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### Pastoral and prayer concerns

- Please pray for the congregations of Kenani Uniting Church and Pastor Gabriel Manueli as they seek to minister to their community.
- Please pray for Chaplains ministering to those in the Police force and their families.

### Presbytery Notices and Events

#### ***Christmas Blessings from the MRP Office***

The Moreton Rivers Presbytery Office Staff would like to wish all the congregations and agencies God's blessings for the Christmas Season and best wishes for the New Year!



#### ***Farewell from Kerry and Welcome to Garry***

Just to let you all know, that I am finishing up at the MRP Office on Wednesday 14 December and would like to say thank-you for six years of sharing the journey with you all. I'm venturing into the land of studying again and am looking forward to what lies ahead.



In light of that, the MRP Office would like to welcome Garry (Jennings) to the office staff as Kathy's offsider. Garry will be working Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9am – 2pm.

## ***Christmas Holidays Office Closure***

Please note the Presbytery Office will be closed from Monday 19 December and reopens on Monday 9 January. Rev John Ruhle will be on annual leave from 23 December 2016 until 19 January 2017. The emergency contact person during that time is Rev Yvonne McRostie (Presbytery Chair) who can be contacted on 0408 710 789 or [chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:chair@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

## ***Services in 2017***

All are welcome to attend the upcoming services in 2017:

### **Induction:**

Rev Louis Van Laar will be inducted as Minister of the Word at Bald Hills Uniting Church (2131 Gympie Rd, Bald Hills) on Sunday 22 January at 2pm.

### **Induction and Commissioning:**

Rev Michele Schumack will be inducted as Deacon and Mr Dave Greig will be commissioned as Pastor at Caboolture Uniting Church (cnr of King St & Smith Rd, Caboolture) on Sunday 29 January at 2pm.

### **Induction:**

Rev Dr Wendi Sargeant will be inducted as Minister of the Word at West End Uniting Church (11 Sussex St, West End) on Sunday 5 February at 1pm.

### **Commissioning:**

Mr Danny Nugent will be commissioned as Pastor at Dayboro Uniting Church (William St, Dayboro) on Sunday 12 February, 8:30am.

### **Commissioning:**

Mr Neil Story will be commissioned as a pastor at Moreton Faith Community (Strathpine State School) Wirraway St, Strathpine, Sunday 26 February at 5pm

## ***Position Vacant***

## **Presbytery Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator – Moreton Rivers Presbytery**

Moreton Rivers Presbytery is seeking to fill the full-time position of Presbytery Youth and Children's Ministry Coordinator.

### ***The Purpose of the Position***

To facilitate growth in the congregational Youth and Children's ministry throughout the Presbytery, by recruiting, training and supporting groups, leaders, ministers and church councils as they seek to minister with you people and children.

**For more information and position description contact Rev John Ruhle at [presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au) or Ph: (07) 3366 0236.**

**Applications close 9<sup>th</sup> February 2017.**

**Applicants can submit their applications to: [presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:presmin@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)**

## Youth & Children

**Renovators Program 2017 – Registrations are now open !**



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

### **Easter Madness 2017**

It's on again!!

7-10 April, 2017

[Details](#)

[Register](#)



### **Discoveries Camp: Safari Adventure**

8 – 13 January 2017

Bornhoffen PCYC

For Children Grades 3-7 in 2016

For more info contact Heather (3807 7421) or Beth (0407 170 573)

[Campers' Registration](#)

## Educating & Equipping

**First Aid Training Course 2017 – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**Registrations are now open !**



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

### **Safe Ministry with Children Training**



**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017, 9am – 12 noon, Emmanuel Uniting Church**

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

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017, 9.00 am – 12 noon, Caboolture Uniting Church**

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

**Learning for Living Courses 2017 – Enrolments now open !**



[For course information and enrolment click here \(right click\)](#)

**Worship & Preaching Day**  
**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2017, Pine Rivers Uniting Church**



**“Community Engagement in Worship”**

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

**Save the dates !**  
**MSM Course Queensland 2017**



[For more information and enquiries click here \(right click\)](#)

**Fundamentals of Transitional Ministry Course 2017**

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2016 – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, Brisbane**

**Numbers limited to 20 participants. Registrations filling quickly!**

[For information, brochure and enrolment form click here \(right click\)](#)

**National Mission Pioneer Gathering – taking MSM further!**

This gathering seeks to develop a community of innovators and experimenters with a passion for mission and birthing new forms of contextual church. It's especially useful as the next stage in MSM training.

25 – 27 May 2017

Sydney

[Flyer](#)

**President's National Ministry Conferences 2017**

Please mark your 2017 calendars for Assembly President Stuart McMillan's two National Ministerial Conferences. The Conferences will be held in **Darwin 29 June - 2 July** and **Adelaide 22-25 August**. Previous President's three-yearly conferences have been incredibly effective as times of renewal of call and strengthening ministers' sense of connection to colleagues and the UCA as a whole. More details :

<https://assembly.uca.org.au/pnmc>

**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'

<http://transformingworship.com.au/>

### **Exposure & Solidarity Tour to Bali & Java, 2-15 September, 2017**

Our experienced tour leader, Rob McFarlane, is leading a group to Bali & Java. The tour includes focussing on contextualising theology & worship, integrated appropriate development, and interfaith dialogue. We will visit a Christian village in Bali, Blimbingsari, way off the beaten track, as well as stunning C9th Buddhist and Hindu temples in Java. More details :

[Website](#) or [Flyer](#)

### **Aboriginal Recognition Plaques for Sale – Updated Price and Other Information**

The below plaques are for sale if your congregation would like to purchase them. They are \$9.50 (we have recently been informed by supplier they have increased in price) each plus postage and handling. The new plaques are made of different material which is a polyprop plastic with brass finish and different colour back ground.



For more information and for orders, please contact Jill Bow at [adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au](mailto:adminsupport@moretonriverspresbytery.org.au)

### **Other Events**

#### **Lights Camera Christmas - Kids Holiday Program**

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**Friday 16 December 2016**

Emmanuel Uniting Church, 92 Laurel St Enoggera

*Who can come?*

Participants: Primary and lower high school aged kids in Prep – year 8

Leaders and Helpers: Adults and Parents

Youth Leaders: Students in year 9+ will assist in leading small groups, games and activities.

*How does the day work?*

Participants can be dropped off at Emmanuel Uniting Church from 8:30am for program start at 9am.

Leaders need to be onsite from 8am.

Families and community members are invited to join us for a BBQ Dinner at 5pm and watch The Journey to Bethlehem Extravaganza at 6pm.

The day program will include swimming, cooking, craft, games, singing, acting and preparations for the evening Extravaganza.

*What is the Cost?*

\$25 (includes all activities, T-shirt and dinner)

*How do I register?*

Visit [www.emmanueluca.org.au/lightscamerachristmas](http://www.emmanueluca.org.au/lightscamerachristmas) and complete the relevant form. Get in early as this day is popular and numbers are limited. Registrations close 1 December 2016.

*More Information?*

Contact Jessica Pinkerton P: 3355 2162 M: 0438 168 706 E: [jess@emmanueluca.org.au](mailto:jess@emmanueluca.org.au)

**Christmas Carols and Sausage Sizzle in the Park!**

Friday 16 December, 6pm – 8pm

Community Place (33 Teevan St, Stafford)

Supported by Aunty Jean Phillips

Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress

Uniting Church in Australia

[Flyer](#)

**Carols SingAlong**

Come and sing some of your Christmas Favourites.

Wednesday 21st December 10am,

at Emmanuel Uniting Church 92 Laurel St, Enoggera.

3355 2162.

\$5.00 donation Light Lunch.

You are most welcome

For more information contact Rev Paddi Mullan (419027484)

[Flyer](#)

**Date Claimer: Garage Sale**

The Gap Uniting Church, 18 February, 6am to noon.

**Notices**

**Looking for that perfect Christmas gift?**

Give a gift of love, peace and hope not only to friends and family, but to communities and people overcoming poverty around the world!

Say it with chickens! You'll bring a smile to faces from here to Zimbabwe, where this gift is helping families thrive.

Say it with bees! Beekeeping training can provide people with the skills they need to earn a living, helping them pay for medical care or send their children to school.

Say it with goats! Five of these little beauties will kick start a business and provide an income that can change the course of a whole families future.

Say it with peace! You'll be helping bring reconciliation and forgiveness in South Sudan, one of the world's youngest and most troubled countries.

And don't forget our Christmas Cards and our beautiful calendar.

Check out the full range at [www.everythingincommon.com.au](http://www.everythingincommon.com.au). Order before 16th December so we can post your gifts in time for Christmas.

This year you can also send an e-card, an environmentally smart way to give! Select the option for your recipient, write your own message at checkout and we'll send it for you.

Wishing you all a blessed and peace-filled Christmas  
from all of us at UnitingWorld.



## **2017 Fundraising Calendar available**



This calendar is a fundraiser for Samford Valley Community Church with outreach artwork created by Sarah Douglas. Calendars can be purchased from Samford Valley Community Church ([samfordchurch@gmail.com](mailto:samfordchurch@gmail.com) or [kreativeheaven@gmail.com](mailto:kreativeheaven@gmail.com))

### ***Footsteps of Paul - Greece Study Tour***

Sun 17th Sep - Sun 1st Oct 2017.

This tour begins in the place Paul and his companions landed after his vision of being called to Macedonia, and then follows his ministry throughout Greece. Spend several days exploring unique and incredible sites, all with amazing historical, cultural and religious significance, both for the ancient world, and for the church today. Join us for two weeks of learning and laughter, as we encounter the world of the New Testament, and rediscover what it means to be people of mission.

Contact Rev. Rod Fisher ASAP for more information - [rfisher@thegapuca.org.au](mailto:rfisher@thegapuca.org.au)

### ***Newsletter Items***

If you would like to submit any items for the newsletter, please click on the link:

[\*\*Submit an Article\*\*](#)

## **Calendar**

### **December**

19 – Office Closed

### **January**

9 – Office Opens

### **February**

2 – Educating & Equipping

2 – Resourcing

7 – PRC

14 – Standing Committee

28 - PRC