Our Vision
A Community
Transforming Lives

Our Values
Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope

Our News
24th May 2015

Uniting Church in Australia

Parramatta Mission: Congregational life@ Westmead & Parramatta & Hospitality, Community and Mental Health Services across Greater Sydney and beyond

FRIENDS
We shared smiles... We wiped the tears and through the years... Our friendship has grown along with us... You are truly a wonderful part of my life.
Acts 2:1-21

1 When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place.  
2 And suddenly there was a sound from out of heaven like a violent wind or breath and it filled all the house where they were sitting, 3 and there appeared to them tongues as of fire being distributed and sitting, one on each of them, 4 and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit emboldened them.  5 Now there were living in Jerusalem Jews, devout people from every nation under heaven;  6 when this sound happened the multitude came together and were confounded because each one heard them speaking in their own language.  7 And they were amazed and wondered saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?  8 And how is it that we hear each in our own dialect in which we were born, 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the ones inhabiting Mesopotamia, both Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,  10 both Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the regions of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome,  11 both Jews and converts, Cretans and Arabs, we hear them speaking in our tongues the great deeds of God.”  12 And all were amazed and greatly perplexed, saying to one another, “What do we make of this?”  13 But others, mocking, said, “They are drunk with new wine.”  
14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, projected his voice and spoke to them: “People of Judea and all those living in Jerusalem, let this be known to you and listen to my words.  15 For these people are not drunk, as you imagine, for it is only the third hour of the day (9 am),  16 but this is the thing spoken about by the prophet Joel:  17 and in the last days it shall be, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters will prophesy, and your young people will see visions, and your old people will dream dreams;  18 yes, and on my male servants and my female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit and they will prophesy;  19 And I will give wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and vapour of smoke;  20 the sun will be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and glorious day.  21 And it shall be that all, whoever, who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Translation by Keith Hamilton)
RAISING HOPE' GALA DINNER - This important PM fundraiser is next week!! Last minute tickets are still available from the office (9891-2277) or online - but must be booked ASAP! Julie H + a few other congregation members are also selling raffle tickets for $10 each - with great prizes on offer and all funds raised going to assist women dealing with homelessness. Please pray for this event and those organizing it - and support it in any way that you're able.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE CONGREGATION - COMMISSIONING - Today's Couples & Friends service will include the commissioning of our new Leigh Memorial Congregation Chairperson, Bruce Bennetts. Warmest blessings from all of us. NB: The May meeting of the CL team will take place next Sunday, 31 May.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE UPDATE - Please remember that there is free parking for the Leigh Memorial congregation in the Erby street car park across the road for 3 hours on Sunday mornings/ Assessments & repairs are also taking place in or church tower after the recent water damage/ Ian is keeping us all posted re up & coming site development plans & Council liaison. Enquiries: Leigh Memorial Property Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ LEIGH: Last night we had our annual 'Progressive Dinner' in honour of ‘VIVID’ Sydney - with lots of vivid colours, vivid games, glow in the dark fun and vivid food! Thank you to Samantha and family plus Anne for opening their homes to us and being our generous hosts for the evening - and to everyone who contributed in ways big and small. Today, we'll be learning about Pentecost and making red Pentecost bandannas. Please also see our 'Prayer Branch' in the church vestibule. Next Sunday, Manas will be visiting our high school group. Remember: 'Messy Church' is coming soon! Sunday, 28 June here at Leigh!!!

UP & COMING 'INTER-FAITH' EVENTS - 1) Visit to the 'Jain' Temple - Sunday 7 June; 2) Abrahamic Faith Conference (Christian, Jewish & Islamic participants/ Islamic Guest Speaker) - @ the Fellowship Centre, 26 August; 3) International Day of Peace Service, Monday 21 September (pm) in the Fellowship Centre. Enquiries - please see Manas

LEAP: Leigh Memorial’s monthly prayer meeting - 'LEAP' ('Leave Everything and Pray') - is on Wednesday 3 June at 7.30 at the Coffee Shop. Everyone is welcome. If you have any prayer points, please let Manas know by Wednesday 27 May.

Interfaith Program - Jain Temple Visit: A visit to the Jain Temple in Seven Hills has been organized for Sunday 7 June at 12 noon. We will have the opportunity to observe Jain worship, meet Jain people and have a vegetarian lunch afterwards. Seats limited. If you are interested, please contact Manas ASAP.
WELCOME TO THE

63rd

ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

of the

COUPLES AND FRIENDS CLUB
of this Church.

Yes, that’s right - 63 continuous years – since the Couples and Friends Club was established here at Leigh by Dr Udy. David Norris’ Mum and Dad were Foundation Members.

Check out the colourful rugs members have made as they (the rugs) are handed over to Hope Hostel and other Mission facilities.

We trust you will enjoy our

63rd ANNIVERSARY
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COUPLES and FRIENDS CLUB

Like to join in our activities? Meetings are held in the Coffee Shop First Monday of the month at 7.30pm. You will be most welcome
Uniting Mission and Education invites you to

A Conclusion of Ministry Service

For

Rev. Dr. Jione Havea

Date: Saturday 30th May 2015
Time: 2:00pm
Venue: St Andrew’s Chapel
Centre for Ministry
Address: 16 Masons Drive
NORTH PARRAMATTA

Please join us for Afternoon Tea and a celebration of Jione’s Ministry

RSVP by Monday 18th May to Jenny Stockton
T: (02) 8838 8914
Or E: jennys@nswact.uca.org.au
This week continues to see some good changes at Westmead.
- Replacement of the roof over the Office and AJs has finished!
- The demolition of the old shop, house and garage next door to the church has also finished!

We will be providing a concert at Mayflower Village on Saturday 20th June at 10.00 am.
For this to happen we need people to indicate they will attending and singing.
There’s a list on the welcome table.
The music will be familiar but practices will be after church today and the following weeks.
We will be wearing red and black.

We will be collecting non-perishable items for Meals Plus in the coming weeks so please start collecting such items. More information next week.

Collections of new sheets or towels can be left in the box near the welcome table.

Any donations of 8 ply wool would be greatly welcomed to assist in making the beautiful rugs we are able to sell. Please give any wool to Jan.

Donations/raffle tickets for the Raising Hope Gala are also available from Rev Christine until Monday afternoon- so please get them from her asap. They are $10 each.

We think especially of Robyn and Greg this week as she recovers from surgery. We also think especially of Rajes (Sandra) whose brother passed away overseas.

Monday  12-1.00 pm- meeting with Westmead leaders and Wesley Lodge staff.
          2.00 pm Bible Study

Tuesday and Thursday- TOC on hold for another week.

Wednesday  1.00 pm- Open door

Friday-  10-11.00 am- Tai Chi

Any concerns for the prayer chain, please contact Robyne on 0409 154 115
At this event, Associate Professor Dean Drayton will launch Glen O'Brien and Hilary Carey, eds. *Methodism in Australia: A History* (Farnham: Ashgate, 2015), the first national history of Methodism in Australia for over one hundred years. According to Professor Geoffrey Blainey Emeritus Professor of History, Melbourne University, this book 'fills a deep gap in the history of Australian religion and daily life.'

Dean Drayton was Moderator of the Uniting Church's NSW Synod (1995-1996), and in 1997 was Visiting Lecturer at Perkins School of Theology in Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He served as President of the Uniting Church Assembly from 2003-2006. A collection of historical materials will also be on display and a light supper will follow.

RSVP: glenaobrien@gmail.com or 0451 010 799 by 19 May 2015
SAMUEL LEIGH 200th ANNIVERSARY
PARRAMATTA MISSION
ADVANCE NOTICE - PROGRAM OF EVENTS: 9 – 30 AUGUST, 2015

1) Sunday 9 August, 9.30am, Anniversary Service @ Leigh Memorial;
2) Sunday 16 August, 10.00am, PM Worship Service + BYO Picnic @ Parramatta Park (Combined Congregations);
3) Saturday 22 August, 3.00pm Parramatta Mission ‘Women’s High Tea’ @ Leigh Memorial (Guest Speaker: Rev. Myung Hwa Park, Moderator NSW/ ACT);
4) Sunday 23 August, 6.30pm, Heritage Evening, inc. Dessert @ Leigh Memorial;
5) Sunday 30 August, 12.00pm, PM Kids, Youth & Families Outing to Castlereagh.

Who was Rev. Samuel Leigh? Leigh was born in Staffordshire England, in 1785. Although raised an Anglican, he was converted to the Wesleyan Methodist cause and accepted a call to missionary work in the Pacific. Via a ship called the ‘Hebe’, he arrived in Sydney on 10 August, 1815 and was the first Wesleyan Missionary to the Colony of New South Wales and subsequently, the first Minister of Parramatta Mission. Through his sound relationship with Governor Lachlan Macquarie, Leigh helped to secure the grant of Macquarie Street land on which our first Chapel was built in 1821 and where Parramatta Mission/ Leigh Memorial Church stand to this day. Through his early ministry on horseback, he was able to establish the ‘Parramatta Circuit’ (a collection of congregations throughout what we now call ‘Greater Western Sydney’). He also established contact with local Aboriginal groups and initiated Wesleyan missionary efforts in New Zealand. Leigh’s wife, Catherine, worked tirelessly in missionary work at Parramatta and elsewhere - and had a particular gift for supporting children and families. In all their efforts, both Rev. and Mrs. Leigh exemplified the Parramatta Mission values of ‘Grace, Inclusion, Dignity, Faith and Hope’. Following two further appointments at Parramatta in 1825 and 1830, Leigh eventually returned to England, where he preached until his death in 1852.

Enquiries: Liz / PM Heritage Committee, 9891-2277.
The Entertainment Book is now available with lots of great discounts and vouchers for you to enjoy over the coming year.

20% of the cost of every book or digital version sold comes back to helping Parramatta Mission so please share with your family and friends and help our services while enjoying discounts on meals and entertainment.

CONTACT: Fundraising at Parramatta Mission

Pastoral message for this week.....

Make Friends
Have Fun
Love each other
For Gods Spirit fills the world
Raising Hope – FINAL WEEK

All are welcome to attend the 2015 Raising Hope for women facing homelessness Gala.
Please contact Donna for bookings and inquiries on:
donna.kelly@parramattamission.org.au or phone 9891 2277

Foster your faith this week as you read:
1s 6:1-8              Ps 29
Rom 8:12-17            Jn 3:1-17

RAISING HOPE GALA RAFFLE
As part of the Raising Hope for women facing homelessness Gala we will be holding a raffle with some great prizes. We would like to offer you the chance to enter by purchasing tickets prior to the gala evening.

If you would like to purchase or sell tickets please contact Tracey to receive your book of 10 tickets. Tickets are $10 each and will be drawn at the gala on May 29th.

Email tracey.taylor@parramattamission.org.au or phone 9891 2277

GOOD LUCK!

1st Prize
5 Night stay in a Penthouse with private rooftop pool including breakfast for 2 people at Twinpalms Resort, Phuket Thailand PLUS Flight Centre voucher for $2,000.

2nd Prize
$300 Westfield Voucher.

3rd Prize
Outdoor Fire Pit valued at $85.

4th Prize
SCG Family Tour Experience valued at $78.

ONLY 1 WEEK TO GO
UCA Anniversary Celebration - Multicultural Worship Service
Sunday 21 JUNE 2015, 4pm
Newington College
200 Stanmore Rd, Stanmore NSW 2048

&

Uniting Multicultural Festival
27 June 2015, 8am – 6pm
UCA Centre for Ministry, 16 Masons Dr, North Parramatta
Come and enjoy dance, music, and food!

MUSIC COMPETITION
9am-3pm, Saturday 27 June 2015

CATEGORIES:
• Choral Music: Ensemble, Small/Large Choir
• Solo Singers
• Bands: Brass, Acoustic/Ukulele, mixed instruments

DANCE COMPETITION
9am-3pm, Saturday 27 June 2015

CATEGORIES:
• Classical: Contemporary, lyrical & ballet
• Funky: Jazz and hip hop
• Cultural/Character: Cultural, character, drama/mime/story telling

Finals
4-6pm, Saturday 27 June 2015

All ages welcome!
Food Stalls, Fun, & Entertainment available

CONTACT: unitingmulticulturalfestival@nsw.uca.org.au OR batalinat@nsw.uca.org.au
+61(0)409 679 354

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Synod of New South Wales and the ACT
Parramatta Mission projects supported in the Uniting Church

Please pray for:

- Living as a multicultural church
- Ministry with people in prison
- Ministry with hospital patients living with a mental illness
- Hospital chaplaincy with patients, staff & families

NEW DATE: MONDAY 8th JUNE 2015

CHARITY FOOTBALL GAME

LEGENDS V ALLSTARS

We are pleased to announce the Legends V Allstars game will now take place as a part of NRL Round 13 Eels V Cowboys, Pirtek Stadium on Monday June 8th. The game will commence at 5.50pm, prior to the main game. Get your Round 13 tickets from www.ticketmaster.com.au.

More information coming soon.

More Prayers

For the worship, witness and service of: Picton Uniting Church

We have a number of people at the moment in need of prayer and much appreciate your thoughts.

♥ Elsie/Dane/Lachlin/Ronnie/Norma/Ruth/Gaye/Maria/Angus/Jo
♥ Our elderly facing major changes and our youth suffering from depression.
시드니 조은 교회  
Sydney Jo-Eun Church

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**Veika e so**

- **Vuli Sere**: Vakarauwai 30 ni Me ena 4pm e Vale ni Lotu
- **Raising Hope**: Vinaka vakalevu na veitokoni. Sa lewe 12 na marama ena lako ena soqo qo ni Mission, ena nodra vukei na marama era vakaleqai. Vinaka vakalevu vei kemudou na turaga ena nomudou bole me tokoni na sasaga yaga oqo.
- **Project na turaga**: LOGO ena KOTE LOALOA. Ki na vavakoso raraba, ke o vinakata na LOGO ni Lotu ena nomu kote, veitaratara vei Tuirara. Mai na sede ni turaga sa tiko rawa, ke 30 na order e tauri, ena ya $4 nai sau ni LOGO. **Final Date : 29 ni Me. Contact : Tuirara**

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**It’s a month away!!** Please confirm your attendance to Fil. And pay your camp fees to Steve. Big Vinaka to Oni & Ima and all who bought roti parcel last week. $120 was raised. More parcels will be coming your way and this will go towards the camp.
Reflection

There are a lot of things in life that are mysterious. That can either be a threat or a gift. Threat because we cannot control every eventuality. Gift because it can add to the rich fabric of life.

The involvement of God seems no less mysterious. The creation stories of the Bible begin with mention of the Spirit of God hovering over creation. Mysterious indeed!

We often talk about God’s Spirit connecting with our spirit. But of course spirit is mysterious.

In regards to mystery, what does seem apparent in the Bible is that we find not deed without word, leaving people mystified as to its meaning, nor word without deed, leaving people uncertain of its authenticity, but deed with word, word with deed – they are the means by which God’s presence is made known. There is an action followed by an explanation. That is true of the picture painted of what has come to be called the Day of Pentecost. The Biblical story is that God has been involved in the creation from the first. That God not only created - a gift – but God continues to grace creation. This gracing of creation seems to be always in a mysterious way.

What we do see in the Bible is that from the Day of Pentecost onward, the followers of Jesus are able to speak and do the kinds of things Jesus did. This is particularly so in the area of speaking out on justice issues, showing mercy, living humbly.

All of us have and can have something to do that contributes to the society in which we live. Living for ourselves is a short-term ‘happiness’ and long term ‘nothingness.’ Living completely for others can be admirable, but usually also short term before burnout. Living in relationship, delighting in creation, making a contribution to society, seems to bring fulfilment, and life can even be fun. Working to include people in who get pushed out can be deeply satisfying. Somehow as we give ourselves to living in this way, open to the possibilities around us, we experience the mystery of the presence of God that is an experience, as well as energy to keep on.

Blessings, Keith Hamilton
Worship Services at Parramatta Mission

**Mon to Fri**  9.00am - 2.00pm  Open Church @ Leigh Memorial
**Tuesday**  1.10pm  Holy Communion @ Leigh
**Sunday**  9.30am  Leigh Memorial Congregation @ Leigh
          9.45am  Westmead Congregation @ Westmead
          11.15am  Leigh Fijian Congregation @ Leigh
          1.30pm  Korean Faith Community @ Leigh
          7.00pm  Praise, Prayer, Cake & Coffee @ Leigh

We pray for healing & wholeness for these people & places:

♥ Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland

♥ UC congregations of the Cumberland Zone: Dundas/Ermington, Northmead, North Rocks, Carlingford, West Epping, Centenary, Wentworthville, Holroyd, Greystanes, Grantham Heights, Parramatta Mission, Auburn.

♥ For the worship, witness and service of: Quakers Hill Uniting Church

♥ PM Leigh Memorial: Frank & Lynn; Ken.

♥ PM Uniting Hospitality; Uniting Hope; Uniting Care Mental Health:

With more than 300 congregation members, 450 staff and 500 volunteers, there are a myriad of life and health issues facing our people and their loved ones at any one time: currently there are people across PM facing surgery, recovering from surgery, or awaiting results of tests, some going on annual leave – some overseas - others returning from leave, new people starting, and some leaving. There are people organising all sorts of events and activities, some stress free and others highly stressful. There are all sorts of significant meetings and negotiations taking place about all sorts of things with all levels of Government, with businesses, churches and community groups. Pray for grace for all, healing and wholeness, wisdom, patience and diligence. Prayers for the Gala Dinner this week; The Board meeting on Tuesday night; The Ethics and Social Justice committee meeting on Thursday.

♥ PM Leigh Fijian: Dale Tonawai & Silo, Sai Vute, Kula Diqoliwasa, Niko Balavu, Bera family. For the congregation beginning the process of calling a new minister

♥ PM Westmead: Doreen and David Ryan, Deidre and husband, Phyllis, Yvonne, Billie, Vita, Satik, Nancy, Robyn and Greg, Rajes (Sandra), Ashlee, Shirley Rowsell (Sena’s neighbour)

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