Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

August 11 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 **HC**
Maleny	9.45am	Mr Murray Robertson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Bruce Johnson **HC**

Readings (Pentecost 19)

Isaiah 1:1,10-20 Psalm 50:1-8,22-23

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40

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Services Next Week August 18

Montville	8.15am	Rev Ron Potter
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev George Woodward

Readings (Pentecost 20)

Isaiah 5:1-7 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday August 13th

7.00am Prayers at Moyra's 5494 2661
9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Wednesday August 14th

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday August 15th

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995
9.30am Ladies' Friendship Group

Friday August 16th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

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Faith Is What We Live By

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

All people live by faith in what they cannot prove. They live with an assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. Even the most rationalistic and scientific of us have assumptions that they take for granted. They may not even be consciously aware of them, but they live and work on the basis that they are true. For example, the whole concern with human rights is based on the assumption that there are inalienable rights that all people possess.

This faith is never just theoretical or something held in the head. It is expressed in action. It shows itself in the way a person lives or what a person does. It is noticeable that with all the examples of faith listed in Hebrews 11 it is by what they did that their faith is made evident. Their faith in God was demonstrated by how they lived or what they did. Judaism, Christianity and Islam all look back to Abraham (or Ibrahim) as the great example in this. His faith is demonstrated in the biblical tradition in many ways but above all by leaving his homeland and venturing off into the unknown at God's prompting.

Our faith in God too is made real by the way we live. It is by faith that we understand God as Creator; it is by faith that we go beyond mere belief and live as responsible members of God's creation. It is by faith that we go beyond believing in God as the integrating, renewing, creative power present and active in all existence to actually living under God's integrating, renewing and creative influence.

It is by faith that we go beyond the mere *belief* that Jesus is the Saviour of the world to living daily by faith in Jesus as the Saviour of the world. It is by faith that we do more than understand that God has given the gift of his Spirit to the church, it is as we worship, work and witness under the inspiration by God's Spirit that we demonstrate our faith.

- Family life is built on certain assumptions: what are they?
- How should we live as responsible members of God's creation?
- Give examples of faith in action.
- What is the difference between believing that Jesus is Saviour and living by faith in Jesus as Saviour?

Rev Ron Potter **Piula Publications**

LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Thursday 15th August 9.30am at the Maleny Church. It will be a Trivia Fun morning. All ladies are welcome.

VOLUNTEERS FORMS AND CODE OF CONDUCT

As part of the Uniting Church Child Safe Policy and Procedures, a Volunteers Form has been developed which needs to be completed by anyone working with children in our Church or those on the Church Council and Task Groups because they can influence decisions about children's activities. The Form will be circulated with the Code of Conduct to all those involves. In theory, we should interview all volunteers and check their references. In our case, we will only interview and check references for any new people who participate in children's activities.

COMBINED CHURCHES MEN'S BREAKFAST

Date: Saturday 17th August 2019
Where: Maleny Baptist Church, 7:30 am
Cost: $5 (proceeds go to High School Chaplaincy Service)
Guest Speaker: Micah Jones, Maleny High School Chaplain.
Feel free to invite men who may not attend a church. We look forward to meeting new people and strengthening friendships.

LADIES BREAKFAST

Surprisingly it is less than three weeks to the next ladies breakfast, which is being held a week earlier than normal, due to the garage sale at the Anglican church on 30th. The breakfast **is Saturday 24th at 8-0am at the Anglican Church** in 2 Walkers Rd. Maleny. All are welcome, and the speaker is Mrs Beryl Collins who is a member of the Anglican Church, and who will share her life's journey with us. Please RSVP by Wednesday 21st by email or phone Judy 54296544 or Ruth 54352789. Looking forward to seeing all who are able to come and sharing fellowship.

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 display of paintings by indigenous artist, Jasmine Davies, are now in place in the Montville Church, and you are invited to call in any day between 10 and 3 to view them. Twelve pieces present themes such as The Ten Commandments, The Death of Christ, Jonah and the Whale together with Blessing of Family (No matter how big or small, how close or how far away, we will always be there for each other), Sweet Yams (Don't forget to share) and One Mob (We are all God's children). Take time to let the paintings speak. Let God speak through the paintings.

SYNOD NEWS

❖ Project Plenty – Biblical reflection

There are three theological passages that underpin Project Plenty and why it is important for the entire Queensland Synod. In the first of a series of reflection pieces, Rev David Baker looks at Genesis 12:1-3.

"Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Read Rev David Baker's reflection on Genesis 12:1-3.

❖ Project Plenty – Young adult reflection

A recent youth and young adult Project Plenty consultation session covered the problems and concerns of young people in the church today, such as jobs, leadership and technology.

Amy Cliff, a young adult who attends Centenary Uniting Church said, "Project Plenty is important. We need to discuss our concerns, our hope and our future. Whether you're a teenager or someone in aged care, you have a voice and should join the conversation to help shape our future for tomorrow." Read the full reflection.

Join the conversation today at ucaqld.com.au/projectplenty

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