

# CLEVELAND UNITING CHURCH



## More People, More Like Jesus

Tell people about Jesus, Grow our Faith  
and Connect with our Community through Service



### Acts 16:29-30

**The jailer called for a light, rushed in, and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. Then he led them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"**

#### Something to Ponder

*But Jesus himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray. (Luke 5:16)*

How can we stay in solitude when we feel that deep urge to be distracted by people and events? The most simple way is to focus our minds and hearts on a word or picture that reminds us of God. By repeating quietly: "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want," or by gazing lovingly at an icon of Jesus, we can bring our restless minds to some rest and experience a gentle divine presence.

This doesn't happen overnight. It asks a faithful practice. But when we spend a few moments every day just being with God, our endless distractions will gradually disappear.

[Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*]

*Rev Peter Smale*

#### Connect with Us Here

**Facebook:** fb.com/ClevelandUC  
**Website:** [www.clevelandunitingchurch.com](http://www.clevelandunitingchurch.com)  
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#### Are you here for the first time?

If so, that's great! We'd like to welcome you here to Church today. If you want to stay in the loop you can fill out your details using a connect card in the attendance clipboards or online at <https://clevelanduc.com/connect>

## Church Events

**PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON CONCERT**      **TODAY**      **2 June**      **2.00pm**  
**TICKETS: \$20.00**, concession \$15.00 which includes afternoon tea. Tickets available at the door this afternoon.

**DAY CAMP**      **1-5 July 2019**      *Rev Steve*

**KIDS CAMP OUT**      **24-25 August 2019**      *Rev Steve*

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP WINTER—SPRING FASHION PARADE**  
**Book this into your diaries NOW for Saturday 13 July 2019**



## Group Activities and Events

### **WITH THANKS**

I am delighted to report that the recent Vintage Fair, raised **\$2,616.15**. Many Thanks to all who donated, assisted in sorting, preparation, setting up and on the day.



**KIDS CLUB**      **Fridays**      Every week      **6.00pm**      *Rev Steve*

**YOUTH GROUP**      **Fridays**      Every week      **7.30pm**      *Rev Steve*  
A shared meal for kids and youth is offered at 7.00pm each week

**SUNDAY SCHOOL & CRECHE**      **Sundays**      Every Week      **9.45am**      *Rev Steve*

**KOFE CLUB**      **Tuesday**      **4 June**      **6.30pm**  
All Ladies are invited to meet at The Coffee Club, Middle street Cleveland for a meal or coffee and snack and a time of grown-up child-free fellowship. All welcome

**CHRISTMAS LIGHT**      **Saturday**      **6 June**      **8.00am**

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP**      **Wednesday**      **8 June**      **9.30am**

**PENTECOST SERVICE**      **Sunday**      **9 June**      **2.30pm**

***Combined Pentecost Worship Celebration.*** This year our combined event will take place in the afternoon. We will be meeting to celebrate together at ***St James Lutheran Church in Waterloo St Cleveland from 2:30 pm.*** Afternoon tea will follow, please come and join us.



**WORSHIP CELL**      **Monday**      **10 June**      **7.00pm**

**PROPERTY CELL**      **Tuesday**      **11 June**      **7.00pm**

**PASTORAL CARE**      **Tuesday**      **17 June**      **7.00pm**

**CHURCH COUNCIL**      **Tuesday**      **18 June**      **7.00pm**

Focusing on Governance:- forward reports to the office and secretary at your earliest convenience

**KAYMEG FELLASHIP**      **Saturday**      **22 June**      **9.00am**

The annual **Sailing Day** has been organized. Once again first in will get onboard as we are limited to only 9 Men. Meet in the church car park. Morning Tea and lunch provided for \$15.00 per person.

**KEENAGERS**      **Thursday**      **27 June**      **10.00am**

Everyone is invited to join us for our **Annual Winter Luncheon**. Our guest Di Northcott will entertain us singing "Golden Oldies". Cost is \$15.00. Please book in with Denise and pay ASAP.

## CONVERSATIONS ABOUT WORSHIP

A little while back, for a period of weeks, we were invited to share feedback and evaluation about our worship services. Peter will be taking time to share that feedback following each of the morning services next Sunday June 9<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome to attend whether you completed an evaluation or not. Conversation will take place around the ideas that are raised in the evaluations and what it is that we are trying to achieve through our worship here at Cleveland Uniting. Morning Tea will be available. Please make every effort to join us for about an hour if you can.

## SINGING SONGS OF OUR FAITH

Our next **Song Service will be on June 30** and will take place in each of our services on that day. The aim of these services is to share and sing together the songs that have played a significant part in the faith journey of the people we worship with.

How do we do that? You're invited to select a song that has been important to you in your journey of faith and to take about 2 minutes to help us understand why. If you feel a little uncertain about standing up to tell us why your song is significant for yourself, you can write a couple of paragraphs and we will read it for you. We'll do our best to include as many as we can in the time we have available. Please aim to contact the office with your song(s) by Wednesday June 26.

## VISIONING THE REDLANDS

A reminder that Bob Anderson and Alan Mitrovich our representatives on the **Visioning the Redlands** Steering Committee. If you missed out on the presentation materials about this process please contact the office to catch up. Please remember that Bob and Alan are happy for you to contact them with any suggestions and/or concerns as to how the Uniting Churches in the Redlands can more effectively grow God's Kingdom in the Redlands.

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## FINANCIAL UPDATES

We are pleased to let you know that we now have a new treasurer! **Gary Duckworth** has made himself available to serve in this way and we are in the process of transitioning the various tasks from John Murray to Gary at the moment. We owe a real debt of thanks to John for the time and effort that he has put into this task over the last few years and we appreciate all that he has done. Thanks John.



While on the matter of things financial. The congregational meeting acknowledged that we would need to rely on reserves to get through this year. So in that regard there is both good news and bad news. The bad news is that as at the end of April our offerings are not really keeping up with where we hoped they would be, we are about 2 weeks (nearly \$8,000) behind where we had planned to be with our giving. The good news is that for April we were on track which shows a real improvement and for that we grateful to everyone for their efforts.

## DISCERNING WITH WISDOM & WONDER RETREAT

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston from Friday, 26 July to Sunday, 28 July. This Retreat will be conducted by Rev Dr Jenny Tymms (who will also lead the Presbytery Retreat in August), Sharonne Prince and Rev Dr Ian Price. See notice board in foyer



## The Courage to Walk Together: Reconciliation Week message

The President of the Uniting Church in Australia, Dr Deidre Palmer and President of the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress, Rev. Garry Dronfield, have encouraged Uniting Church congregations to work more closely with First Peoples in a joint message for Reconciliation Week.

“Across Australia this week, we will be celebrating and building on the respectful relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other Australians,” said Dr Palmer.

“This week is a time for us to reflect on what reconciliation means for us as Australians and as members of the Uniting Church in a Covenant relationship as First and Second Peoples.

“This week is about our hopes – about the vision which will shape our lives together as First and Second Peoples.” UAICC President Rev. Garry Dronfield said relationships were the key to successful reconciliation between First and Second Peoples.

“Getting around the campfire together and yarning up – that’s the best way to understand each other’s perspectives,” said Rev. Dronfield. “Whatever the conversation - about covenanting, sovereignty or anything else - it all comes down to relationships.” “The first step for many people, still, is to summon the courage to talk with us and to walk together.”



[www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/](http://www.reconciliation.org.au/national-reconciliation-week/)

## WATOTO CHILDREN'S CHOIR

You're invited to a FREE CONCERT by The Watoto Children's Choir at Living Faith UC,  
September 12, 7:00pm.

*Flyer on notice board*

## MESSENGER DEADLINE

All articles for the next Messenger must reach the church office no later than **Monday 10 June 2019**

**Information and Privacy Processes:** For information about ways that we collect, handle and use information for all those connected with Cleveland UC in some way, including how to opt-out, see the "Information and Privacy Processes" booklet available in the foyer or on our website.

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**Church Office Hours:**

9am – 12pm, Monday-Friday (closed public holidays)

### Prayer Chain

If you would like the congregation to pray for you, you can contact our prayer chain.

Prayer requests should be directed to the first available person on the list below.