Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

July 28 2019

We extend a sincere welcome to everyone. If you are visiting with us, please let us get to know you after the service. Morning tea is served in the Hall.

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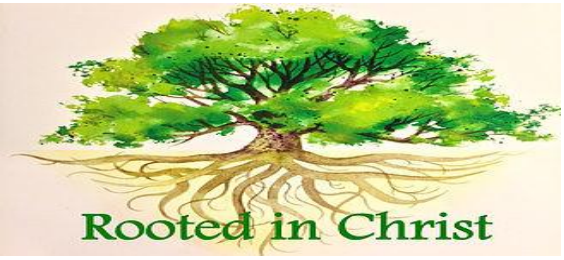

Services Today

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Peter Uhlmann
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Bruce Johnson
	1pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Pentecost 7)

Hosea 1:2-10 Psalm 85

Colossians 2:6-15(16-19) Luke 11:1-13

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Services Next Week August 4

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson **HC**
Palmwoods	10.00am	Pastor Kay Nixon
	1pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Pentecost 8)

Hosea 11:1-11 Psalm 107:1-9,43

Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 1:13-21

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday July 30th

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Wednesday July 31st

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday August 1st

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

9.00am Men's Group

Friday August 2nd

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Saturday August 3rd

7.00am Garage Sale 0428780832

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Christ and the Powers

Colossians 2:6-15

What do these have in common: politics, race, sex, religion, ideology, prosperity, progress, popular opinion and the media? They are all spiritual powers that impact our lives every day. They are not the only ones. We are influenced by many political, social and cultural pressures. We might not think of them as spiritual powers, but they really are non-material powerful forces shaping life in our world.

People in the ancient town of Colossae were fully aware of powers like these. For them, God was remote. What they had to do was to serve and be obedient to the powers and authorities that were intermediary between God and humanity These powers were like demi-gods or angels. That was their religion. Some people in the little church there brought this with them into the church, but Paul wrote to tell them, in no uncertain terms, that all the fullness of God was present in Jesus Christ. "In him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily" (NRSV).

We need no intermediaries between ourselves and God. These powers are natural, that is, they are part of God's good creation, meant to serve God's love-filled purposes. They are not to be the ultimate controlling influence in our lives. When they loom larger in our lives than the love-filled way of God, becoming like gods to us, they work as enemies of God.

The powers of empire (in the person of the procurator, Pontius Pilate) and the powers of religion (in the person of Caiaphas, the High Priest, and the Sanhedrin) put Jesus to death, but in raising him from the dead, God triumphed over the powers. "He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them." Through our relationship with Christ, we do not have to be simply tossed around as the plaything of these powers. The authority of Christ takes precedence over any other authority or power.

- What are some of the political, cultural and social pressures on you that you are aware of?
- How can they serve God's purposes?
- When is their authority given precedence over God's love-based authority?
- "For the full content of divine nature lives in Christ, in his humanity" (Good News Bible translation of Colossians 2:9): What then does this tell us about the nature of God?

Rev Ron Potter **Piula Publications**

MEN'S GROUP

First Thursday Gathering 1st August – something different. An easy walk (4 km. return) along a section of the original formation of the Buderim to Palmwoods railway, that closed in 1935. A well-maintained track through re-growth forest on a gentle gradient. **Meet at the Church 9 a.m. for car-pooling**. Lunch at the retro Ricks Garage in Palmwoods.

GARAGE SALE DECLUTTER TIME

- Keep those pre-loved goods coming in for the **3 August** Garage sale. Contact Murray 0409268665, or Stan 0428780832 if you have goods to be picked up. In aid of the Conondale School Chaplain Service, Becky Francis.

- Thank you to those people who retrieved boxes for books from IGA..I believe we have sufficient now thank you. If anybody has any old coat hangers, they would be of assistance as we have a number of clothing items coming in. From Monday next ie **29th July** the container will be manned **between 10.00 and 2.00** for receipt of further items for sale. Stan McCallum 54999394
- GARAGE SALE VOLUNTEERS MEETNG**.** This will be held on **Monday 29 July, at 1 00pm**. Purpose of meeting: Volunteer training, risk identification, allocation of tasks. Its not to late to register as a volunteer. Please add your name to the sheet at rear of Maleny Church.

MALENY HIGH SCHOOL CHAPLAINCY MORNING TEA

A "Chappy Vintage Tea" will be held at The Orangery on Cairncross Corner on Wednesday, **31st July, starting at 10.30am.**

This an opportunity to meet the new High School Chaplain, Micah Jones, to enjoy some delicious cakes and refreshments and to help support the work of the chaplain.

The **cost is $20 per person** and if you book a table for 10 or more, each person receives a free raffle ticket.

Tickets are available at Maleny Optical, Nellie's Hair Design, The Orangery, Maleny High School or online @FaceBook: Maleny State High School.

Please pre-purchase tickets as it helps with catering.

PRAYER & MEDITATION

'SOIL & SOUL' – (Palmwoods Community Garden) on Friday mornings at 8am. All welcome.

Guided Gardening at 7am each Saturday morning (weather permitting). Will be 8am when weather cools down.

REFLECTION GALLERY

The Reflection Gallery in the Montville Uniting Church will, from the beginning of August, feature works painted by indigenous artist, Jasmine Davies, a member of our Palmwoods Congregation. The theme for this collection is Family. Jasmine finds the traditional format of Aboriginal art to be an excellent medium for expressing her faith and feeling.

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The planning team will meet on Friday 9 August at 9 00am. Anyone interested in joining the team for this outreach is most welcome to attend.

PREPARE FOR MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Mental health issues will affect almost half of us in our lifetime. Church communities are particularly placed to welcome and include people with lived experience of mental illness, their families and friends. Sunday 13 October is the Day of Prayer for Mental Health. The Queensland Synod has passed a resolution calling on all congregations to include special prayers in your service on that day. Perhaps you could hold a vigil or special service to recognise mental health issues and people you know who are affected. Resources for 2019 will be available on the Synod website within two months. -- Uniting News

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS *UNITE YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT*

Unite is an amazing time for young adults (Year 12 to 30 years old) across Queensland to come together from **2 to 4 August.** In a relaxing environment at Alexandra Park Conference Centre in Alexandra Headland you'll mingle with other young adults and be refreshed through worship, electives and chill times.

https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=514853

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