

# The Maroochydore Herald

# Maroochydore Uniting Church



UnitinginChrist actingwithlove livingwithhope witnessinginfaith workingforjustice

# Pentecost 8 25 July 2021



We seek to be a prayerful and listening church

Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church

| Leadership Team |                 |                   |            |  |
|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------|--|
|                 |                 | Property matters: | Theo Quick |  |
| Treasurer:      | Bev Lacey       | Korean Members:   | Kate Lim   |  |
|                 | Heather Webster |                   | Abe Choi   |  |
| Secretary:      | Jan Strudwick   |                   | Gil Park   |  |
|                 | Margaret Holmes |                   | Winni Yun  |  |
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### **Worship Services**

English Language Sundays, 8.30am Korean Language Sundays, 11am 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

## 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      |                    |  |  |  |
|---------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
| July 25 Pentecost 9 | Aug 1 Pentecost 10 |  |  |  |
| 2 Sam 11:1-15       | 2 Sam 11:26-12:13a |  |  |  |
| Ps 14               | Ps 51:1-12         |  |  |  |
| Eph 3:14-21         | Eph 4:1-16         |  |  |  |
| John 6:1-21         | John 6:24-35       |  |  |  |

### <u>This week</u>

| Sunday 25 July          | 8.30am- Rev Jan Rossow- prayer and praise service |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|
|                         | 11.00 am–Korean Service – Pastor Gil Park.        |  |
| Tuesday 27 July         | 6am-7:00am Korean Morning Prayer                  |  |
| Wednesday 28 July       | 6am-7:00am Korean Morning Prayer                  |  |
| <u>Thursday 29 July</u> | 6am-7:00am Korean Morning Prayer                  |  |
|                         | 10 -11am-prayer meeting                           |  |
| Friday 30 July          | 6am-7:00am Korean Morning Prayer                  |  |
| Saturday 31 July        | 1pm – Lawn Bowls in hall with Wilf and Mavis      |  |
| Sunday 1 August         | 8.30am- Rev Robin Osborne- Communion service      |  |
|                         | 11.00 am– Korean Service – Pastor Gil Park        |  |
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### **Moderator Reflection Covenant**

The love of God calls us to live together in patience, kindness, never envious or boasting or arrogant or rude. A love that does not insist on its own way and rejoices in the truth, a love that bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things and endures all things. This is the covenant that we are called to live out with all people, to live together in peace, speaking to each other in love and holding each other accountable in that love.

If we are to truly be God's covenant people then we need to demonstrate those markers of love in the way we speak, act and live our lives, in every circumstance.

I pray that as God's family we will continue to put this covenant of love into action and continue to show this covenantal love to all. Amen

**Note:** Jan Strudwick's email and computer are going to be in hospital for the next 5 days, so if you send any emails there will be no response till next week.

**Apology:** Due to the Current Covid restrictions **WMQ Christmas in July** (Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>) luncheon has been **postponed**. A new date will be announced soon.

#### Farewell luncheon for Laurie and Allan Kuchler

When: 11:30am, Sunday 1st August
Where: The Sands Tavern (opposite Woolworths Sunshine Plaza)
Cost: \$20 for a 2-course meal. (Choice of 6 main courses and 3 desserts)
Why: Allan and Laurie are leaving us
R.S.V.P. Tuesday 27th July either Laurie Kuchler- 0474459053, or Jan
Strudwick- 0408236369

#### Our Prayers

- For Jodie's (Jess's grand-daughter) radiation treatment to shrink her tumours and to be able to rejoin her children and help them grow up.
- For healing for Barb's chronic pain, and imrpovement of mobility. For Neville and his mobility
- for continuing healing for Allan's and Merryl's broken arms
- for Marie's son, Philip, as he undergoes more cancer treatment
- for Laurie's pain to be healed
- for Judith's nausea and fatigue
- for diagnosis and treatment of Pam's symptoms
- for equipment and medications to reach those countries with major Covid outbreaks
- for healing for Jeffrey's foot (Trish's son) after treading on a puffer fish
- for more opportunities to effectively share our faith

#### Reflection Matthew 4:12-23 Margaret Niethe

We are a people who value choice and like to think that we can choose to follow God or not. Matthew would have us consider the impossibility of pretending God is not at work in our world and in our lives. To do that would be like pretending dawn has not happened and we are still in the night, in fact to close our eyes to the reality around us. The purpose of this scripture I believe is for us to respond to Jesus' invitation to walk in the light. Many times in our lives we sit in darkness; the darkness of quarrelling, and bickering. Why is it we don't automatically go to God for refuge when we have trouble dealing with life? ... Matthew reaffirms the prophet's words, 'the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' This is the beginning of Jesus' ministry and it is these verses that prelude the call of the disciples. A bright light, what does this imagery mean to you? Have you ever experienced one of those moments, you know, A-HA! And everything becomes clear! To truly catch a glimpse of the light that Jesus brings means that we see everything differently. It means our priorities shift ... we make decisions differently. Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen. They fished differently, Peter and Andrew from the shore; James and John from their father's boat. Jesus was to teach them about being fishers of men, and they followed immediately. When did you decide to follow Jesus, or have you yet to decide? How will you respond to Jesus' invitation? Amen.