Please join us every Monday at midday as we pray the Moderator's monthly prayer.

Merciful God, as we travel through this Lenten journey towards the cross of Calvary, may we take the time to examine what it means to take up our cross and follow you. Amen

At the moment Korean Worship is at 11am every Sunday.

The 8:30 am Sunday services have been split into odd and even weeks. On the odd weeks, a visiting speaker has offered to minister to us. On the even weeks we will be having a more laid-back service of hymns and choruses. Occasionally, a speaker has offered to take the service on an even Sunday. Communion will be offered on the first Sunday of the month, and possibly the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

- Thursdays:- Next Fellowship morning tea is 10 am on April 8th (2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month). Location tba.
- We believe it is important to come before God every Thursday at 11:30, and pray His guidance for our future. We want to come together before God, without the pressure of having to actually pray aloud, if we find that difficult. We all have our gifts, and some of us have the gift of agreeing in prayer, without feeling we can say prayers out loud ourselves.
- Saturdays:- Trumpet fanfare!!! Indoor Bowls began again on first Saturday in March! Yea! At 1 p.m. Thankyou Wilf and Mavis Shroeder.

Birthdays this week: Graham Ashton 15<sup>th</sup>; Gil Park 17<sup>th</sup>; Arby Holmes 17<sup>th</sup>; Val Wellacot 18th

Thankyou Kath Behan for leading our service last week. Kath gave us each a sunflower seed and asked us what fruit our own seed would bear, both out of sight, and in the open. Are we willing to allow God access to our hopes and dreams to open us to new ways of doing and seeing?



# The Maroochydore Herald

## Maroochydore Uniting Church



The Uniting Church in Australia



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### 14th March 2021



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

Please Contact us 6 Millwell Rd (POX 357) Maroochydore Qld. 4558 Church Office: 5443 2441

English Language Sundays, 8.30am

Korean Language Sundays, 11am

Worship Services

Church Council: Robin Dingle 54434039 Covid Warden: Bev Lacey 54455279 Keeper of the Keys: Margaret Holmes (Office Hours Only) 54434952 Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park M: 0413 836 557

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

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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     |                             |  |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Mar 14             | Mar 21                      |  |
| Nm 21: 4-9         | Jer 31: 31-34               |  |
| Ps 107: 1-3, 17-21 | Ps 51: 1-12 or Ps 119: 1-16 |  |
| Eph 2: 1-10        | Heb 5:5-10                  |  |
| Jn 3: 14-21        | Jn 12: 20-33                |  |
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#### Worship & Coming Events March

| Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March | Lent 4                 |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 8:30 am service               | Hymns and Choruses     |
| 11 am service                 | Korean Worship service |

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> March Lent 5

8:30 am service Shortened worship service with Ps. Natalie Roy and Ps. Phil Smith, followed by congregational discussion and ballots.
11 am service Korean Worship service

As noted in last week's Herald **N**atalie Roy and Phil Smith are happy to come and work alongside us on the 21st as we handle at least two matters:

1)The first is quite straight forward and without it, Maroochydore isn't able to move ahead as a local Uniting Church entity. <u>The whole 'membership'</u> <u>needs to appoint</u> a small leadership team. It's not a "church council". It is a <u>recognised and authorised group</u> who for **twelve months** continues in the basic leadership roles we are shouldering, and provides the voice of Maroochydore in discussions with Presbytery. A chair, treasurer and secretary are the minimum, a fourth member would spread the load. Our 'Faith Community' (as Maroochydore is now) is also welcome to have a representative at Presbytery.

2)The second matter is work we can begin on the 21st, and something that must be clear to the whole church before any discussions about -how to grow the church, -when to call a new minister, -what that costs... -even our relationship with the Korean community. - Natalie and Phil will ask everyone a <u>big double-barrelled</u> question. Why does Maroochydore (town) need a Uniting Church? Why do we (each individual) want to be a part of that? The question is not, "How/Why do I want this church's Sunday services to continue?" We will cross those bridges once we have our answer to why our surrounding community needs us. Natalie and Phil will then be happy to work with us in the months ahead. As with Uniting Churches from Nanango to Childers, we can assess what resources we have, our peoples' passions and the needs around us - to shape a new life of Worship, Community and Mission.

On the 21st we will need ballot papers and a simple minute to be recorded, appointing those leaders, to those roles, for a period. That decision needs to be sent to the Presbytery Secretary for Mary Burnett's records.

Please make a point of bringing a pen (to vote with and to take notes), and please let anyone know about this important service, who has not attended recently.

If anyone has access to a whiteboard could you please bring it along on the 21<sup>st</sup>?

#### Our prayers:

- For Trish and her two sons. For their treatment and healing
- For continued improvement and stability for Philip (Marie's son)
- for Jan Rossow's daughter-in-law
- For Pam's brother, Ian and his recovery.
- For Mr Adsett's recovery from a stroke
- For Len Wood and his healing after his hip replacement on Thursday
- For understanding of the issues facing us as a church

