

Dates to Remember	
Sun 25 Sep	5.30pm Te Hahi Combined Churches meeting & dinner



Church Office Hours: 9am - 12noon, Mon - Fri (excluding public holidays).

'Prayer Chain' – Any matters requiring confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Val Judd or Elaine Oates.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study – Meets at 1.30pm on Tuesdays in the Church House. Contact Maureen Wilson for more info.

'Men's Breakfast Group' – Meets at 7am on varying days at present, but Contact John Hawksworth for more info.

Thursday 'Womens Breakfast' – Meets at 7am on Thursdays in the Church House for Breakfast. For more info contact Amanda Lewis.

Women's 'Growth Group' – Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 1pm in the Church House.

Newsletter Email Problem – We are currently experiencing problems with emailing out our newsletter. Those emailed to gmail addresses are 'bouncing back' because the server is classifying them as spam. We are currently working with Russell Holland to sort out a permanent solution, but it looks like the way we send out our newsletter will need some significant changes. In the meantime, you will be able to view the newsletter on our website, www.mup.org.nz. We have put a link on the home page that if you click on, will take you straight to the latest newsletter. The latest newsletter will be available to view on the website on Fridays.

Giving/Tithing - If you wish to tithe or make a donation to Mangapapa Church, our account number is: Mangapapa Church, 03-0638-0381084-00. Please make sure you say 'tithe' or 'donation' in the reference. If you would prefer to give using our 'Envelope' system, then see Jenny Phin who will set you up with envelopes allocated to you.

	Today	Next Sunday 7 th August
Greeters	M Wilson, A Clement	L McAra, J Dyas
Explorers Crèche	Parents	R Theobald
Ministry Team	S Clement	E Oates
Cups of Tea	N Coffey, M Freeman	N Aston, M Smith
Flowers	B Bowis	B Bowis
AV & Sound	R Nelson / R Levy	J Russell / A Russell
Counters	C Robinson	A Radcliffe



Sunday 31st July 2022

10am: "Hosea And The Father's Risky Love"

Hosea 11:1-11

Leading: Elaine Oates Preaching: Stewart Patrick

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

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Elders Team

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'Explorers' creche is available for 1-4 years. Parents need to stay and supervise. School Holidays programme for 'Kidzspace' Primary & Intermediate age children.

If you have cold, flu or COVID-19 symptoms, please stay home and get a R.A.T. Test.

Stewart writes ... 'Hosea & The Father's Risky Love'

The book of the prophet Hosea pulsates with power and emotion and it quashes simplistic thought that, 'The Old Testament is about the God of Law and Judgment, and the New Testament is about the God of Love'. We see it all here in Hosea. God's heart so full of Agape Love for His people/His church - both then and now - and He will do everything necessary for us to get the revelation of that, which does involve judgment as a necessary result of sin. Other than GOD Himself, Hosea is the hero of this book. He was not trained in the 'School of the Prophets', but he was a layman called by God to give the distinct message to Israel - by his unique marriage and by word - that God loved them. God tells Hosea to marry a woman of worthless character, a harlot/prostitute. This directive comes on the heels of God being frustrated and fed up with the people of Israel and their rebellious ways. God was the God that delivered, rescued, and redeemed the people, yet they were swayed by idols – Baal fertility sex idols - compromising and placing their relationship with God in harm's way. This angers God, which means it hurts God to be abandoned by a people who had so quickly forgotten who the only true God is. God wants Hosea to know of this despair. God wants Hosea to know the bitter sting of love unrequited. This all seems incredibly hard to understand, but God was making this picture of His redeeming grace, which we see fully expressed in Jesus.



Now, a word that needs to be said which also relates to today's message:

In these days we are seeing and meeting more and more people who have given themselves over to their passions, and now their passions rule over them. There is huge pressure upon the church to be silent about this as we are told it is 'the loving thing to do', but our message has always been and will remain, that a life given over to the desires of the flesh ends in animal behaviour and destruction. Life is in the Spirit and the flesh is to be denied. **Romans 1:24-28**, "Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the degrading of their bodies among themselves, ⁽²⁵⁾ because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen. ⁽²⁶⁾ For this reason God gave them up to degrading passions..." **Please, go on to read the rest of this passage in your Bible.**

The 10am service is live streamed. To access – at 10am 'Ctrl click' on the following Facebook link: [Mangapapa Union Parish](#)

A Reminder: You are free to wear a mask or to not wear a mask in our Services. However, we continue to ask you to be wise and understanding of each other in this difficult Covid and flu time, where folk have varying degrees of risk assessment in large gatherings.

'Testimony Service'- 10am Sunday 14th August - Scripture encourages us that we all have something to share, so every 3 months we give opportunity for anyone to share brief testimony of what the Lord is doing/has done or revealed to you, in recent times. Think and pray about that in your life, which may encourage others and let Stewart know if you wish to share.



For Prayer this week:

We remember and pray for those in care @ Rest Homes.

They are a part of this MUP Church family but are now unable to attend Services. I may not remember everyone, but there are: Don & Noeleen Welch, Elsie Craw, Mahi Paenga, Lyn Frampton and Tom Coates.

Foodbank: Thank you to those who faithfully give to the Foodbank. Gizzy Kai Rescue has also been giving us some food, but they supply us with bulk items like pasta, weetbix, milk powder and cans of fruit etc. We still rely on MUP folk to fill the gaps in our food parcels by bringing items that we don't usually receive from Gizzy Kai. Things like: 500ml oil, milo, rubbish bags, soap, toothpaste, rice, canned veggies, soup, pasta sauce, 2 Minute Noodles, coffee, laundry powder, dishwashing liquid, mashed potatoes, biscuits, spreads (jam, honey, peanut butter etc).



Flower Roster - We are looking for more people to join the Flower Roster. If this is a skill that you have and you would be keen to serve the Lord by joining the team and blessing the congregation with your floral creations, please contact Elaine Oates.



You Say:

I can't figure it out.
I'm too tired.
It's impossible.
Nobody loves me.
I can't forgive myself.
It's not worth it.
I'm not smart enough.
I'm not able.
I can't go on.
I can't do it.
I can't manage.
I'm afraid.
I feel alone.

God Says:

I will direct your steps. (Prov. 3:5-6)
I will give you rest. (Matt. 11:28-30)
All things are possible. (Luke 18:27)
I love you. (John 3:16)
I forgive you. (Romans 8:1)
It will be worth it. (Romans 8:28)
I will give you wisdom. (1 Cor. 1:30)
I am able. (2 Cor. 9:8)
My grace is sufficient. (2 Cor 12:9)
You can do all things. (Phil. 4:19)
I will supply all your needs. (Phil. 4:19)
I have not given you a spirit of fear. (2 Tim. 1:7)
I will never leave you. (Heb. 13:5)