Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

Sepember 29 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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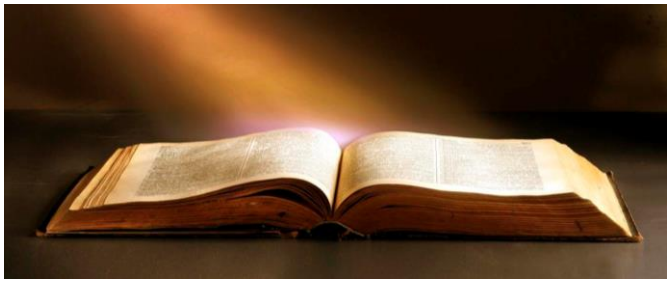

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Services Today

Montville	8.15am	Montville Ministry TG
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev Graham Warne
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Pent 16)

Jeremiah 32:1-3a,6-15, Psalm 91:1-6,14-16,

1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

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Services Next Week October 6

Montville	8.15am	Rev Bruce Johnson
Maleny	9.45am	Rev Bruce Johnson **HC**
Palmwoods	10.00am	Rev George Woodward
	1.00pm	Tongan Service

Readings (Pent 17)

Lamentations 1:1-6, Lamentations 3:19-26

or Psalm 137,

2 Timothy 1:1-14, Luke 17:5-10

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The Week Ahead

Open Daily: Reflection Gallery Montville (see over)

Tuesday October 1st

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

Wednesday October 2nd

8.30am Christian Meditation 5435 8152

Thursday October 3rd

9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

Friday October 4th

1.30pm Know Your Bible (KYB) 5494 2486

Saturday October 5th

8.30am Prayer Meeting

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Unfolding Revelation

1 Timothy 6:6-19,Luke 16:19-31

Whether in the school room or in everyday life, we accumulate knowledge on the basis of what we already know. Learning is progressive. In the same way God's revelation is progressive. It comes only as we are able to receive it. In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the rich man begs Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers to warn them of what happens to people who ignore the poor.

Abraham indicates that the Law and the prophets should be enough for them to have got that message already. If they haven't accepted God's Word there, they won't accept it even if Lazarus should miraculously come to them from the dead to tell them. To those who have responded to God's Word, more shall be given, but to those who have not responded, even what they have shall be taken away from them. That's how it is with divine revelation. Forgetting this, some people are aghast at some of the things in the Bible that God says to Israel during the earlier stages of their life with God.

However, as with learning so with revelation, there sometimes come earth-shattering revelations that change the whole way of looking at things, momentous events in the whole process. The life, death and resurrection of Jesus is just that. In our own individual lives we experience God's progressive revelation as we interact with God by reading and re-reading the Scriptures, by participating in the on-going worship of the Church, by sharing and interacting with other pilgrims on the faith journey, and by talking with people of other faiths and interacting with people in the wider community.

But the key to it all remains God's disclosure through Jesus the Christ. 1 Timothy 6:6-19 warns against those whose teaching is not grounded in Jesus. God always has more truth to reveal through his Word, but it is always built upon Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Unless we keep this clearly in mind, we will find ourselves going astray.

- Have you experienced God's progressive revelation in your life? How has your understanding changed over the years?
- Have you experienced any momentous events which changed your way of looking at things?
- What in the Old Testament do you find most inconsistent with God's revelation through Jesus?
- What does 1 Timothy 6:6-10 have to say about faith being the way to prosperity?

Rev Ron Potter **Piula Publications**

GROWING IN FAITH AND LOVE.
The schedule of topics:
Montville
6 October - What's the relationship between worship and service?
Maleny
Today - God of the living and the dead.
6 October - What's the relationship between worship and service?
20 October - Is there wisdom in the Wisdom Literature?
Palmwoods
13 October - God of the living and the dead.
27 October - What is the relationship between worship and service?

UPDATE ON REV LIENA HOFFMAN
Praise God .. Rev Liena advises that her visa application has been approved.
This clears the way to take up the Ministry Agent position.
We anticipate Rev. Liena's arrival in early November to take up the position in mid-November.

MANSE FURNISHING
We need some basic furnishings to make up the shortfall between Rev Liena taking up residency in the manse and her stuff arriving (could be up to 3 months).
We have some furniture already and need a bed, a study desk and chair, linen, cups, plates, toaster and other small items.
See Peter Callaghan to register interest.

CARING FOR OUR PLANET
The service **TODAY**, Montville at 8.15 am, will invite participation by writing prayers for our planet and discussing issues relating to our stewardship of God's creation. If you can, please bring along something that you have created to be part of a display linking God's creativity with our own.

REFLECTION GALLERY
You have until next Sunday, 29 Sept, to visit Jasmine Davies' Indigenous art display in the Montville Uniting Church. Open 10 to 3 each day.
From the 30th, and continuing on until the end of November, the Gallery will feature paintings by Ron Potter, a visual expression of his faith and experience.

SAVE THE DATE: EBENEZER FUNDRAISER
Day: **Thursday November 21st**
Location: The Orangery Maleny, Time: **10.30am – 12.30pm,** Tickets: $20 pp, Booking online: www.ebenezerfundraiservintagetea.floktu.com/
Alternate booking options: Please email Lenore ric1945len@yahoo.com.au or call 0407672076
Supporting the Ebenezer Child Care Trust, in Livingstone, Zambia.

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.

ARE YOU UNKNOWINGLY IN BREECH OF SAFETY LAWS?
The harmonised safety laws within Queensland are many and varied, and it is very easy to be in direct violation of the laws and not know until something goes wrong and you find that the insurance is void as a result.

1. Whatever we do in the safety space must be "reasonably practicable". Ultimately, meaning how would our actions or lack there-of be viewed by 12 members of a jury?
2. If someone is working two meters or more above the ground on a roof cleaning gutters or in an elevated work platform, etc. it is deemed a "high risk" activity and the worker must be appropriately trained.
3. Storage of hazardous chemicals such as cleaning products and fuels must have safety data sheets in the workplace. --- QLD Synod News

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE AT MALENY 7 00PM
It's time to start planning our Christmas Services. Murray is coordinating Christmas Eve. The theme will link to the Christmas Tree Festival: Old becomes new at Christmas. Murray needs to find out who is willing to be involved. Possibilities include: singing group, play and instrument, helping with children for a nativity component; participating in a presentation (not sure what as yet; depends on who is available). You don't need to be an expert in any of this!
Our Christmas services play a vital part in our outreach to people who do not always attend. There is a sheet at the rear of church for you to indicate your interest and support. More details: Murray
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OFFERINGS can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.
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