General Notices

-Coronavirus- be sensible & diligent about good hygiene practices.

Please be mindful of each other and of our basic needs. Practice regular hand washing, respectful greeting and food handling practices. If you have travelled, or been in contact with anyone who has travelled to/from China, Japan, South Korea, Italy, Iran; please let us know that we might care for and pray for you, and follow the medical advice for isolation and clearance.

Regular Happenings for the coming weeks have been suspended	
Mondays:	Morning prayer in the Minister's office 8.30 am.
	Pastoral visits to Lifeline/Uniting Care Community
Tuesdays:	Play Group
	RI at Kuluin and Maroochydore State Schools (during term)
Thursdays:	-Fellowship of Fixing (Church Working Bee from 7.30am) *
	-Fellowship morning tea has been cancelled for April
	-GROW Group from 5pm; NA group meet from 6.30pm
	 Ladies Bible Study cancelled this week
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.

*Please note that we will continue Fellowship of Working Bee each Thursday on a monitoring and hygiene cleaning basis. Please keep an eye on our property.

On the lighter side:



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



The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church



The Uniting Church in Australia 29 March 2020



Lent 5 Lazarus is dead, or is he?

We seeking bestigrayerful and listening church

Please note that all Face to Face worship, and gatherings of our Church Community are suspended until further advice is received. Thank you.

Please Contact us

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Worship Services English Language Sundays, 8.30am Korean Language Sundays, 11am Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park M: 0413 836 557

Worship Services Suspended - Please see email or online alternatives.

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

Bible Readings 29 March 2020

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Fzekiel 37:1-14 my tired old bones, can they live again Psalm 130 my soul waits in hope Ah yes, we can live because of Spirit Romans 8:6-11 John 11:1-45 Lazarus is dead ...

5 April 2020 Palm/Passion Sunday God is sovereign Lord ls 50:4-9a Ps 118:1-2, 19-29 God makes me righteous To be like Christ we must humble ourselves Phil 2:5-11 Jesus comes to Jerusalem as King Matt 21:1-11

Turn It Over To God

'Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.'

Psalm 55:22 NIV

Sometimes the best thing to do is-turn the situation over to God. 'Yes, but what about all those go-getters who rise with the sun, skip breakfast, and break records while I'm just "giving it to God"?' you ask. Good question. Look at Jesus; He didn't get started until He was thirty. What about all those 'wasted' years? He left them to God. And how did He react to those who heard His message, shrugged, and walked away? He left them to God. And what about those nit-picking Pharisees who gave Him so much grief? He left them to God as well. In The Finishing Touch, Charles Swindoll describes a time in his ministry when he felt driven and drained by never-ending demands. He writes: 'If folks weren't changing, I felt responsible. If some drifted, somehow I was at fault.

If there wasn't continual growth, I acted as if I needed to make it happen. If a sermon failed to ring with clarity and power, I struggled all of Monday and half of Tuesday. Talk about wasted energy! Time has helped; so has age. Virtually all of the things that once stole my joy and assaulted my motivation-I just leave to God. Don't I care? Of course I care. But those cares are now placed in the hands of One who can handle them. What once bothered me, I've learned to give over to Him who doesn't mind being bothered. Whereas criticism used to cripple me for days, I now do my best to sift, shift, and sail. I learn what I can-and turn the rest over to God.'

Moderator's March Prayer

- Please join us in praying together each Monday at midday:

As we take up our Lenten journey again, Lord, may we be drawn closer to You, and be freed of that which would ensnare our faith, hope and love. **Rev David Baker**

No birthdays this week

What's happening

-Heads of All Australian Churches Have Called the Nation to Prayer at 7pm, Every Night .Now, in response to the Coronavirus Pandemic, the combined Christian churches across every denomination in Australia have launched a 'National Call to Prayer'. Beginning Thursday, March 19, it's a campaign calling people to take a moment to pray, every evening at 1900 hrs (7pm), for God to bring an end to the crisis.

The time of 1900 hours has been chosen as a simple prompt, linking it to the '19' in COVID19, and because most families will be able to gather at that time to take a moment to pray.

-United prayer for our Prayer points for this first week are:

1. That Christians Australia wide would throw off our differences and join together in united prayer for our nation at this critical time.

2. That God would grant wisdom and energy to our Prime Minister and our State Premiers as they seek to guide the nation through these difficult times. Pray that their guidance and the nation's response would avoid a financial calamity as well as shielding our nation from a health crisis that cannot be properly managed.

3. That our National Medical Advisory Team advising our leaders would be sharp, accurate and wise in the recommendations they make and that the Australian public will respond with a calm measured response and not the panic that we have seen in recent weeks.

Let us pray that as a nation we emerge from this season stronger and wiser than we entered it, with a greater consciousness of our need for God in the everyday affairs of our nation. ALSO note that there's a call for a national day of prayer and fasting this Sunday.

Prayers for our world and our people

-for everyone experiencing the serious impacts of the *coronavirus* - we pray for calm, that the virus will pass

-for all congregations as they seek to manage the impact and disruption. -for our communities becoming overwhelmed by the constancy of media messages, may we find calm in the centre, and reassurance from one another. -we pray for Jan, Barb, Jain, Asho & June, Rita, Laurie, Daisy, Joyce, Philip, Cathy, .