

“For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.” (Jeremiah 29: 11)

This is the gift of Christmas. The promise of a future with hope. We know so many don't have hope leading into this Christmas season. It is why Lifeline Crisis Support are answering more calls (and texts) than ever before. People are in desperate need of the hope that Jesus' birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension brings. We seek hope in many places. We go shopping to express love through gifts, and we do good deeds; we try to buy hope. Paraphrasing the Scarlet Pimpernel, "We seek hope here, we seek hope there, we seek hope everywhere," oblivious that hope has already arrived, as a babe in a manger on that night so long ago.

Reflection from Rev Linda Hanson, Associate Director of Mission – Mission Integration, Mission Team at UnitingCare Queensland.



The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church



19th December 2021
Fourth Sunday of Advent



Uniting in Christ
acting with love
living with hope
witnessing in faith
working for justice

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 Heather Webster	Korean Members:	Gil Park Abe Choi
Secretary:	Jan Strudwick Margaret Holmes	and Jan Rossow	

Worship Services

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

Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park

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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 19 Advent 4 Micah 5:2-5a Luke 1: 46b-55 or Ps 80:1-7 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)	Dec 25th Christmas Day No readings in the lectionary	This week's prayer- Gracious God They say hope is... a dangerous thing. It can drive a man Or woman insane. They say it is The most dangerous thing That you can give to a person. Yet, O God, You give us hope In things unseen. Hope beyond our comprehension, Hope beyond our experience, Hope, undomesticated.	Hope shaped by the mystery of your unfathomable love. As we celebrate and await, your constant coming into the world, give us your love-shaped hope, That we see beyond The personal, the immediate and the transient. And, impossibly, see into the eternity of your promises. In Christ we pray. Amen. Rev Peter Lockhart, Chaplain at Moreton Bay College.
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This week

Sunday 19 Dec

8:30 am Rev Phillip Hulme
11.00 am—Korean Service – Pastor Gil Park

Tues, Wed, Thurs

Korean Prayer meeting 6-7 am

Saturday 25th

Christmas Day 9 am combined service led by
Rev Jan Rossow. There will be no morning tea after this
service

Sunday 26th

No service today

Birthday this week: Winni Yun (21st)

Indoor Bowls on Saturdays is in recess until 15th January.

Sandra Quick had a heart attack last week, was transferred to Brisbane for open heart surgery, which she is having as the Herald "goes to press". Theo is still in Victoria, but their son Jason lives in Brisbane, so she has family around her

Our Prayers

Thankyou for Philip's successful surgery
For Meg's recovery after her surgery
For healing for Lindsay, and a streamlined move to Brisbane for Mavis and Lindsay
For full recovery after her stroke, for Cynthia Knight
For relief of Beth's cellulitis and asthma
For restored energy for Derick (Beth's husband)
For full and quick recovery for Sandra Quick
For Trish's son as he undergoes more chemo

The Mountain.

If the mountain seems too big today
then climb a hill instead.
If the morning brings you sadness
it's ok to stay in bed.
If the day ahead weighs heavy
and your plans feel like a curse,
there's no shame in rearranging,
don't make yourself feel worse.
If a shower stings like needles
and a bath feels like you'll drown,
if you haven't washed your hair for days,
don't throw away your crown.
A day is not a lifetime
a rest is not defeat,
don't think of it as failure,
just a quiet, kind retreat.
It's ok to take a moment
from an anxious, fractured mind,
the world will not stop turning
while you get realigned.
The mountain will still be there
when you want to try again,
you can climb it in your own time,
just love yourself til then.

~Laura Ding-Edwards