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# The Maroochydore Herald



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

25<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
 Christmas Day

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

### Leadership Team

Property:	Theo Quick	Korean Members:	Gil Park
Treasurer:	Bev Lacey		Winni Yun
Secretary:	Jan Strudwick	Korean Interpreter:	Chalice An
	Margaret Holmes		
	Rev Jan Rossow		

### Worship Services

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

Korean Leader: Ps. Gil Park

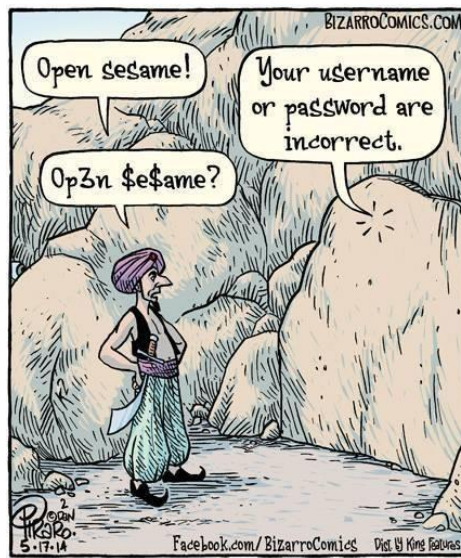
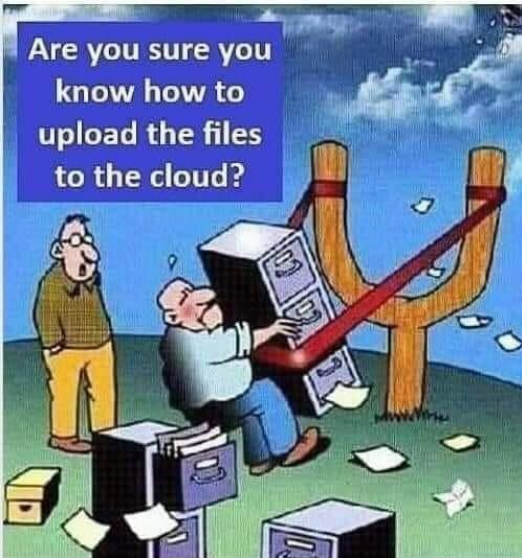
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Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available. Our Church Banking Details: UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church - St George Bank. BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

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](mailto:janstrudwickart@gmail.com) by Wednesday afternoon



## Lectionary Bible Readings

### **Dec 25 Christmas Day**

Is 9:2-7

Ps 96

Tit 2:11-14

Lk 2:1-14, (15-20)

### **January 1<sup>st</sup>= Epiphany Sunday**

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

### **Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Dec**

8:30am Rev James Stevenson  
11 am Korean Service – Pastor Gil Park.

### **Tues, Wed, Thurs Mon, Wed Fri Fridays**

Korean Prayer meeting 6-7 am  
Line dancing  
Church working bee /cleaning 4:30 -6pm  
Korean Youth Bible Study 6-9pm  
Prayer Meeting

### **Sun 1<sup>st</sup> January**

8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow  
11 am Korean Service – Pastor Gil Park.

### **Sun 8<sup>th</sup> January**

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### **Sun 15<sup>th</sup> January**

8:30 am Rev Jan Rossow

### **Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

8:30am Rev Bruce Johnson

### **Sun 29<sup>th</sup> January**

8:30 am Rev Bruce Johnson

### **Sun 5<sup>th</sup> February**

8:30am Rev Jan Rossow

### **Sun 12<sup>th</sup> February**

8:30am Rev Bruce Johnson

### **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> February**

8:30am Rev Jan Rossow

The “Herald” will be having Christmas holidays during January.

**Birthdays:** Winni Park 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, James Stevenson 31<sup>st</sup> Dec, Russ Skellern 8<sup>th</sup> Jan, Shirley Cope 26<sup>th</sup> Jan

### **Prayer points:**

Laurie Kuchler for healing

Judith Judd for healing

## Advent Reflection: Shepherds



Have you ever found yourself going about your daily life only to have someone jump out and scream boo!!!? Personally, I love hiding behind doors to scare my kids and watching them jump, and they, in turn, love trying to sneak up on me. These times often result in great joy as laughter can be heard throughout the house if we embrace the joy and fun as opposed to getting mad at the person who leapt out of nowhere!

These fun games we play pale into insignificance when compared with the fright the shepherds must have had that night so many years ago when the angel popped out of nowhere and lit up the sky. At that point, the shepherd had a choice to make. Should they embrace the experience and seek the manger, or stay with the safety of their sheep? In a time long before electricity, when the night was dark, lit only by stars in the sky and possibly a fire to keep warm, the Shepherds would have been startled into full attention and fear by the sudden appearance of the angel and the glory of God. To them, it was a normal night, the same as every other night, watching the sheep, keeping an eye out for thieves, be they human or animal, coming to take a sheep. They were not expecting anything other than the usual.

Understandably, the Shepherds reacted in fear, but the angel told them not to be afraid. The Angels proceeded to share some amazing news with them as if they weren't already amazed! Shepherds of that time were very poor and considered some of the lowest class people in their society, and yet God chose them. He chose them to be first. First to hear of the birth of Jesus. The first visitors to see this new Messiah. Because of their job, they were considered unclean and couldn't take part in religious ceremonies and yet God chose them. What joy they experienced. When the Shepherds heard the news, they made a choice. What would you have done? Are you brave and bold, and follow when God surprises you? Would you be willing to leave it all and seek after Jesus, the joy for all people? Are you willing to lean in and explore God and see how life could change as a result?

From the Moderator in this week's *Uniting News*