



## FORESTVILLE UNITING CHURCH

**December 2025**

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### **Our Mission**

**"Welcoming all generations in our culturally diverse community to Know, Love and Serve God"**

### **FROM SANGHYEON'S DESK**

#### ***"Taking It One Step at a Time"***

Joseph Gabe Sonnier, who took a job as a janitor at Port Barre Elementary School in Southern Louisiana, considered his work a true calling. His greatest happiness lay in witnessing the myriad stories unfold within the classrooms—the laughter and tears, the learning and the teaching—as they happened firsthand.

Then, one day in 1985, his childhood homeroom teacher, who was now serving as the school's Principal, approached him: "The cleaning work you've done is an honest profession," he said. "However, I believe in your limitless potential. I can envision someone of your calibre imparting knowledge to the students."

In that instant, his long-held dream surged into reality. At a later stage in life, he enrolled at the University of Louisiana. He never gave up, persevering through the rigorous demands of earning a living as a janitor while simultaneously pursuing his studies. Finally, in 2008, he earned his Bachelor of Education degree and became a teacher at the

very school he once cleaned. He eventually rose to become the Principal, stating: "Don't allow your current circumstances to obstruct your future. Look at my journey. It truly does not matter where you begin. And what if it takes a little longer than it does for others? Isn't life about steadily and cheerfully walking toward your dream every single moment?"

Whether you strive diligently or succumb to idleness, whether you move in a beneficial direction or a detrimental one, the march of life never ceases. Yet, you retain the power to determine the process and the direction. Don't let the thought of being "too late" prevent you from trying or lead you to surrender. Instead, make the choice now to steer your journey in a beautiful and wise direction.

As this month brings the year to a close, why not reflect on the past twelve months and dedicate some time to contemplating and preparing for the direction you will take in the New Year? ... as we believe and declare that our path and ultimate direction belong to God.

***"We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."***

(Proverbs 16:9, NLT)

### **Our church Facebook, Instagram and Homepage**

Through Facebook, you will be able to access our church's news and share online fellowship with various people. Please search on Facebook for "Forestville Uniting Church" and on Instagram for "forestville\_uc"

### **Sanghyeon's day-off**

A reminder that Sanghyeon has a day-off every Wednesday. The church office opens Monday to Saturday from 9.00am to 1.30pm, except Wednesday.

### **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](mailto:fc.minister21@gmail.com)



# NOVEMBER HAPPENINGS

## 3F Christmas Lunch

Twenty-three of our congregation enjoyed a delicious lunch at Tastebuds for our final 3F Meeting in 2025. It was great to end our year on a high note and we look forward to more exciting events next year.





**The Culture of Safety session @ Forestville UC on  
Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov**



**Our new monthly cultural program - *A Different Taste* - started  
with Danny's fried rice bowl on 22<sup>nd</sup> November**





## Wild Swans Bible Study and English Conversation Classes' Excursion at North Head on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November



### WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

Please check the noticeboard in the church entrance for brochures.

**Communion** will be celebrated on the first Sunday, **7<sup>th</sup> December** in church, at home via Zoom or with the paper version of the Order of Service.

**Men's Bible Study (MBS)** We will meet in December on **Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** at 7.15 am at church. We ask for your prayers for MBS and the participation of those interested. Contact: Rev. Nam.

**Wild Swans Bible Study and English Conversation Classes** Tuesdays from 9.30am at the church. Bible Study from 9.30am followed by ESL classes. **But the classes will have a break after the last session on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Will resume on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026.** Contact Freda for more information.

**3F** Will take a break over the Summer. Look out for information on activities starting in March 2026

**Kids @9** Sunday School learning and fun for all children. Come and join in the activities during term time. The last Sunday school activities will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December. Sunday school will return at the start of the school term in 2026.

**Play Group** Wednesday mornings from **9:30-11:30am** for children (0-5 years of age) and carers. Lots of fun and time to meet and share with young families. Our last playgroup get together is on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, which will include a visit from Santa!

**Morning Worship Service for Chinese** Worship; Prayer; Scripture Reading in Chinese with Christian faith, we embark on the road of experiencing God again in the busy and lonely daily life. Date & Time: **Thursdays from 9:30 - 10:30am at the church chapel.**

**Friday Prayer Meeting** Fridays from 10:30am - 12:30pm at the church chapel.

**Wild Geese** will fly South over the Summer holidays and will return in February 2026.

**Reflective Service** **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm.** A time to reflect on the year and remember loved ones who have not shared the Christmas season with us.

**Carols in the Centre** Calling all singers! If you like to sing carols and share the joy of the Christmas season, please gather at FUC on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> at 9.30** for a 10am start in the Forestville Mall. Chat with Deirdre or Alan and don't forget your hat, water bottle and sunscreen.

**Christmas Carol Service** on **Sunday 21st at 9:00 am.** Incorporating your favourite hymns and enhancing our Advent preparations for Christmas Day.

**Christmas Day Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December** Worship Service at 8:30am.

Children are encouraged to bring one Christmas gift, to share their excitement with the congregation - and possibly explain what it does! No morning tea will be served on Christmas Day as families travel and prepare to celebrate together.

**Jacobs' Annual Christmas Morning Tea** Everyone is warmly invited to Robyn & Greg Jacobs' home for morning tea after the church service on 21<sup>st</sup> December. Their address is 13 Coleraine Ave, Killarney Heights.

**Women & Children First** Thank you for the very kind donations of food, money and gifts. Rob and Deirdre will be dropping off the collection during the first week of December. The charity has always been very grateful of our Christmas support and throughout the year.

**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:

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

- Pray for all members of our community as we approach the Christmas and New Year season. We pray that everyone may experience a joyful, safe, and meaningful holiday period, finding time to offer thanks to God for the past year and preparing their hearts to welcome the new year well.
- Special prayer for our students commencing their summer break. May they enjoy a safe and enriching holiday.
- 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, Hai Lian Yuan, Rosemarie Pursell, Barbara Pursell.

- Pray for our church leaders for their governance and ministries and seek volunteers for our church ministries.
- Pray for our cross-cultural ministry and our church ministries - Tuesday Bible Study, ESL & Friday session, Wednesday Playgroup, Thursday morning service for the Chinese, Friday Prayer meeting, 3F and Men's Bible Study, SRE, A Different Taste (New Monthly Program).
- 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.

# ROSTERS

Date	Flowers	Readers	Int. Prayer	Sunday School	Stewards	Morning Tea
7 Dec	Nisi Vaokakala	Marion Hesketh	Minister	Helen & Nick	Robyn Cohen	Joan & Kevin Andrews
<b>Advent 2</b> <b>Is 11:1-10</b> <b>Ps 72:1-7,18-19</b> <b>Rom 15:4-13</b> <b>Mt 3:1-12</b>						
14 Dec	Rosemarie Pursell	Rosemarie Pursell	Sarang Nam	Sophie & Dot	Alan Mann	Lily & Moa
<b>Advent 3</b> <b>Is 35:1-10</b> <b>Ps 146:5-10</b> <b>Jas 5:7-10</b> <b>Mt 11:2-11</b>						
21 Dec	Robyn Cohen	Robyn Cohen	Robyn Cohen		Helen & Nick Gill	Sandra & Marion
<b>Advent 4</b> <b>Is 7:10-16</b> <b>Ps 80:1-7,17-19</b> <b>Rom 1:1-7</b> <b>Mt 1:18-25</b>						
25 Dec					Robyn Cohen	
<b>Nativity 1</b> <b>Is 9:2-7</b> <b>Ps 96</b> <b>Tit 2:11-14</b> <b>Lk 2:1-14 (15-20)</b>						
28 Dec	Joan Andrews	Joan & Kevin Andrews	Helen & Nick Gill		Mei Bao	Mark & Victoria
<b>Christmas 1</b> <b>Is 63:7-9</b> <b>Ps 148</b> <b>Heb 2:10-18</b> <b>Mt 2:13-23</b>						
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