

Timothy Topics

Newsletter

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Sunday Worship Service 10am

Minister's Corner

Our life is a collection of stories: our family story of parents and siblings; our education story about learning and going to school; our career story of finding a job and making a living; our sad/happy story about love and relationships; our "why did I go crazy" story about children and grandchildren. There is another story that we often oversee; our faith story. In the church we call this kind of story "my Jesus story". It is our testimony on how our life has been changed when we encountered the love of God in the person of Jesus Christ. It is the story that gives the other stories in our life meaning and purpose. It is the string that gathers all the beads of our life into one necklace.

Usually, "our Jesus story" is a private thing; very personal, can be too emotional and messy. So, let me ask you: do you have the courage to revisit your own Jesus story? Can you imagine yourself sharing it with others? Paul's Jesus story was anything but ordinary! He came to believe in Jesus Christ as God and Lord in the middle of a self-initiated campaign to bring those in Damascus "who belonged to the way" back to Jerusalem. He came to believe in Jesus in the middle of persecuting people for doing exactly that: believing in Jesus. How embarrassing. Yet, he found great meaning in sharing it with others. His story is the source of inspiration for many people today. How would you describe your Jesus story? Do you revisit it often? Maybe you keep putting these questions aside. It pays off not to. It adds meaning and purpose to all your other stories.

I will seize this opportunity to invite you to take the time and meditate about your Jesus story. Ask the difficult questions and seek answers. Jesus said: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." It will be very difficult for those who don't "ask, seek and knock" to lead a meaning-filled life. All other kinds of stories will not fill us if we don't have our Jesus story. May God bless you. Rev. Reine

Café Connections Grand Opening!

Café Connections opens its doors on **Sep 13** and will run **every Friday from 9:30 to 11:30am**. Come for "**A little bit of coffee & a lot of love**": a place to meet up with friends and family or to meet new people and chat over coffee, tea and cookies, **all free of charge**.

Rev. Reine has felt a strong calling to establish a gathering place where people can feel acceptance, welcomed and the love of Christ and so she is quite excited and looking forward to our Grand Opening. As your host every week, Rev. Reine will be accompanied by two other hosts to greet and serve you. We look forward to seeing you!

We're back at it!

It's Labour Day long weekend! Labour Day, the last long weekend of the summer, the last weekend of travel before the return to work, to school and to church. Many of the church groups are meeting again after a summer time break. Check out the "**Church Groups**" corner below for the dates and times they meet. Consider joining one of the groups, you will be warmly welcomed.

The return to **Sunday school on Sep 8** kicks off the start of the youth programme. The **Welcome Back BBQ on Sep 15** kicks off the start of many gatherings in fellowship such as the **Birthday Celebration on Sep 29**. All **Church Committees** will begin planning and organising various church events and administrative duties.

It's a nice time of year, where we are so pleased to meet up with those who travelled, or spent time at their cottage, or played host to friends and family; a time to catch up and to look forward to a new church year. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us in this new year.

Worship Services

Sunday Worship	Sep 1, 10am
Youth Worship Service & African Chorus.....	Sep 8, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....	Sep 15, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....	Sep 22, 10am
Sunday Worship Service.....	Sep 29, 10am
Sunday Worship & Communion Service.....	Oct 6, 10am

Upcoming Events

Welcome Back BBQ	Sep 15, 11am
Sr Youth Pizza & Devotions.....	Sep 16, 7pm
JOY Group.....	Sep 17, 10am
HEFC Walkathon.....	Sep 21, 9:30am
Jr Youth Fun Day.....	Sep 21, 3pm
Birthday Celebrations	Sep 29, 11am
Communion Service	Oct 6, 10am

Church Groups

African Chorus.....	Oct 6, 11am
Craft Group.....	Sep 9, 16, 23, 30, 2pm
Day Bible Study	Sep 11, 18, 25, 10am
Evening Bible Study.....	Sep 9, 23, 7pm
JOY Group.....	Sep 17, 10am
Not So Young Adult Group	Oct 13, 11am
St Tim's Choir	Sep 8, 15, 22, 29, 9am