



FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

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Our Mission

Know, Love and Serve God, Bring Others to Christ

FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK

"Who will you pick up?"

In a job interview for a new employee at a certain company, an interviewer asked a question that made the applicants feel embarrassed: "On a stormy night, you are driving and you see a bus stop in front of you. There are three people standing at the bus stop: a grandmother who needs to be taken to the hospital right away, a doctor who saved your life from a terminal illness, and the woman of your dreams. If you could only pick up one of them, who would you pick up?"

However, despite having many shortcomings compared to other applicants, an unexpectedly successful candidate passed the interview with confidence. The answer given by this candidate was: "I will give the car to the doctor who saved my life and ask him to take my grandmother to the hospital. Then, I will wait for the bus at the bus stop with the woman of my dreams." While other applicants insisted on driving to avoid the wind and rain, he gave up on the car.

Life is a fierce battle between 'hoping' and 'abandoning' something. If you hold and carry too many things, your hands and arms will hurt. If you carry and carry too many things, your neck and shoulders will hurt. If you look at too many things, your eyes will hurt. If you think about

too many things, your head will hurt. And if you hold too many things, your heart will hurt.

The reason we have so many pains is that we want and have too many things. So the happiest resolution in my life might be to 'give up' for someone. What will you give up for others today?

"If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?" (Matthew 16:25-26)

Sanghyeon's day-off

A reminder that Sanghyeon will have a day-off every Wednesday. The church office opens Monday to Saturday from 8.30 to 1.30pm, except Wednesday.

Our church Facebook, Instagram and Homepage

Through Facebook, you will be able to access our church's Instagram and news and share online fellowship with various people. Please search on Facebook search window with "Forestville Uniting Church". Our church website has been updated, please share with your friends, family and the wider community

Regarding Prayers of the People

Those who lead prayers of the people, please send the prayer to Rev. Nam by Wednesday. His email address is fc.minister21@gmail.com

May HAPPENINGS

3F Enjoyed an excursion to Roseville Cinemas to see *Tina*, which is an enjoyable and uplifting story of the healing power of music focussing on the New Zealand and Samoan diasporas. Our June get-together will be Scottish Caeilidh to support Operation Christmas Child on Saturday 14th June at 2pm.



< Restart the Tuesday classes for the second term >



< Had the combined service with the Forest Kirk on Sunday, 18 May >

WHAT'S ON IN JUNE

Please check the noticeboard in the church entrance for brochures.

Wild Swans Bible Study and English Conversation Classes Tuesdays from 9.30am at the church. Bible Study from 9.30am followed by ESL classes. Contact Sanghyeon or Freda for more information.

Communion will be celebrated on the first Sunday, 1st June in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

Church Council will meet on Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm at FUC.

Women and Children First Throughout June we will again be collecting non-perishable food for this very worthwhile and desperate local charity. Donations can be placed in the basket in the church entrance and a list of suitable foods is on the noticeboard. Any monetary donations please give personally to Deirdre or Rob.

3F will not meet on the second Tuesday but gather for the Scottish Ceilidh on Saturday 14th June 2pm - All Welcome to join in this fun afternoon of dancing and support Operation Christmas Child in the process. **RSVP to Marion**, so she can get an indication on numbers.



Ceilidh

*Contact
Marion Hesketh*

Venue:	Forestville Uniting Church
Date & Time:	Saturday, 14 June 2025, 2 pm
Cost:	\$10/Adult, free for children

(All proceeds go to Operation Christmas Child)

Come & have fun Scottish Country dancing, games for the kids, other entertainment & afternoon tea

Kids @9 Sunday School learning and fun for all children. Come and join in the activities during term time.

Play Group Wednesday's from 9:30-11:30am during school terms, for children (0-5 years of age) and carers. Lots of fun and time to meet and share with young families.

Men's Bible Study (MBS) We will meet on Monday 16 and 30 at 7.15 am at the café, *Brewscape*, and at church. We ask for your prayers for MBS and the participation of those interested. Contact: Rev. Nam.

Wild Geese will meet on Friday 27th June at 7.30pm at the home of Sandra Rim.

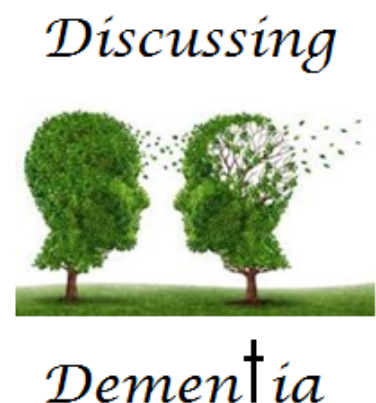
Baptism & (Re) Affirmation Education Class Baptism education class will run for those who are interested and thinking of being baptised & affirmation this year. The class will start for six times when we have a candidate. Please contact Rev. Nam or Freda.

Friday Prayer Meeting "Small Seeds Prayer Meeting"

Those interested and willing to join the prayer meeting with prayer requests are encouraged to gather to read the Bible, share prayer topics, and pray on Friday morning. Date & Time: **Fridays from 10:30 - 12:30 at the church chapel.**

Discussing Dementia Workshop - Part 1

Dementia is the leading cause of death of Australian women, and will soon be the leading cause of death for many also. But what is dementia and what types are there? What are its symptoms and stages? Is there a cure? How common is it? How can we care for those living with dementia? Where is God in dementia? Please join us for a special presentation by Rev. Frank Van Der Korput. We will answer these questions, and more. This event is open to



everyone and public.

Rev. Frank was the Minister of the Word at Kincumber UCA for nine years, Chaplain at Northaven Retirement Village for thirteen years, and is currently doing Supply Ministry at Central Coast South UCA - Umina and Kincumber. His understanding of dementia and the needs of people living with dementia and their carers is exceptional. Backed up by his Masters in Chaplaincy and Diploma in Dementia Care he has a wealth of knowledge to share. His website is www.hopeandjoy.com.au.

Date: Saturday, 28th June 2025

Time: 9:30am - midday (with a morning tea break)

Venue: Forestville Uniting Church

Operation Christmas Child (OCC) This month we will focus on collecting items of clothing. Victoria will be collecting t-shirts, shorts and underwear. Please pass on any donations to Victoria but also please feel free to shop for any of the items and give to the appropriate collection person - Remembering items must share space in a shoe box so need to be small.

June - Victoria - Something to Wear i.e. underwear, t-shirts, shorts

July - Deirdre - Education i.e. coloured and lead pencils, sharpeners, rubbers, stickers and small puzzles

August - Margrit and Lorraine - Hygiene i.e. toothbrushes, combs, face washers, soap bars

Packing day will be advised nearer the time but following on from last year will be a Saturday in October. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please give directly to Robyn Jacobs or Deirdre and they will bulk shop for you

Dates for the Diary

- Farewell Morning Tea for Geoff George on **Sunday, 8th June** after the worship service. This will be a time to congratulate and encourage Jeff on his move to Orange.

- Please save the date to help us celebrate **Winter Christmas** on **Saturday, 19th July 2025 at 5.00 pm. Cost: \$55. BUT pay before the 6th July at an early bird price of \$52. Children \$20.**
Please pay Robyn or Deirdre in cash and sign the sheet on the welcome table OR pay by DIRECT DEBIT and mark Xmas in July. If you pay by DIRECT DEBIT, please sign the sheet to say you are attending.
- **Discussing Dementia Workshop - Part 1** Will be on Saturday, 28th June 2025 at 9.30am until Midday in the Church Hall.

Offerings The need to support the Church and its work in the community continues. EFT, cheque and cash donations can be made in the Offering Pouch on Sunday mornings or as listed below:

<p>*By Direct Deposit (internet transfer) Reference: "Offering" FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH BSB 634 634 Account 100018395</p>	<p>*Cheques made payable to Forestville Uniting Church can be sent to FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH PO BOX 264 FORESTVILLE 2087</p>
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SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS

- The full and immediate flow of food and aid to suffering, starving Palestinians. Our hearts cry out for an end to violent assault and for peace rooted in justice.
- Shelter, support and comfort for **residents of northern NSW** who are dealing with the aftermath of recent heavy rain and major flooding.
- Pray for our congregation's members who are facing physical, mental, and spiritual struggles and those who find it difficult to meet at church for various reasons - Mary Eggl, Esther Osborne.
- Pray for our church leaders for their governance and ministries and seek volunteers for our church ministries.

- Pray for our cross-cultural ministry, Tuesday programs and our church ministries - Bible Study, ESL & Friday session. Wednesday Playgroup, Friday Prayer meeting, 3F and Men's Bible Study, SRE.
- Pray for seeking a family worker for our family ministry.
- Pray for our community - Forestville. May God's grace and the gospel of Jesus Christ be shared with our community through our ministries and services.
- Pray for the students of Tuesday classes who study the Bible and English so that they may have the opportunity to know Jesus Christ.

ROSTERS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Sound	Int. Prayer	Stewards	Morning Tea
1 June	Joan Andrews	Sarang Nam	Helen Gill	Minister	Helen & Nick Gill	Helen & Nick Gill
Easter 7 Act 16:16-34 Ps 97 Rev 22:12-24,16-17,20-21 Jn 17:20-26						
8 June	Mika	Rosemarie Pursell	Kevin Andrews	Robyn & Greg Jacobs	Mei Bao	Joan & Kevin Andrews
Pentecost Acts 2:1-21 Ps 104:24-34,35b Rom8:14-17 Jn 14:8-17						
15 June	Ruth Seymour	Marion Hesketh	Robyn Cohen	Alan Mann	Robyn Cohen	Lily and Moa
Trinity Sunday Prv8:1-4,22-31 Ps 8 Rom5:1-5 Jn 16:12-15						
22 June	Esther Osborne	Alan Mann	Kevin Andrews	Mark Brownlee	Alan Mann	Sandra Rim & Marion Hesketh
Pent 2 (12) 1 Kgs 19:1-4 (5-7) Ps 42 and 43 or 22 Gal 3:23-39 Lk 8:26-39						
29 June	Robyn Cohen	John & Kevin Andrews	Robyn Cohen	Keith Robards	Robyn Cohen	Victoria & Mark Brownlee
Pent 3 (13) 2 Kgs 2:1-2, 6-14 Ps 77:1-2,11-20 Gal 5:1, 13-25 Lk9:51-62						
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