



encouraging and equipping God's people for God's mission



**Moreton Rivers
Presbytery**

Newsletter

17 May 2017

WELCOME

Welcome to our fortnightly newsletter. It's full of what's happening around the Moreton Rivers Presbytery and beyond.

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WHAT'S on:

-  **20 MAY**
Car Boot Sale CKCC
-  **25 MAY**
Faith Works UC
Community speaker's program
-  **26 MAY**
Con Spirto Concert
St Andrew's UC
-  **27 MAY**
Next Gen Arise Meeting
-  **28 MAY**
Dayboro UC Festival
-  **29-31 MAY**
Ministry Agents Retreat
-  **3 JUNE**
MSM Southport COC

PRESBYTERY NEWS:

Prayer and Pastoral Concerns

Please pray for the congregation of the Park Tongan Uniting Church, for Rev Maile Molitika and the congregation as they seek to minister to those in their community.

Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in the tourism industry.

2017 Presbytery Ministry Agents' Retreat 29-31 May, Woodlands of Marburg 174 Seminary Rd, Marburg

Slowing down to catch up to God

At our 2016 Synod we were reminded of the importance of the 'contemplative disciplines' in the life and ministry of a 'Christ-centred disciple', e.g., silence, stillness, solitude, listening and contemplative prayer and living. Our 2017 Presbytery retreat will give us the opportunity to learn and use some of these contemplative skills, practices and disciplines. It will also provide us with space and time to slow down to keep pace with and be present with God.



Join us for a time of enrichment and refreshment at the beautiful Woodlands Estate.

Our retreat facilitators are Johanna and Jeff Lawrence, who have both trained as spiritual directors and both facilitate reflection days and retreats. Johanna is actively involved in the Christian Meditation Community, she leads the team teaching others to meditate and lead meditation groups, she also co-facilitates a 'renewal retreat group'. Johanna has a BA and Masters in Gestalt Therapy. Jeff is a Biblical storyteller, pastor, spiritual director, 'pastors renewal retreat group facilitator', mentor in a pastors Professional and Personal Development program, men's group facilitator, a leader of a men's contemplative bushwalking retreat.

Register online at the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Website or by [clicking here](#). Price is \$295 per person including meals and accommodation. Registration is now open and should be completed by Monday the 8th of May. Payments may be made by direct debit or cheque (see registration link for details)

2017 Code of Ethics

Thank you to all our Ministerial Agents and retired ministers who attended the Code of Ethics last Friday. We thank Sue Crittall for her engaging scenarios and the time and effort she has put in leading these training days. Thank you to Kenani Uniting Community for the delicious morning and afternoon tea and lunch, it was much enjoyed and appreciated.

MRP 2018 Code of Ethics will be on a **THURSDAY** next year. Thursday 3rd May 2018. 9am – 12pm followed by Safe Ministry with Children training from 1pm- 3pm at Kenani Uniting Community, 425 Earnshaw Rd, Banyo. Note it in your diaries now.

If you missed the MRP training day this year you may like to sign up to the South Moreton & Bremer Brisbane Presbyteries training days: *(continued on next page)*

PRESBYTERY NEWS: *Continued*

Code of Ethics Training – other Presbyteries

South Moreton Presbytery: 18th July 2017

9:00am – 12:30pm followed by lunch

RSVP: smpresmin@gmail.com Location: to be advised

Bremer Brisbane Presbytery: 23rd June 9:00am – 12:30pm

Where: Goodna UC, 13 William St, Goodna QLD 4300, Australia

Code of Ethics will be immediately followed by SMC Ministers Component (compulsory every year)

Please RSVP by contacting the appropriate Presbytery Office

MRP COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

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| 16 May | Standing Committee |
| 6 June | Pastoral Relations Committee |
| 3 July | Resourcing Committee |
| 4 July | Pastoral Relations Committee |
| 11 July | Standing Committee |
| 13 July | Educating and Equipping Committee |

Next Newsletter: Wednesday 31st May 2017

Submissions due: Monday 29th May 2017

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS:

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Course

4-6 September 2017, Brisbane

Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry is a three day program designed to give participants an introduction to the key concepts and practices of ministering with congregations and agencies in times of transition.

For more information and online registration [click here](#)



Learning for Living – Exploring the Old & New Testaments (North Lakes)

Learning for Living is a course in spirituality, focussing on enrichment of self, mission to the world and ministry to the church. Doing the whole course equips people in their ministries as lay preachers, Bible study leaders, chaplains, etc. You can also do single subjects for your own interest.



Our next subjects at **North Lakes (Exploring the Old Testament)** planned for three Saturdays (20/5; 10/6; 22/7) **unfortunately has been postponed**, but Semester 2 (**Exploring the New Testament**) Saturdays (30 Sept, 14 Oct & 18 Nov) is still running. Come along to grow your ministry or to deepen your own faith and knowledge.

Register now! For more information and registration please [click here](#).

Mission Shaped Ministry

- **Saturday 3 June (MSM—Leading Missional Communities)**
 - ***Southport Church of Christ (Bruce Murray's house, 62 The Plateau, Ormeau)***
9.00 am—4.00 pm



You are invited to share a learning journey in a supportive community to be equipped for a lifetime of good practice and learning in growing fresh expressions of church. Whether you want to start a new fresh expression of church, or find a missional edge for your congregation, mission shaped ministry will encourage, equip and inspire.

- **Saturday 26 August (MSM—Young Adult Mission)**
 - ***Queensland Synod. 9.00 am—4.00 pm***
- **Saturday 25 November (MSM—Discipleship & Spirituality in Missional Communities)**
 - ***Highfields Cultural Centre. 9.00 am—4.00 pm***

For more information and online registration [click here](#).

For further information please contact Jill Bow: adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

Study Tour to Israel & Jordan

8-27 April, 2018

Our experienced tour leader, Biblical scholar and educator, Rob McFarlane, is leading a group to Israel & Jordan. The tour will focus on Biblical studies, Byzantine Christianity, as well as Islam, Judaism and Christianity. A full brochure with itinerary and costings for this tour is available.

Information evening 7.00 pm, Fri 14 July, Presbytery office. For the brochure and booking form, [click here](#).

Footsteps of Paul - Greece Study Tour

Sun 17th Sep - Sun 1st Oct 2017

The tour places are now finalised. If anyone else wishes to join they will need to contact Rod Fisher ASAP

Contact: Rev. Rod Fisher - rfisher@thegapuca.org.au or [click here](#).

National Church Life Survey (NCLS) results

Congregations who participated in last year's NCLS will be receiving their packages in the coming week. There are some great new resources, including a workbook to help you do some creative mission planning. The workbook includes short session options as well as extended processes.

Rob McFarlane will organise a gathering of **congregational leaders** with Scott Guyatt (Synod Mission Engagement) to explore the best ways to use this fabulous missional resource.

Congregations who didn't participate: GREAT NEWS! You can still do the survey and get the resources to help engage with your community and transform your congregations.

For more information: <http://www.2016ncls.org.au/> or contact Rob McFarlane edofficer@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

National Conference of Lay Preachers

7-10 July 2017, Melbourne

The National Conference of Lay Preachers provides a meeting place for Lay Preachers, Candidates, Worship Leaders and other interested people to share a few days of fellowship, mutual support and encouragement as we engage with our calling to lead God's people in worship. One of the highlights is always meeting friends from other Synods and sharing with them. For more information and registration form – please visit the Moreton Rivers Presbytery Education page: [MRP Education - Lay Preacher's conference](#)

Transforming Worship:

A national conference on worship in the UCA

27-30 July, 2017, Burnside City UC, Adelaide SA

- Worship as transformation and formation in the presence of God
- Interplay between worship, learning & mission
- Shaping intergenerational worship
- Worship in multicultural communities
- Preaching: making Gospel sense
- Crafting music and imagery for worship
- Worship 'outside the box'

For more information please visit <http://transformingworship.com.au/>



MISSION EDUCATION NEWS: *Continued*

President's National Ministry Conferences 2017

Assembly President Stuart McMillan's two National Ministerial Conferences will be held in **Darwin 29 June - 2 July** and **Adelaide 22-25 August**. The Darwin conference theme is "Honouring First Peoples as Sovereign". The Adelaide conference is combined with the UL17 Conference "Growing Leaders to Grow the Church". For more information please [click here](#).

Bridge the Gap: Zimbabwe

Following fantastic Bridge the Gap treks to North India, East Timor and Sri Lanka over the past few years, Bridge the Gap - Zimbabwe is now taking shape. The opportunity to 'trek for change' in some of the most amazing parts of the earth is happening again and if previous trips are anything to go by then it promises to be a very rewarding time.

Over the past few years, we have raised money to help support students in North India, people with disabilities in Sri Lanka, and health clinics in East Timor, while at the same time trekking the Himalayas, through central Sri Lanka, and up Mt Ramelau in East Timor. All of these trips have taken place using the model of partnerships, project awareness, and trekking.

For more information contact **Rev John Ruhle** at presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au

YOUTH AND CHILDREN NEWS:

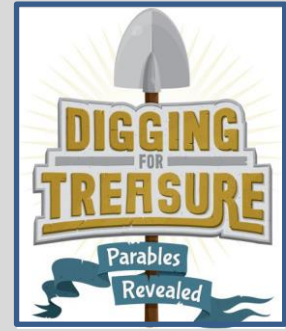
Day Camp 2017

Tuesday 27 June - Friday 30 June, Triple C Campgrounds, Cedar Creek

Digging for Treasure: Parables Revealed

For all information and online registration please [click here](#)

Day Camp Registrations go quickly so to avoid disappointment sign up NOW.
We already have quite a few children registered.



Registrations are now open! Registrations close: Monday 5th June 2017

Messy Church Training

Beth Nicholls from South Moreton Presbytery is a regional coordinator of Messy Church across Brisbane. She has generously offered to conduct Messy Church training with any congregations who are interested in exploring this significant ministry opportunity.

For further information contact Beth Nicholls at: bethnicholls@bigpond.com

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COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Preparing for 40 Days of Prayer. All of this is us.

President Stuart McMillan is calling the Uniting Church in Australia to prayer for 40 days, starting on **14 May** to our 40th anniversary date on 22 June. The Assembly will share prayers for different areas of work in the life of the Church every day during this time.

For more information [click here](#)



Car Boot Sale and Car Wash – Stalls \$10

Saturday 20th May, 7.00 am – 12 noon

The Chermside/Kedron Community Church, cnr Gympie & Rode Rds, Chermside

Contact: (07) 3350 4302 or office@ckcc.org.au

Dayboro Uniting Church – Dayboro Day Festival

Sunday 28th May from 8am

Dayboro Day Festival is in its 26th year and Dayboro Uniting Church is proud to be involved in the day. DUC start the day with a Combined Gospel Service at 8am, from 9am we have a Café operating from our hall, book stall, bric a brac stall and street stall selling craft items and yummy cakes biscuits and slices. We hope we can make it to Dayboro on Sunday 28th May and please call in and say *HELLO* to us at Dayboro Uniting Church. [Click to view flyer](#)

Faith Works Uniting Community – Community Speaker's Program

25th May, 7pm Norman Park Campus

Faith Works Uniting Community will host the second talk in its community Speaker's Program on May 25 with a talk by internationally renowned oncologist and clinical immunologist Professor Riccardo Dolcetti on the latest developments in cancer research. In his talk - *Diagnosis:Cancer* - Riccardo will outline just what a diagnosis of cancer means in 2017 and the medical breakthroughs that are changing the way cancer is being treated. The talk, to be held at Faith Works' Norman Park campus (177 Bennetts Rd), will start at 7:00pm. So if you would like to find out more on the latest methods being used to combat this insidious disease please come along. Entry is by gold coin donation with all monies raised going to charity. [Click to view flyer](#)

Next Generation Arise Leadership Gathering in May

Saturday 27 May 2017, 2pm-4pm, Queensland Synod, 60 Bayliss St, Auchenflower

Have you ever wondered what the Uniting Church is all about and what it means to be a part of it? At our Next Generation Arise Worship, we will hear an inspiring story from David Fender (Associate General Secretary of Qld Uniting Church) about how the Uniting Church has impacted his life, how it helped him to find his calling in life to be a leaders and how you can be its next leaders.

For information: <http://www.facebook.com/nextgenarise> or contact Noah Kim Email:

noah.kim@ucaqld.com.au or phone 0422 354 207

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*

Faith in Action Workshop

Saturday 27 May 2017, Indooroopilly Uniting Church

This workshop will be run by Sue Hutchinson and David Weddell, who work for the Qld Synod in the area of social responsibility. It is open to anyone who is interested in practical things we can do to show love to our neighbours both near and far. You can meet like-minded others and share and learn easy ways you can make a difference. Also find ways your church can get started or have a greater impact in the area.

For information: <https://indooroopillyuc.org.au/faithinaction/> or contact David Weddell Email: research.officer@ucaqld.com.au or phone 3377 9935.

Con Sprito Concert with QHorns

Friday 26 May 2017, 12.30 pm, Saint Andrew's Uniting Church, Ann St, Brisbane

Saint Andrew's Uniting Church is delighted to welcome QHorns ensemble from Queensland conservatorium of Music for this concert. All donations from this concert will go towards students' accommodation and travel costs associated with the ensemble's forthcoming trip to Natal, Brazil, where they will be attending the International Horn Symposium.

For information: www.saintandrews.org.au or contact Barbara Tate Email: nicktate@optushome.com.au or Phone 3217 3529.

Baldwin Studio II Organ – Giveaway !

St Paul's Uniting Church Stafford, Stafford have a well-loved Baldwin Studio II Organ to give away to a good home. It is still in good condition and would be nice for a church or chapel.

Please phone the church office on (07) 33569465 (Tues-Thurs 9 am -2pm) if you are interested.

Ashgrove Dance Studio Community Fair

Saturday 3 June, 8am-4pm, 22-24 Ashgrove Avenue

In association with the Wesley Mission Family and In-home Childcare and St Paul's Anglican Church Ashgrove

*Stalls, books, plants, Tupperware, games trash and treasure

*Sausage sizzle, coffee and cake shop, demonstrations of dance, facepainting,
& sample bags and lucky dips.

For more information call Wendy Lowe at Ashgrove Dance Studios Ph: 0407 675230

"Give a Dollar, Give a Hand, Give Your Heart" Appeal – Presbytery of the Downs

The Presbytery of The Downs are running a presbytery appeal to support our rural and remote congregations. The 6 week appeal ends Sunday June 4, 2017

For information flyer: [click here](#)

For facebook information and donations: [click here](#) For further information contact : [Neil Thorpe](#)

COMMUNITY NOTICES: *Continued*



Uniting World – Syrian Children Project

You may have heard that UnitingWorld has launched a campaign to support Syrian refugee children in Lebanon to be able to access school. UnitingWorld National Director Rob Floyd has written about the situation in Lebanon after a recent trip to connect with churches there. Currently, an estimated 350,000 Syrian kids in Lebanon do not attend school due to the costs and the strain on schools to cater to the

sudden massive population growth. Working through ACT Alliance members in the region, including the Middle East Council of Churches, and local churches in Lebanon, UnitingWorld will work to improve access to education for children whose families have been impacted by the conflict. It's a great opportunity to use our networks in the Middle East help prevent a growing 'lost generation' of Syrian kids who are missing out on an education.

We're crowdfunding to make it a reality. If you would like to know more visit our Chuffed page to read more about the campaign: <https://chuffed.org/project/syriakids>

Frontier Services – Serving Remote Australia

The **Frontier Services 2017 Order of Service** is available now for churches and community groups to celebrate the work of Frontier Services and uphold the work in prayer. The 2017 Order of Service, '**With the People**', is available to download now as a PDF as a PowerPoint file. In addition Frontier Services has **printed copies** of the Order of Service available **free of charge**. To request your copies today, please contact the National Office on 1300 787 247 or reply to this email (advising your congregation/fellowship name and postal address). **Please allow a minimum of two weeks for delivery.*

May is Domestic & Family Violence Prevention Month:

Not now, Not ever

Given that one in six women experience Domestic and Family Violence, it is important that congregations are aware of these issues are able to support women and families in need. The QLD government has a campaign running for the month of May (Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Month) – *Not now, Not ever* - <https://www.communities.qld.gov.au/gateway/not-now-not-ever>. There are some excellent FREE resources available to order - <https://netxpress.biz/?user=dcq-familychild&pass=familychild>. Display the posters, get leaflets and stickers to hand out.

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