



The Maroochydore Herald

Maroochydore Uniting Church



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

Fourth Sunday in Lent
 10th March 2024

Rules For Chopping Your Own Wood

1. Never park down hill of a tree you are cutting.
2. When in doubt, park twice as far from the tree as the tree is tall.
3. Just because you live within driving distant of a forest, does not make you a Lumber Jack.
4. Always use the neighbors truck.



We seek to be a prayerful and listening church

Leadership Team

Chairperson: Jan Rossow
 Treasurer: Bev Lacey

Property matters: Theo Quick
 Secretary: Jan Strudwick
 Margaret Holmes

Covid Warden: Bev Lacey 54455279

Keeper of the Keys: Margaret Holmes (Office Hours Only) 54434952

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

I was born female, I identify as female, but according to Sainsbury's Deluxe Sticky Toffee Pudding, I am actually a family of four

DEAR OPTIMIST AND REALIST. WE WERE ARGUING ABOUT THE GLASS OF WATER. I DRANK IT. SINCERELY THE OPPORTUNIST

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent	Fifth Sunday in Lent
10th March	17th March
Numbers 21:4-9	Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22	Psalms 51:1-12 or Psalm 119:9-16
Ephesians 2:1-10	Hebrews 5:5-10
John 3:14-21	John 12:20-33

- Sunday 10th March -James McKenna
- Thursday 14th March -Fellowship morning tea at Em Jays 10 am
- Saturday 16th March -Indonesian Service
- Don't forget to vote in local elections
- Sunday 17th March -Rev Bruce Johnson

Please join us in the hall, after the service, for morning tea.

Birthdays this week: Gil Park 17th (it's a special one), Arby Holmes 17th, Val Vellacot 18th

From this week's Uniting News:
RESTORE

*God will **RESTORE** all things to himself in Jesus Christ, and we are called to be active and intentional as we restore what needs our care. There is the possibility of restoration around us every day.*

The first task of restoration is in us! God reaches out to save us each day. We are called to be active and intentional in God's work of restoration. What are the tools that we are equipped with for this important task? What does it mean to serve and follow Christ in this work of restoration? Wisdom, faith and a clean heart. We are not alone - Let us lean into the deep work of the Spirit.

IF ONLY

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.

HEBREWS 12:28

The widest river in the world is not the Mississippi, Amazon, or Nile. It is a body of water called If Only. Throngs of people stand on its banks and cast longing eyes over the waters. They desire to cross but can't seem to find the ferry. They are convinced the If Only river separates them from the good life.

If only I were thinner. I'd have the good life.

If only I were richer, I'd have the good life.

If only the kids would come. If only the kids were gone. If only I could leave home, move home, get married, get divorced.

The If Only river.

Are you standing on its shore? Does it seem the good life is always one "if only" away?

If so, then we've traced your anxiety back to one of its sources. s

"If only" is the petri dish in which anxiety thrives. Replace your "of only" with "already." Look at what you already have. Treat each anxious thought with a grateful one, and prepare yourself for a new day of joy.

Anxious for nothing. From "You Can count on God" by Max Lucado (March 3rd)