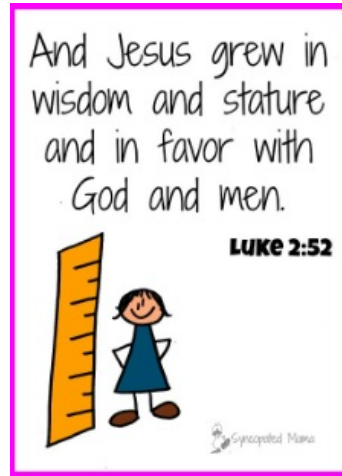


Welcome to our first worship gathering @ MUP for 2024. May it be a blessing & encouragement to you & your family...

Our theme is 'Growing Naturally'. Surely that is the hope, desire and prayer of every parent for their child. Why? Because every parent knows from personal experience the obstacles, temptations & failures on that growth journey! And yet by faith, we also come to understand that all of those will all be used of God to see us recognising in the end, that we will only 'grow naturally in Christ Jesus'. We will view a very encouraging testimony titled; 'I Am So Sorry'. A daughter & her parents share their journey and what faith in Christ revealed for them both.



For Prayer this Week: Hospital/Medical workers – Our MUP folk are; Helen van Wijk, Penny Bushell, Ashley Mountfort, Bruce Hawkins. Some have had to work extra shifts in the past month as it has been a busy time, with less staff. Some folk have had unexpected Hospital treatments and stays over the Christmas/New Year period & are very grateful for the treatment received.

- **Shane & Ali Roche say;** "We notice we had another gift put into our Bank Account. Please pass on our thanks. We've put it all into a separate pot to begin to pay some of the N.Z. Midwifery Council fees. Sending love. Merry Christmas to you all. Would you please send our love to the Church. We are (now) 10.5 weeks away from seeing you all in person! ☺"



Church Office Hours: The office will be closed over Christmas from 23rd December until 15th January 2024.

	Today 7 th January	Sunday 14 th January
Service Leader	Stewart & Marilyn	Andrew Russell
Preacher	Stewart & Marilyn	Stewart Patrick
Duty Elder	A Clement	Stewart Patrick
Greeters	M Wilson, J Phin	J Dyas, L McAra
Explorers Crèche	School Hols / Parents	School Hols / Parents
Kidzspace & Matrix	School Holidays	School Holidays
Ministry Team	E Oates	S Clement
Cups of Tea	L Hindle, W Carstens	N Aston, M Smith
Flowers	A Lewis	A Lewis
AV & Sound	Not needed / A Russell	D Russell / N Dunn
Counters	Volunteer Needed	G Stevenson



1st Worship Service of the New Year - Sunday 7th January 2024

10am: 'Growing Naturally' Luke 2:52



Leading: Stewart & Marilyn Patrick

Duty Elder: Al Clement – Communion shared today

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Children – Art pages available during message time.