours who care. Yes, it travel to visit family, we long to be able to would be good to go for a walk on the perhaps go on a holiday, but many of these beach, but I am blessed to have some "normal things" are not available at this beautiful parklands for walking, in my area.

We might be in a holding pattern, isolated As I am writing this musing, I am also from one another, but the best bit is, we are preparing a worship service, where my not isolated from God. God is with us in our theme is "What about me, it isn't fair!" This holding pattern, the Holy Spirit is hovering is the catch cry of many of us at the with us in our holding pattern and the Holy moment. It does seem a bit hard and a bit Spirit is the amazing thin red line that holds challenging to continue in this stage of us all together as God's people. As the But we understand the hymn goes, "Safe in the shadow of the Lord, importance of hanging in there and riding beneath His loving care." Praise God for out this time of lockdown knowing that if holding and caring for us as we continue to grow as God's people in this amazing "Holding Pattern".

WHAT'S ON

Monday

10am Virtual GOMER on Zoom

4.10pm Mice, Kats & Dogs on Zoom

Tuesday

10am 'Cuppa Call' with Neil phone: 0417 580 532

2pm Mindful Meditation on Zoom email susan_karoly@hotmail.com for more details

Wednesday

7am Prayer - Live Broadcast www.gwuc.org.au/live

10am 'Cuppa Call' with Di phone: 0400 961 052

5.30pm Uthies on Zoom (alternate weeks)

Thursday

10am 'Zoom Cuppa Call' with Neil email revneilpeters@gmail.com for more details

7.30pm Evening Reflection - Live Broadcast www.gwuc.org.au/live

Friday

12pm 'Cuppa Call' with Alanee phone: 0402 030 342

5.30pm Uthies on Zoom (alternate weeks)

7.30pm Youth on Zoom

Sunday

10am Worship - Live Broadcast www.gwuc.org.au/live



Welcome.

GWUC is a faithful, Christ-centered community that meets God and shares in that unconditional love.

Welcome to Kingsway Magazine

"Kingsway" is a magazine of Glen Waverley Uniting Church. It is produced every two months and will replace both NewView and the Monthly Bulletin.

"Kingsway" is designed to provide a voice for the church community to share activities, thoughts, celebrations, stories and the faith journey.

It will present to the church community the quiet achievers and achievements in the life of our church.

"Kingsway" has a multi-generational, multi-cultural and missional focus and is designed to build community, lift the spirit and strengthen our faith.

If you have an item, article or notice that you think will be just right for "Kingsway", please contact Joanne Boldiston (office@gwuc.org.au) or David Fraser (davidfraser60@gmail.com).

The closing date for submissions for the December/January edition is Wednesday 11 November 2020.



Thanksgiving Service and Launch of Riedel Congregation's FM Radio Saturday 25th July 2020

In July the GMIM (Christian Evangelical Church in Minahasa) Riedel congregation, our sister church in North Sulawesi, Indonesia held an (online) Thanksgiving Service to seek God's blessing for their FM radio station. It was launched in the midst of COVID-19.

The women from our UCAF supported this project with a generous donation which Neil delivered last May when we visited GMIM.

Rev. Richard J.H. Mengko has sent thanks to Glen Waverley Uniting Church for supporting their mission to bring the message of hope to the Tondano

community directly via radio.





Rev Neil Peter's final morning in Tondano with Rev JH Mengko, Rev Maydee Mengko and other Riedel leaders

Rev Neil Peters and Lucky Kalonta with Kolum 12 (cell group)

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT

Read the minutes of meetings at: http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/CouncilPage

Some key strategic initiatives being explored:

- **1. Welfare** council is actively exploring ways to support our ongoing welfare program.
- **2. Intercultural Ministry** a task group has been formed to determine how we can offer faith exploration in other languages.
- **3. Community Engagement Strategy** the way forward in the new normal including lessons learnt from the isolation experience .
- **4. Ministerial Transitions** prioritise our ministerial staffing, with an emphasis on ensuring continuity.

OUR CHURCH COUNCIL



Getting to know ...

Anne was born at Padua House, Brighton, to Lucy and Bob Lee. The Middle Brighton baths were at one end of their street, the old St Andrew's bluestone church at the other.

Summer days were spent at the beach and in the evenings there were walks along the foreshore, watching the blue wrens flit amongst the foliage and sting rays glide at dusk in the shallows. Each year the family holidayed at Sorrento, where days were spent walking, looking for seaweeds in the rock pools and native orchids under the cliff track shrubs, and birds were photographed on old black and white cameras.

Anne was seven when she and the boy next door were taken to St Andrew's Sunday School. That first Sunday School teacher taught the class to say their prayers every night before bed, and that has remained a practice ever since.

Sister, Margaret was born six years after Anne. When Anne was twelve years old the family bought their own home in Highett. Unless the weather was wet she rode her bicycle to Hampton High School and was in the first group to Matriculation at that school. Next it was off to Frankston Teachers' College, where several friends from the Wickham Road Methodist Youth Club also trained. Then it was on to Melbourne T.C for the Trained Teacher Librarian Certificate.

Anne and Bill met at the Powerhouse Dance at Albert Park Lake. Bill worked for the Bank of New South Wales, and, soon after they were engaged, was transferred to Geelong Branch and boarded with Anne's Uncle down there. When they were married they rented a small flat overlooking the golf course at Bell Park. Anne was the school librarian at Newcomb, a large school of over 900 primary school

Anne Cook



children. Bill's transfer to Balwyn branch in 1972 saw the Cooks build their first house in Diamond Ave, Glen Waverley and Anne begin as librarian at Glendal Primary.

For many years Anne attended St Andrews then later St Barnabas, where she was a Bible Study leader at both. She has attended the 8 a.m. service at GWUC for the last five years and now serves on Church Council and the Mission Pilot Team.

Daughter, Katrina was born in 1975. She was in the first group of students to attend the Wesley G.W. campus right through from Prep. to Year 12. Katrina studied Arts/Engineering at Monash and is now a Principal Consultant in Workplace Safety and Risk Management. Katrina spent three years in Beijing in the Hutong area with its old houses. Anne and Bill managed two holidays there, and experienced the very different life style.

Anne has always had a keen interest in seeking a strong Christian faith that withstands life's knocks. When Katrina was small Anne attended the Bible Study Fellowship course and later graduated with a Bachelor of Theology from Ridley College. She finds pleasure in reading, observing the natural world around, gardening and recently studied for a Diploma in Professional Writing and Editing. This encouraged her interest in poetry and story writing. She organises a group of fellow poets in an alumni group.

Both Bill and Anne enjoy entertaining family and friends and during Corona-days keep in touch by phone, email and Zoom or Skype.



Prince Gong's Garden by Anne Cook ©2014/2020



At Prince Gong's Mansion there is an archway to a garden; on the mellow stone inscribed the words Time immemorial all stored in the quietness, the season of spring forever dwelling in the fineness...



Beside the inner pathways stand tall trees that caress dappled shadows over the stones.



Within low branches red-ribboned prayers murmur hopes and fears to green enfolding leaves.



Spread upon the lake, images of sky and tree and bridge that reflect across the waters of tranquility, a mirrored world of peace within the stillness of reality.



Study Group on First and Second Peoples in Australia

Alison Clarkson

Five congregation members have been meeting monthly, via Zoom, to improve our knowledge and understanding of First Peoples, to consider the relationship between First and Second Peoples and how we can acknowledge them and their cultures.

Topics already discussed are;

1. A video, 'One Night the Moon' (directed by Rachel Perkins), set in the northern Flinders Ranges, the story of a child of settler parents becoming lost in the bush and the interaction with local indigenous people in the ensuing search.

The settler father sang, 'This land is mine'; the indigenous tracker father, 'This land is me'. It stars Paul Kelly, Kaarin Fairfax, Memphis Kelly, Kelton Pell and Ruby Hunter. https://vimeo.com/groups/427426/videos/194625175

2. Document: The Uluru Statement from the Heart

This is a short, but poignant document addressed to the Australian people clearly stating the aspirations of the First Peoples 'for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination'.

https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement

3. *The Revised Preamble to the Constitution of the Uniting Church in Australia*. https://resources.uca.org.au/resources/covenanting/item/668-the-revised-preamble

This is the key document from the Uniting Church in Australia. See also http://wiki.gwuc.org.au/gwuc/DiscussionRecognitionOfAustraliasFirstPeoples

Indigenous spirituality

For indigenous people there is a spiritual essence in everything around them. It is identified through Dreamtime stories which can be regarded as equivalent to the creation stories in the early chapters of Genesis.

Future topics

- 4. Conversation with singer/songwriter Archie Roach (audio)
- 5. Acknowledgement of First Peoples at GWUC; how, where, when?

If you are interested in finding out more about these topics check out the links provided or contact the church office to join the study group.

Faith Development Missional Group - BLOGSPOT!

The Rev Liz Crumlish is a Church of Scotland minister who co-ordinates the Church of Scotland's Path of Renewal Pilot Project. This project invites congregations to discover new ways of mission by taking a journey of discovery, reflecting on Scripture, following the Spirit and reimagining how to emulate Jesus' ministry in our communities today.

Liz's website - **Path of Renewal** - includes personal reflections, sermons, fresh new communion liturgies and reflections on Scripture.

Her recent reflections cover Covid-19, and I found this one based on Psalm 137: 1-4 helpful:

In these strange days of Covid-19, with worship gatherings cancelled and all the things we'd normally do to show our care for one another now considered too risky, it's so easy to feel dejected, perhaps even useless.....Isn't it for such a time as this that we responded to God's call to become ministers of the gospel? What is our purpose if not to reach out physically, spiritually and emotionally to those we are called to serve?

How can we sing the Lord's Song in this new and strangest of lands?

What did God's people do in exile? They sat down and wept. They cried out to the God of their ancestors to show them how to be God's people in a foreign land.

As we find ourselves feeling exiled in these days, as we discover that the familiar songs and the familiar patterns are of no use in this foreign territory, may we take time to feel the loss. And then, from the midst of that loss, may we know God's purpose for us as we embrace a new reality that we might never have imagined. God's call has not diminished. The gospel imperative to love one another is not diminished. Who knows what we might trip over in the darkness, who knows what discoveries we might make that will enable us now - and in the future - to BE church rather than simply do church?

Instead of rushing around trying to find 'virtual' ways of doing all the things we'd normally do, how about taking the time to sit down and weep? And then, follow God's lead as we find new songs and new patterns and new vocations revealed by God who is in every age the ground of our being.

Stay safe, stay well, stay connected - for the love of God.

The address of Liz's website is:

http://pathofrenewal.blogspot.com/

Ross Mackinnon



I recently had the pleasure of chatting with Shirley Wise. Shirley lives in the Syndal end of Glen Waverley. Her mother was born in Glen Waverley and her father moved into the Glen Waverley area before Shirley was born. Shirley lived in four houses around the Glen Waverley area before moving to her present house in Before lockdown and in the days when Shirley 1977. She has been a member of our church all



Shirley turns 100!

church, Springvale Road Methodist Church there. (where the Ibis hotel is today) and our church where we are now. Shirley was baptised in the Methodist church.

was still driving, she attended the 11am service, Club 2019 (shared lunch once a month) and Munch with a Bunch. Unfortunately she doesn't have the internet so she hasn't been able to watch our live streamed worship service.

Shirley joined the Treble Tones (a choir) 32 years ago. She has enjoyed practices and concerts in many different aged care facilities and other venues. The Treble Tones performed at the Ferndale Nursing Home in Bayswater North a

her life attending the first Waverley Road few years ago, when my mother was a resident

I asked Shirley how she keeps herself busy, during the day. She told me that she loves gardening and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Shirley was born in 1920 and on the 14 December this year she will be 100. She is trying to keep this special milestone "low key" but hopefully we will be able to help her celebrate.

I assured Shirley that we were excited about her reaching this milestone and wanted an article about her in our new congregational magazine. We hope that she will keep well, until 14 December.

The Way We Were

Barbara Doggett with David Fraser

Monash.



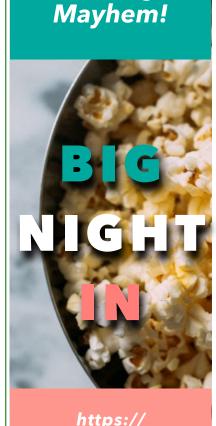
Before the appearance of Europeans the Woi In 1850 the Wesleyan Methodists held a cottage Wurrung-Wurundjeri aboriginal tribe occupied the meeting at Black Flat and in 1866 they built a small Waverley area. Europeans first settled in the mid weatherboard chapel which became the focus of nineteenth century and later developed orchards community life and worship until 1962. In 1869 a and farming lands. The Post Office opened on 1 July church school was established at the site. Barbara 1885 as Black Flat in the area to the south of the Doggett related that in 1953 the Presbyterian railway line, was renamed 'Glen Waverley' in Church took root with meetings held in the home of 1921. The name "Waverley" refers to the Edinburgh Jean and Murray Young and then the Reverend Waverley railway station, from a novel by Sir Walter Taylor from Oakleigh ran services in the Mechanics Scott. The City of Waverley and the City of Hall in Springvale Road where Central Reserve is Oakleigh amalgamated in 1994 to form the City of today. Services were held every Sunday, a choir was formed and also a ladies auxiliary. Barbara's

daughter was the first child baptised. Money was raised for a church building which was built at the site of the current church. The Revered Jaimeson had a big influence on the church in the early days. In 1962 a new Wesleyan Church was built in Springvale Road at the Kingsway corner. In 1977 the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches combined as the Uniting Church.

Methodist Church Glen Waverley

On Sunday, 16th May, 1962, a large gathering of Methodists witnessed the laying of the foundation stone for their new church in Springvale Road.

The ceremony was performed by the Reverend Weeks, assisted by the Reverend H. Ketts and attended by the Reverends Allinson, Allen and Webster. What many did not realise at the time was that Fred Marriott, who lived on the property at the back of the church, really had the honour of partaking in the active laying of the stone before the ceremony when he assisted Alf Jennings to manually place it in the ground the day before.



Music, Magic &

www.gwuc.org.au/ big-night

In Lockdown What are we doing & what have we done?...

Ren Millsom: "I have been measuring changes of certain sand beaches in Western Port Bay."



Ren and Julianne with a friend counting birds on Western Port.

Let me first give some background. have long been involved in monitoring the wading birds of Western Port, specifically those birds that migrate to or fence corner. Using the Google ruler northern Siberia each year to breed. facility, I measure the distance from the These birds feed on the mudflats at low feature to a distinct part of the beach, tide and then roost on nearby sandy thus measuring how much beach has beaches at high tide.

Australia at these high tide roosts has metres. been running for 45 years and takes What have I discovered? The first site I place three times a year. After all these checked was a sandy point which had

years, how have these roosts changed increased by 70 metres! I thought this and what impacts on the birds? The idea was perhaps the exception but I have was to ask the observers that visit these been finding this to be common. The beaches, but I decided to back this up by coast away from these sites is being measuring any changes using Google badly eroded, in one case losing a 10

measure changes from about 2001. I coast to be deposited on the sheltered have printed out enlargements of the side of an indentation or point. Google Earth images for earliest date eg happens incrementally so we hardly 2001 and the most recent date. I look notice. for small features close to the beach or I sandy point that can be identified on both the earliest and the latest imagery. This might be a small mangrove, a shrub been lost to erosion or gained through The surveying of the birds by Birdlife sand drift. The accuracy is about two

metres wide strip of coast in 20 years. Now Google didn't exist in 1974 but I can But the sand is then swept along the



Eastern Curlew which breed in NE China

Free Spirit During Covid

Free Spirit continues to meet on Wednesday nights. However, to stay safe we hold Zoom meetings from the warmth of our homes.



Of course it takes a lot longer to learn new songs when we are separated and can't watch our conductor wave her hands in frantic attempts to catch our attention We learn and practice parts in separate Zoom rooms. Sometimes we come together to make Zoom videos of some old favourites. We are working on making new Zoom-choir recordings by assembling tracks that we separately record in our homes; maybe you'll see them in worship before too long.

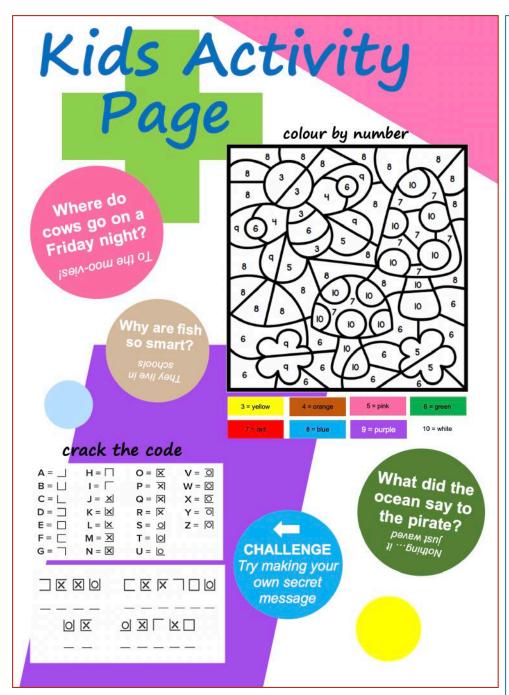
In Memoriam

It is with sadness that we hear the news of the passing of some of our church family members, and we extend our support and sympathy to their families.

> Pam Cook Lun Bromage

For everything that happens in life - there is a season, a right time for everything under heaven. Ecclesiastes 3:1

May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. May the Lord be with you all. 2 Thessalonians 3:16



Spoonville ON ZOOM!



Getting to know...

Jemma Graham



My name is Jemma Graham and as of January this year, I have been working as a children and families worker at Glen Waverley Uniting Church.

My role includes planning and running weekly the 'Mice, Kats and Dogs' Sunday School program and helping out with 'Uthies' on Friday nights. This of course in addition to generally being there to help and support the children and families of the congregation in any way that I can. I have really enjoyed this experience; working with children has always been a passion of mine and I have known for a long time that I wanted to pursue a career that involved this. For this reason, I am extremely grateful for this role and the experience I am gaining from working so closely with the young families of our church.

I am currently studying Primary Education at Deakin University, and my time in this role has only reassured me that I'm heading in the right direction. I am still only in the beginning years of my studies, but I am grateful to have this position, providing me with amazing experience of leading and teaching children.

Getting to do so at GWUC is even more special. I have been a member of the congregation my whole life and was baptised here when I was a few months old. Additionally, my parents both attended GWUC as children. They met through the Youth Group program and a few years later, got married at the church. So if it weren't for GWUC, I quite literally might not have been here today! But I am extremely thankful that I am and for the lifelong friendships that GWUC has created for both me and my family.

Outside of my time working and studying, you're likely to find me at the beach, hanging out with friends or snuggling up to a movie. I also dance and play netball, and have done so for many years. I love getting involved as deeply as I can in all of these communities, forming lifelong relationships. I am excited to see what the future holds for me in all areas of life and appreciate the endless support from friends, family and wider communities in helping me get there.

Click here...



Watch the Penguin Parade, go to a concert, do a Quiz or visit an art gallery... Arts Centre Melbourne

City of Monash Library

lip Island Penguin Parade – live

<u>Phillip Island Penguin Parade – live</u>

ABC Kids

Science Quizzes

Things to do during isolation

Melbourne Symphony Orchestra live online

National Library of Australia eBooks

Monash Gallery of Art

City of Monash Library eMovies

<u>David Rumsey Historical Map</u> Collection

The Royal Society (Scientific Academy)

Reconciliation through architecture

"Not until we are lost do we begin to find ourselves." Henry David Thoreau

REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY - YEAR A/B

October 4	October 11	October 18	October 25 Pentecost 21	
Pentecost 18	Pentecost 19	Pentecost 20		
(Green)	(Green)	(Green)	(Green)	
Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20	Exodus 32:1-14	Exodus 33:12-23	Deuteronomy 34:1-12	
Psalm 19	Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23	Psalm 99	Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17	
Philippians 3:4b-14	Philippians 4:1-9	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 1 Thessalonians 2:1-		
Matthew 21:33-46	Matthew 22:1-14	Matthew 22:15-22	Matthew 22:34-46	

November 1	November 8	November 15	November 22	November 29
All Saints Day (White)/	Pentecost 23	Pentecost 24	Christ the King	Advent 1
Pentecost 22 (Green)	(Green)	(Green)	(White)	(Purple)
Revelation 7:9-17 /	Jachus 24.1 2s 14.25	Judges 4:1-7	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Isaiah 64:1-9
Joshua 3:7-17	Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25			
Psalm 34:1-10, 22 /	Psalm 78:1-7	Psalm 123	Psalm 100	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37	PSdIII / 6. I-/			
1 John 3:1-3 /	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Ephesian 1:15-23	1 Corinthians 1:3-9
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Tinessalonians 4:13-18			
Matthew 5:1-12 /	Matthew 25:1-13	Matthew 25:14-30	Matthew 25:31-46	Mark 13:24-37
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