

MORETON FAITH COMMUNITY

1st June 2018



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**PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH
STRONGER IN THE WINTER**

Welcome

Welcome to Moreton Faith Community.

Our mission is to share the love of Jesus with those in our community.

Our aim is to join people together, no matter race or religion.

Moreton Faith Community is seeking to serve

Our Pastor



Neil Storey started with our faith community in December 2016.

Neil is currently in the formation program for the Uniting Church as a Minister of the Word and is studying a Bachelor of Theology with Flinders University.

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Check out our website

Moretonfaithcommunity.org.au



Send us an email:
moretonfaith@gmail.com

Schedule

3rd JUNE - SUNDAY

5pm-7pm

Church Service Strathpine State School Hall

9th JUNE - SATURDAY

Eat Cake and Beat Cancer Afternoon Tea

2pm, Corso Building, Level 2, North Lakes.

10th JUNE - SUNDAY

5pm - 7pm

Church Service

Rev Dr John Fredrick to Preach

11th JUNE - MONDAY

Ladies Craft Night

Contact Julie Miller 0423 630 384

11th - 17th JUNE

Mens Health Week and

Infant Mental Health Week

**HOT COCOA
AND
FUZZY SOCKS.**



Pastors Points

WOW what a weekend last weekend was!!

It started with Chappy pancakes and the 96.5 crew at Strathpine State School on Friday morning. Then I had the great pleasure to be part of a Presbytery led consultation with the Caboolture Regional Church. It was a pleasure to hear how they are ministering to people in their situation, but it also reminded me of just how much this community does, through things such as Brigades, Mentoring, Chaplaincy support and Emmaus to name just a few. We finished off the weekend by welcoming a new member officially into Christ's family with the Baptism of Reuben James Sydney Irvine-Garnett.

This week we will be looking at what is the Sabbath all about, which is very timely as the Presbytery hosts the Ministerial Agent Retreat from Monday to Friday with the Rev Jenny Tymms hosting the sessions based on her book *Deep Work*, looking at Spiritual Practice in our Workday World.

This community is actively involved in ministry to children. One of the requirements of that is ensuring we keep our accreditation up to date. There are two parts to this: Blue Cards which we are in the process of reviewing the list but we are also required to undertake a Safe Ministry with Children Course which we are required to complete every two years. There is a SMWC course being run at Chermside Kedron Community Church, [590 Gympie Rd, Chermside](#) on Monday 13th August or you can attend our own course at Strathpine on June 17 starting at 2pm

Finally the Leadership team distributed their first quarterly update last week and I encourage you to read it.

Blessings
Neil

Rosters

	3rd June	10th June	17th June	24th June
Worship Leader	Jodie F	Rebecca F	Graham M	Neil S
Singer/s	Rachel H	Elizabeth F	Barb C	Roslyn M
			Paul F	Rebecca F
Keyboard	Leanne C	Matthew L	Coralie H	Matthew
Bible Reading	Jill F	Chad T	Barb C	Tracey S
Sound	Nathan M	Natalie T	Callum S	David C
Powerpoint	Roslyn M	Chad T	Melinda C	Rachel H
Offering	Chris S	Elizabeth F	Diane C	David C
	John S	Natalie T	Tristan S	Barb C
Communion Stewards	Diane C	Chris S	Julie M	David D
	Elizabeth F	John S	Graham M	Callum S
Kids Program	Coralie H	Leanne C	Tracey S	Leanne C
	Jill F	Chris S	Nikita	Chris S

Meals

	3rd June	10th June	17th June	24th June
	Chad & Nat T	Barb C	Jill & Paul F	David & Leanne C
	Matthew L	Melinda C	Julie M	Rachel & Coralie H
	Naomi G	Chris & John S	Jenny F	
	Jodie & Reb F	Jodie & Reb F	Elizabeth F	

Prayer Engine

- ♦ Funding for the continuation of the National Schools Chaplaincy Program.
- ♦ People who are mentoring children in our schools.
- ♦ Katie Leadbetter for continued healing, peace and comfort.
- ♦ Lynn Cameron for her upcoming surgery.
- ♦ Sharon (Strathpine State School Chaplain) for God's hand to be felt throughout Strathpine State School.
- ♦ Boys Brigade Upcoming Leadership Camp

Join the MFC Prayer Network

If you have something on your heart that needs prayer, or something mighty worth praising, the MFC prayer network is the place to share it.

It is a private group, comprising of only members of the MFC, focused on prayer for our community.

Please email us to moretonfaith@gmail.com

MFC T-Shirts

A big thank you to everyone who has placed an order for an MFC T-shirt, the whole community order has been placed this week and they will be available for pick up as soon as possible

The shirts individual cost—\$18

Payment can be made in cash on a Sunday

Or

Bank Transfer straight to the MFC account, please make sure that you are clearly identifiable when you are transferring the money

ie your name and surname and how many shirts your are paying for.

Eg R Holmes x3

MFC Account Details

Moreton Faith Community

BSB—034-065

Account Number—258825

Uniting Church in Australia 15th Assembly

The 15th Assembly of the Uniting Church in Australia will meet in Box Hill in Victoria commencing on the 8th of July. At this council of the church some very important issues will be discussed.

Some of the proposals range from recognition of amazing service of members to perhaps more controversial issues such as Assisted Dying and Same Gender Marriage (SGM).

It is important to understand that there are quite diverse views of SGM in the Uniting Church. These views are supported by individuals understanding of what scripture says to them, and their understanding of how the scripture was being used in the context that it was originally spoken. I encourage you to read the full assembly **report** and listen to others with a prayerful spirit of what can I learn as we as a church seek to discern God's will for us in this matter.

In summary the proposal says that the UCA will allow SGM. That such marriages will be like all marriage at the discretion of the Ministry Agent and that Church Councils will be free to not allow their property to be used for SGM if they so desire.

I encourage you to speak to me if you have any questions around the reports or proposals being put to Assembly. If there is sufficient interest we will organise an information session before worship next month.

I want to reassure you that no matter what the Assembly discerns as being the way forward. The Moreton Faith Community is your spiritual home and we will continue to seek God's plan for us as a community and how we can spread the gospel message to the wider community.

On the 29th of May the Assembly meeting will be forty days away.

Can I invite you to join me in forty days of prayer, praying for all involved in the Assembly process.

Blessings
Neil.



Blue Cards

It's that time again to get everyone updated Blue Card information.

If your card details have changed or it has expired then please let us know.

Also if it needs to be renewed, please see Chris Schulz as she has paper copies of the forms.



Mega Sports Camp

2018 Day Camp—Registrations are now open!

3-6 July 2018

For the very first time we are running our camp at two venues!

Venues: Triple C Campsite (Cedar Creek) and Pine Rivers Uniting Church (Kallangur).

[.https://www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au/camps/](https://www.moretonriverspresbytery.org.au/camps/)



Rosters Update

The current Roster is finishing at the end of June.

Please let us know if you would like to be added to anything, taken off anything or if you have any feedback about the current roster.

If we don't hear from you, you will stay the same on all of your current requests.

HOT
CHOCOLATE
WEATHER

Women's Conference

Brisbane 27-30 September 2018

Uniting Women 2018 will be a time for Christian women to gather, grow and be inspired. It is a diverse event for young women, older women and women in-between. It will be a chance to share your wisdom and your story. Venue: Somerville House at South Bank. Registrations open soon.

<https://unitingwomen.org.au/>

Women's Ministry

Upcoming Dates

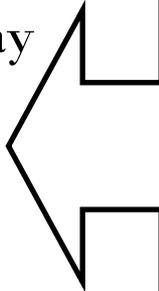
4th June - Study

11st June - Craft Night - Julies House

Bring Along any toy crafts/kits are may be working on, knitting needles, patterns etc. Contact Julie 0423 630 384

18th June - Study

2nd July - Discussion on next study with Coffee and cake.



For more
information
please contact
Lynn Cameron
0414 295 002

Safe Ministry with Children Training

Sunday 17th June 2018, 2pm—4pm

Moreton Faith Community Church, Strathpine State School Hall.

As a Safe Church in the Uniting Church all those who work with children, even if only incidentally are required to go through the Safe Ministry for Children program every two years. To keep our training up to date we are going to run a session at the Hall.

Please RSVP to pastor@moretonfaithcommunity.org.au if you will be attending the session.

All are welcome to attend, it will be finished in time for practice at 4pm and then straight into the church service at 5pm.

Families Ministry

The idea was put forward to start a families small group.

If anyone is interested in being apart of a small group for families then please let us know.

May was Mental Health Awareness Month

A Message from Sheila Walsh

I was thirty minutes into a forty-minute message when I recognized that I should shift the conclusion. I'd planned on inviting women to respond to God and come to the altar, but what I sensed now was not the sort of altar call I'd never given or experienced before. I paused for a moment, convinced that God was asking me to push into this new direction. So I asked the audience the unthinkable question: Is there anyone in the crowd who has ever attempted suicide or been plagued by suicidal thoughts like I'd been?

Then I asked, "If you're like me, would you be willing to join me at the front?"

I will never forget the next few moments. Women began to leave their seats and pour down to the front of the stage. They came from the back of the arena and from the balconies. I stood with tears pouring down my face as I looked at them. Some were in their teens and some were in their seventies. There were hundreds of them. I thought back to nights when I'd believed I was the only Christian in the world who struggled with suicidal thoughts. But as the women poured down the aisles, I saw how many there were. Some women had struggled with suicidal thoughts for most of their lives, and some for only a short while. But here they were, and the thought struck me: *we were not alone.*

Something rose up in me on that stage, and I swear my five-foot-four stature stretched to six feet. I felt fierce, confident. I looked at the women who remained in their seats, the community of women who didn't struggle with suicide or depression, and I asked each to stretch out her hands toward the struggling daughters of God as a sign that we were standing together. Then, I prayed.

I asked God to shine His light into our darkness. I asked Him to breathe hope into the stagnant filth of despair. I asked for His truth to penetrate the lies we had all believed for so long. Then I closed with a scripture I have loved since I was a child:

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? — Psalm 27:1 ESV

I have shared the first verse of Psalm 27 hundreds of times in my life. But that night, for the very first time, I declared the final two verses of Psalm 27 out loud over each one of us who chose to stand in the light. And that night I believed these words:

I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living! Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! — Psalm 27:13-14 ESV

As I spoke, something became crystal clear. When we try to hide our wounds, our scars, our cancers, all those things we believe make us less lovely, we make fear and shame the stronghold of our lives.

But when we bring our wounds to Christ, when we out our secrets and shame, we make Him the stronghold of our lives, and He uses our wounds for His purposes. **He makes something beautiful of us.**

June is Bowel Cancer Awareness Month

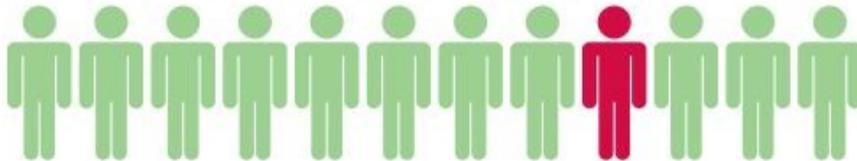
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Donate at bowelcanceraustralia.org

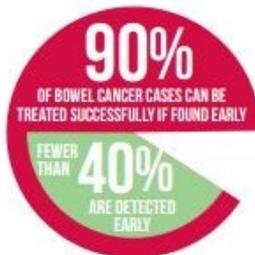
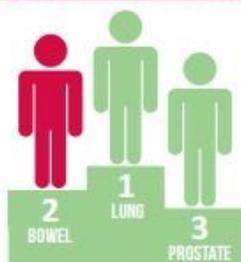


BOWEL CANCER - THE FACTS

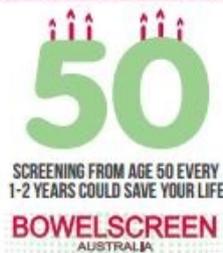
1 IN 12 PEOPLE WILL DEVELOP BOWEL CANCER IN THEIR LIFETIME



2ND BIGGEST CANCER KILLER



BOWEL CANCER RISK INCREASES WITH AGE



BOWEL SYMPTOMS? SEE YOUR GP

- BLOOD IN THE BOWEL MOVEMENT
- UNEXPLAINED WEIGHT LOSS
- PERSISTENT CHANGE IN BOWEL HABIT
- SEVERE ABDOMINAL PAIN



KNOW YOUR FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY



FOR AROUND 25% OF ALL BOWEL CANCER CASES THERE IS A FAMILY HISTORY OR HEREDITARY CONTRIBUTION.



Announcements

Smiling for Smiddy Fundraiser

Eat Cake and Beat Cancer Afternoon Tea

9th June \$20/Ticket or \$15/Concession at the North Lakes Community Hall in the Corso Building (Library). Contact Jenny 0411 098 419 to pre purchase tickets.

So far over \$3200 worth of raffle prizes to give away!

Upcoming Dates...

9th June, Eat Cake and Beat Cancer Afternoon Tea

17th June, Safe Ministry with Children, School Hall 2pm

29th June—1st July, Chrysalis

29th July, MFC 5year Anniversary

3rd-5th August Pine Rivers Show

Need volunteers to man the gates.