This week's Prayer

Hope Seeks Us Out

We live in a world that's gloomy and dark, We look for some light to give us that spark. We turn to the media to find that good news, But any glimmer of hope is generally defused.

Where do we go when we're looking for Hope? Some go to church or seek out the Pope. We walk aimlessly around our neighbourhood streets Searching for hope through our harsh December heat.

We seek out hope among the bling in the shops.
We seek out hope among the food on our cooktops.
We seek out hope among our friends and family.
We seek out hope around the tinsel covered tree.

But centuries ago, Mary praised out in song
For within her arms, humanity was saved from all wrong.
This hope of the world remains with us today
We're renewed in God's gift – through the child in the hay.
This advent theme of hope leaves us with no doubt
We praise you God that Your hope seeks us out.
Rev Jason Grimsey, Minister, Caboolture Region Uniting Church

Thankyou

This year our congregation has donated over \$160 to the fund that Maroochydore Primary School has established for the under-privileged children who attend the school

Christmas Day Service 9 a.m.

Natalie Roy is unable to take our Christmas Service, and Jan Rossow has offered to deliver our combined service for us. Thankyou Jan



The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church



12th December 2021 Third Sunday of Advent



We seek to be a prayerful and listening church Please note the location of the Hearing Loop in the church

Leadership Team

Chairperson: Winni Yun Property: Theo Quick Treasurer: Bev Lacey Korean Members: Gil Park

Heather Webster

Abe Choi

Secretary: Jan Strudwick

Margaret Holmes and Jan Rossow

Worship Services Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park

English Language Sundays, 8.30am M: 0413 836 557

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

Dec 12 Advent 3Dec 19 Advent 4Zeph 3:14-20Micah 5:2-5aIsaiah 12: 2-6Luke 1: 46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7Philippians 4:4-7Hebrews 10:5-10Luke 3:7-18Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)

This week

Sunday 12 Dec 8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow

11.00 am-Korean Service - Pastor Gil Park

Tuesday 7 Dec 6-7 am Korean Prayer Meeting Wed 8 Dec 6-7 am Korean Prayer Meeting

Thursday 9 Dec 6am-7:00am Korean Prayer meeting

Saturday 11 Dec 1pm – Lawn Bowls in hall with Wilf and Mavis

Sunday 12 Dec 8:30 am Rev Phillip Hulme

Birthday this week: Ruth Ramm (15th)

From Ray Nutley's editorial in the Mary Burnett presbytery newsletter....

At Christmas we're around family we may not care for, there's some baggage, some resentment, bad feelings. Whatever it is . . . let me encourage you to start to make a path toward them, a path of reconciliation, a path of mercy, a path of peace and forgiveness. Make room for God to enter that relationship, so that they can experience the power and presence of the Spirit of Christ through your spirit. You do this by starting today. Most of us already know our Christmas plans. Most of them are set in tradition. Today, start praying. Pray for God's power and Spirit to fall on you. Ask for whatever it is you need. Ask for the Fruits of the Spirit . Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, against such things there is no law. – Galatians 5:22-23....

blessings for the New Year as you continue to make the paths straight for the Lord.

Grace and Peace

LIGHT UP @ CHRISTMAS!

You're invited!

15 community organisations in Maleny are joining with Maleny Uniting Church to present the LightUP@Christmas festival from Saturday, December 18th to 23rd. The lights and facilities will be working from 6pm – 9pm each evening.

All welcome to drive up, park and walk through the lights trail around the Maleny Uniting Church building and grounds. Enjoy a tea or coffee or just sit and reflect on the meaning of Christmas at one of a few reflection points. We will be looking for a gold coin donation. All funds raised are contributing to Range Care, a local not-for-profit that provides support to people who are aging or those who experience disabilities across the Blackall Range. Features include plenty of parking, family/child friendly facilities and give-aways, tea/coffee and treat served in opening hours. The lightUP@Christmas festival culminates in a carols service on Christmas eve. Peter Callaghan, Maleny UC

Please pray for

Meg's quick recovery after surgery Neville's time in Sydney Philip's successful surgery Laurie's back to be healed Bev's daughter-in-law Sharon Trish's son to be healed