

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 12th July

Merredin Sunday School Hall 9.30 am Pre-service prayer gathering
Merredin Church 10.00 am Morning Worship Pieter Goosen

MONDAY 13th July

Merredin Church 5.30 pm Ladies' KYB Bible Study is in recess for school holidays.

TUESDAY 14th July

Merredin Church 7.00 pm Men's Bible study. See Luke Higgins for more details

WEDNESDAY 15th July

Merredin Church 6.30 pm Who Let the Blokes Out? Join other men for a meal and fellowship. See Kevin Tengvall for more details.

THURSDAY 16th July

FRIDAY 17th July

Merredin Church 9.30 am Ladies' Bible Study. See Tania Higgins for more details.

SATURDAY 18th July

Merredin Church 2.00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous group meets.

SUNDAY 19th July

Merredin Sunday School Hall 9.30 am Pre-service prayer gathering
Merredin Church 10.00 am Morning Worship Mike Fawcett (Communion)

You can make an on-line contribution to the church's finances using direct debit. Why not set up a regular contribution? The account details are: BSB: 036-105 Account number: 920019 Account name: Uniting Church in Australia Eastern Wheatbelt Parish

Romans 8 : 5, 6

"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace."

Items for Newsletter:

If there is anything you would like included in the next newsletter, including prayer requests, please let Bob French know on 0428 125 613, or robert.french1@bigpond.com



The Uniting Church in the Eastern Wheatbelt

SUNDAY 12th July 2026

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Grace and peace to you all.

At its heart the Christian faith about transformation—spiritual transformation. Paul writes to the Romans about the difference between having your mind set on the flesh and having your mind set on the Spirit. By the flesh he means the impulsive and selfish world-focused mindset leading to sin that most people find themselves in, and by the Spirit he means the God-focused mindset leading to life and peace. The Spirit of God transforms the Christian from the fleshly mindset to the Spiritual one.

Paul also talks about slavery to sin and slavery to righteousness. He is talking about slavery to sin when he says in Romans 7 he does not do what he wants to do, and does what he hates. The person who is enslaved to sin cannot help sinning even if that is the exact thing they do not want to do. But the wonderful thing about God's grace is that through the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ he will overlook our past sins

and enable our transformation from being led by the flesh to being led by the Holy Spirit, becoming slaves instead to righteousness.

The idea of being slaves to righteousness is important. There have been people over the past two thousand years and there are people today who think God's grace means it doesn't matter if we continue to sin. In Paul's view the spiritual transformation we undergo on becoming Christian means our sinful nature has been overthrown. What point is there in overthrowing our sinful nature if it makes no difference to our behaviour?

Experience teaches us our sinful natures will not give up without a fight. There is no shame in continuing to feel tempted to do what is wrong, and sometimes lapsing into sin. But remember, we are no longer in the flesh, we are in the Spirit because the Spirit of God dwells in us. We can live righteously.

Until then, stay blessed

Bob French

SERVING IN MERREDIN		
	Today	Next Sunday
Preacher	Pieter Goosen	Mike Fawcett (Communion)
Worship Leader	Debbie Tengvall	Joel Hammen
Elder	Louise French	Tom Higgins
Musician	Sal Marais	Tania Higgins
Greeters	Sarah and Luke Higgins	Norm and Val Hooper
Readers	Sarah Higgins	Val Hooper
	Luke Higgins	Tom Higgins
Offering & Counting	Luke Higgins	Norm Hooper
	Val Hooper	Doug Hermon
Sound/Video	Kevin Tengvall	Hayley Higgins
Projection/Lap Top	Tom Higgins	Matt McCubbin
Cleaner		Tania Higgins and Sandy Treloar
Note: if you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty please organise a substitute and inform the Worship Leader and the Newsletter Editor		

News and Coming Events

Conversation Partners for Papuan English Teachers

Last year Lee-Anne Burnett spoke in Merredin about the Black Pearl Network in West Papua. They are calling for volunteers to help English teachers in remote villages develop and maintain spoken English skills. You would speak to a teacher or pair of teachers every week or so using WhatsApp. The topic of conversation is not important as the aim is to practice conversation. If you are interested contact Lee-Anne at dunlee4@gmail.com.

Ladies' Day August in Merredin

There will be a free Yellow Ribbon Project

Ladies' Day in Merredin on Saturday 22 August dealing with addiction and domestic violence-related issues. Please see attached flyer for details.

Back to Nangeenan Church Service

The Back to Nangeenan weekend for 2026 will be on 7 - 9 August. The Uniting Church service for 9 August will be held in Nangeenan with the Moderator Rev David Jackson preaching. There will be no service in Merredin that Sunday.

Remember that you can view recordings of previous Merredin worship services on the [Merredin Church YouTube channel here](#).

prayers

Our Church Family

This week we are praying for ...

- * Joel and Karen Hammen.

Intercession

Pray for ...

- * Phil Kuhne with various health concerns.
- * Christian children in Turkey and other countries experiencing persecution.
- * Families with broken relationships.
- * Neville and Cathy Jolly.
- * The Food Ministry run by the UCA in Merredin and other similar ministries run by other Merredin churches.
- * School chaplains, especially in Merredin College and schools in Mukinbudin, Southern Cross and Moorine Rock, as they try to shine the light of Christ into those school communities.
- * The Moderator of UCA WA David Jackson as he leads the people of the church into the future.
- * The Prime Minister and members of the Australian Parliament, the WA Premier and members of State Parliament, and the Police Force.

From the Synod Prayer Calendar ...

- * Cunderdin/Meckering Uniting Church and Quairading Uniting Church and the Assembly Circle of Interest: Growing in Faith.

Do you have a special need for prayer? Remember the Elders are always available for one on one prayer following services at Merredin, and are only a phone call or email away at other times.

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