

PRAYER -Several opportunities to be involved through the week...

'Prayer Chain' – Urgent matters for confidential prayer support, can be referred to the Prayer Chain Group. Contact Joy McHardy or Val Judd.

'Prayer 4 U'– Mondays in the Church Library, 12:30pm to 1:30pm.

Tuesday, 'Prayer For the Nation' - 11am -12pm in the Church Prayer Room.

'Friday Revival Prayer'– Meets every Friday evening 6:30pm to 7:30pm at Joy McHardy's home (over the winter months). 266B Ormond Road. Enquiries to Stewart Patrick contact 0210470795.



FOODBANK... Thankyou for your faithful giving to this ministry. At present we have large supplies of jams, pasta, baked beans and toilet paper **but the following are the things we would love help with: canned spaghetti, sugar (smallest bags), long-life milk, cereals, margarines, and dishwashing liquid and washing powder.** We realise some of these aren't food items but they are essential to living a healthy clean life.

Focus on Servanthood – This week we acknowledge and give thanks to our 'Counters' Andrew, Neil, Don and until recently Rodney, who provide us with the attendance stats every Sunday. Stewart is filling in temporarily as Rodney has now joined the AV team. **If you have a penchant for counting 'The Lord's Sheep' then please see Stewart with the view of filling the vacancy.**



BIBLES: Have you a spare bible at home that you could donate to older Maori ladies who are wanting to learn more about God's Word? If so please bring them to church on Sunday for Elaine Oates to collect. Thank-you



Tuesday 23rd May: 7.30 - 8.30pm
Home Group session @ The Ney's

Friday 26th May: 7-9pm
'EXTREME MAKEOVER!!'

Make Your Mark on the Youth Room
Bring \$3, your creativity,..oh and a baby photo



	Today Sunday 21 May 2017	Next Sunday 28 May 2017
Greeters	E & B Bowis	H.Hockey, L McAra
Explorers crèche	N Hawkins / Zoe van Wyk	V Judd
Ministry Team	J McHardy	Jan Newman
Cups of Tea	P & A Walker, W.Carstens	A & D McLean, A Alder
Flowers	Barbara Bowis	Amanda Lewis
AV & Sound	Rodney Nelson / Paul Cosson	Dione Russell / Jackson Holland
Counters	D Welch	S Patrick



*Our motivating vision is...
'To be His Love, Light and Life'*

Sunday 21 May 2017



10am: 'Youth Service, Youth Sharing'

Duty Elder: Stewart Patrick

4.30pm – 6pm: Parenting Small Group – Session 2

6.30pm: 'Journey from Unbelief to Faith' Pt 2

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*'Explorers' crèche is operating and available for 1-4 yrs.
'Kidzspace' Primary age children head out when directed.
'Matrix' Intermediates meet during the message time, over in the house.*

Stewart writes... This morning our teens Youth Group leads the Worship Service from start to finish, and it promises to be a colourful, fun, sincere and challenging presentation from them. 38 youth attended the Mystery Creek Easter Camp last month and they will share highlights and testimony from that time. Our thanks to the adult leaders who travelled and looked after our group – Kate Ney, Mark Van Wyk, Perry Walker,



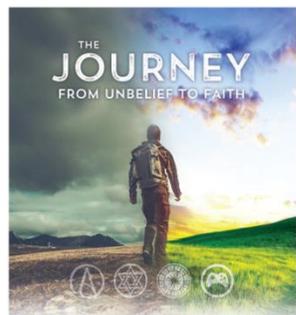
Jono Dobbie, plus Seth Hall & Tyrone Rolfe, who went as Camp Workers. Here's a great line from Camp Speaker, Jo Robertson; **'Be a John 14 follower. Believing is admirable, following is powerful.'**



Youth Worker position remains open – As you know, last week we had Conrad here from Blenheim, meeting with our leaders and being considered for the part-time Youth Worker position we have agreed to establish. Unfortunately, both Conrad and ourselves realised this was not for him, but it showed the value and importance of 'face to face' time spent with candidates for such positions. This will be very important for our 'Church Leader Selection Team' too later this year. By the way, that Team is meeting now and getting into their delegated work really well

'Loving Kids On Purpose' Parenting Small Group - Today, 4:30pm – 6pm!

The 2nd session for the Parenting Small Group is on this evening, with around 17 parents attending, while around 20 children enjoy a fun program and a Crèche for the little ones. Thanks to Ralph & Eunice, Aaron & Rebekah & Janice who are leading this for the Parents, and to Diane, Mary Lou, Marilyn & Stewart, who are running the Crèche and Children's program, while the parents, caregivers, grandparents meet. (More helpers welcome!). The objective of the Parenting Group is to provide an open forum for MUP members and visitors alike, who are engaged in parenting responsibilities, to connect with one another, equip themselves, and transform their parenting journey. 'Connecting' is a key emphasis.



Sunday Night Small Group Series, 'Journey From Unbelief To Faith' @ the Church House, 6:30pm.

"It wasn't because anybody tried to evangelize to me. That would have been offensive to me. I probably would have run the other way. But little by little, when people say, 'Who converted you?' I would say it's by the power of the Holy Spirit." Even though no individual was approaching Eddie, the Holy Spirit was approaching and talking to him, through the service, songs and message.

For Prayer and Praise this week...

- **Margaret Manuel** has been in hospital this week and we hope and pray they can get to the source of her infection. **Micah Russell** recovering from surgery too.
- **Pray for and give thanks – for several encouraging witness opportunities this past 2 weeks** – Check out Nicola's CAPtion below, and at our L.T. meeting this week, we heard great encouragements as leaders shared of people in their life that are softening to the things of God that have been shared with them.

Billets for EXCEL Touring Team: Monday 19 June – Monday 26 June



We are co-hosting this EXCEL 2017 School of Performing Arts touring team - of which **Tirzah RUSSELL** is part of. With just over a month until their arrival, **we are now seeking billets for 7 members for the team.** If you are willing to help billet one or maybe even two members of the team, then please contact Sepoima at the Church office 8679604. This team performs in all the local High Schools during the week, will be involved in small group meetings and then the big Youth Concert on the Friday night at House of Breakthrough auditorium. On Sunday morning, 18 June, we have them here leading our 10am Service.



Reminders from Assets & Finance Team:

- **The Men's Toilets are being upgraded and the floor is being replaced in that area.** They will be closed for a period of around 2 weeks while this work is done, so we will place signs on the door, and during that period the disabled Toilet cubicle in the Women's Toilet facilities, will be available for men. Signs have been placed to advise this temporary arrangement.
- **'Working Bee' at the Church Complex, 8am next Saturday 27 May** – Water blast cleaning of the complex and decks, cleaning chairs, clearing spoutings, gardens, painting touch ups cobwebs, etc.



Nicola's CAPtion – Note 10am Sunday 28 May 'CAP Service with Katie Ieriko from CAP NZ guest speaker, followed by Church Pot-Luck Lunch. Then @ 12:30pm 'Support Friends' training with Katie.



It is great watching God at work. This week we reconnected with a client who we have been praying about accommodation for. She shared how amazed she was that she found a new place so quickly. I asked did she think God might have been at work and she replied "Yes". She later asked us for a Bible.

'Stone Soup Lunch', Sunday 4th June. After church folk are invited to a time of fellowship at Frank & Lorraine Darcy's place, 39B Massey Road. Please bring your contribution to be added to the pot of soup. E.g. Leftover stew or soup or any cooked food, a can of soup or tomatoes, noodles or pasta etc. Bread Rolls and a cup of tea or coffee will be provided.

There is nothing the nearness of Jesus cannot overcome.