

General Notices

-Congregational Meeting today after a brief morning tea
- Pancakes for Playgroup - Pancake (Shrove) Tuesday 25 February
-Lent Event - Building Peace Beating Poverty (for your consideration and prayer)
Lent Event is *UnitingWorld's* annual fundraising event, bringing people together to build peace and beat poverty. Pledge to live simply for the 40 days of Lent (26 Feb - 9 Apr 2020) and help make a difference for people striving to be free from poverty and injustice. The focus this year is Ambon, Indonesia. To find out how Christians and Muslims, can build peace, end war, beat poverty through *UnitingWorld* partners, go to unitingworld.org.au/event/lent-event/home

- Lenten Bible Study *The Grace of Les Miserables - When grace and Justice meet*
Based on the historical novel by Victor Hugo the characters represent the great themes of life, passion, grace, justice, poverty and love..We will begin with a viewing of *Les Miserables* with an afternoon tea/supper break.

Mondays 2-4pm March 2,9,16,23. at **41 Allora Gardens**

Thursdays 7-9pm March 5,12,19,26 at **98 Allora Gardens.**

-James (and Kris) will be on Leave from Thurs 27 February, to attend a family wedding. Thank you to Rev Allan Kuchler for leading the worship on Sunday 1st March

-World Day of Prayer 6 March, Change of Venue, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Forest Drive off Wisers Road. change of time @9:30 a.m Prepared by the women of Zimbabwe, let us gather with our neighbouring churches to share in this worship and fellowship together. We each have a part to play in the service.

-Frontier Services are providing practical support for those doing it tough through the **Outback Links** program and dedicated, passionate volunteers -see this link for opportunities: <https://frontierservices.org/how-we-help/outback-links/> or call 1330 787 247.

Apologies: to Eileen who had a birthday on the 19th, and Margaret who turned 80 on the 20th. Next year you won't miss out.



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A Glimpse of Glory

We seek to be a prayerful and listening church

Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church

*Good morning, welcome to worship at Maroochydore Uniting Church
After worship please join us to share morning tea in the Hall*

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Worship Services

English Language Sundays, 8.30am

Korean Language Sundays, 11am

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Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available.

Our Church Banking Details: **UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church**
- St George Bank. BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

Uniting Church Links - For Information from the Wider Church

Qld Synod Information - <https://ucaqld.com.au/>

For links an information to Synod Resources and Activities.

National Assembly News - <https://assembly.uca.org>.

Please send any notices for next week's 'Herald' to janstrudwickart@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon

Bible Readings

23 February 2020

Exodus 24:12-18
Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
2 Peter 1:16-21
Matthew 17:1-9

Transfiguration - A Glimpse of glory

six days under the cloud
the foolishness of conspiracy
we have heard the voice from heaven
don't stay down, and do not be afraid.

Ash Wednesday 2020 Blessing the dust

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12, Psalm 51:1-17, 2 Corinthians 5:20b - 6:10
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 Our Penitential Prayers - we make no fuss

1 March 2020

First Sunday in Lent - Dealing with Temptation

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 permission, prohibition, discretion ...
Psalm 32 confession is good for the soul
Romans 5:12-19 the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ
Matthew 4:1-11 Jesus, The Satan and Temptation

People of Dust, People of Spirit

This week marks a shift in reading Matthew's Gospel from the Sermon on the Mount which reaches its glory in the Transfiguration of Jesus, anticipated by his baptism and confirmed by the voice from heaven, now to the facing of temptation. Jesus, as Son of God shows us how that temptation is to be resisted. In between is Ash Wednesday reminding us of our humanity, broken and yet blessed by God. We wear on our bodies the mark of ash, the sign of the cross, the witness to Christ.

Regular Happenings Each Week

Mondays: Morning prayer in the Minister's office 8.30 am.
Pastoral visits to Lifeline/Uniting Care Community

Tuesdays: Play Group **9-11am in the Church Hall.**
RI at Kuluin and Maroochydore State Schools (*during term*)

Thursdays: -Fellowship of Fixing (*Church Working Bee from 7.30am*)
-Fellowship morning tea **12th March-** @ 10am. Meet at church at 9.30 as needed. Venue TBA
-GROW Group meet from 5pm; NA group meet from 6.30pm
- Ladies Bible Study 2pm -4pm at the church

Fridays: NA Group meet: 4-5.30pm in Library Chapel.

Saturdays: Indoor Bowls from 1pm in Church Hall,

Sundays: AA Group meet: 5-6.30pm.

a meditation for Ash Wednesday

Did you not know what the Holy One can do with dust?

Life will continually lay us bare, sometimes with astonishing severity. In the midst of this, the season of Lent invites us to see what is most elemental in us, what endures: the love that creates and animates, the love that cannot be destroyed, the love that is most basic to who we are. This season inspires us to ask where this love will lead us, what it will create in and through us, what God will do with it in both our brokenness and our joy. We belong to the God who well knows what to do with dust.

You will meet us
In the ashes,
You will meet us
In the ache
And show you face
Within the sorrow
And offer us
Your word of grace;

You are life
Within the dying
That you abide
Within the dust,
That you are what
Survives the burning
That you arise
To make us new.

You will meet us
In the ashes and beyond

*(adapted from
"Will You meet us?" by
Jan Richardson)*

Moderator's prayer

Loving God, may your Spirit brood over our land; bring healing to the lives and communities devastated by fire, drought and disruption; humble us to honour one another; help us to see you in our neighbour and fellow Australian. Amen.
Rev David Baker.

Worship & Coming Events February 2020

Sunday	23 February at 8:30 am at 11 am	Transfiguration
-	Korean Worship Service 11am (followed by lunch in the Hall)	
Wednesday	26 February	Ash Wednesday
Sunday	1 March at 8:30 am	Holy Communion
	Korean Service 11am	Holy Communion (followed by lunch)

Prayers for our world and our people

- for BBN Constructions as they struggle with the weather conditions
- for all who are facing life changes at present with health, home and family.
- for the resolution to the *coronavirus* and the distress & panic being caused
- for the anxiety that violence creates in our communities and our world
- for ourselves, for Rita & Doug, Asho & June, Barb, Philip, Colin.
-Lent brings us to a different time in our Christian year.