Our Common Life

Blackall Range Uniting Churches

Maleny | Montville | Palmwoods

Uniting in Christ | Acting with love | Living with hope | Witnessing in faith | Working for justice

June 14 2020+

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

We are continuing to publish our weekly Notices.
Please stay connected with us.

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Services: Service, Prayers and Readings

Catch up on our E-Services under E-Broadcasts on the BRUC Web-page: www.ourcommonlife.org.au

This Sunday 14th June
Prayers and Readings
Genesis 18:1-15,(21:1-7); Psalm 116:1-2,12-19;
Hosea 11:1-11; Romans 5:1-8;
Matthew 9:35-10:8,(9-23)

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Next Sunday 21st June is the UCA's Anniversary!
Prayers and Readings
We will be joining the Moderator's Uniting Church in Australia anniversary online service
Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10,16-17;
Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

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The Week Ahead

Wednesday Meditation resumes **Wednesday 17th June at 8:30am.**

Wednesday June 17th – Cuppa Conversation
Join us for our Cuppa Conversation on www.ourcommonlife.org.au under Cuppa Conversations

Thursday June 18th
9am-3pm Church Office open 5429 6995

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Blackall Range Uniting Churches acknowledge the Jinibara and Kabi Kabi / Gubbi Gubbi peoples who are the traditional owners of this land.

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Hosea 11:1-11; Matthew 9:35-18:8; Romans 5:5
"Freely you have received, freely give"

***splagchnizomai*:** The Greek word meaning gut-wrenching; stomach-churning - to be moved in the inward parts, i.e. to feel compassion. This is the word used to describe Jesus' reaction when sees the crowd, helpless and bewildered (Matt 9:36). Profound – God's gut wrenches when he sees us – distressed, dejected – sheep without a shepherd. Lost.

The harvest is plentiful. The crop is ready to be reaped. Time is of the essence. It is urgent.

Christ authorises and commission His disciples (Matt 10:1, 5): Christ *gives His disciples the authority* to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness. To teach and preach like He did and was doing. Then Christ sends them out. **Today** the crowds remain hapless and lost. The harvest remains plentiful and ready to be gathered.

The Church. God has poured His love, into us, His disciples, through the Holy Spirit. The same *splagchnizomai,* gut-wrenching love is in us. How can our stomachs not churn, how can we not respond to Christ's commission "Preach this message: 'the Kingdom of heaven is near.' Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. *Freely you have received, freely give."* (Matt 10:7-8). Shalom Liena

CIRCULAR FROM THE CHAIR OF COUNCIL

Sent together with these notices is a statement of financial account till the 31 May 2020, together with some notes from Liena and Peter.

STUDY ON HOLY SPIRIT

All are invited to join, individually or in groups the 7 week study on the Holy Spirit based on the Nicene Creed. Resources are available on the website and BRUC FB page. Please contact the church office if you cannot access the resources.

Message for a Confused World

Romans 5:1-8, Matthew 9:35-37

Let's take a broad-brush approach to the gospel of our redemption. God created humanity and all the rest of creation to live together with God in one great harmonious web of inter-relationship. God is central to all of this, the power that holds it all together. However, the spirit of rebellion leads people to shift the centre from God to themselves. This results in alienation both from God and from fellow human beings and from the created universe.

God acted in Jesus Christ to restore humanity to its intended state. While the full realization of that state has not yet come about, it has been re-established as a possibility. Acting out of grace or unmerited and generous love, God reconciled the world unto himself, sinners were redeemed, offenders were justified, peace was restored.

In his day, Jesus was deeply moved with compassion for the crowds that listened to his teaching and brought the demon-afflicted to be healed. They were eager for this new life that he was talking about but didn't know where to find it, running around like sheep without a shepherd. He told his disciples to pray for workers to bring in the harvest so obviously ready.

And what about today? There is a harvest waiting to be gathered in, that is, there are people around us who are just ripe for this message of God's redemptive love. It goes beyond gathering people into the church – that may be a step on the way. It is a matter of gathering people into living the possibility that Jesus opened up – living the life of the kingdom of God, God's realm of justice and peace, of hope and salvation, of joy and forgiveness, of service and of love.

- The world lives in alienation from God. How is that evident?
- What evidence is there that there are people just waiting for the message of God's redemptive love?
- Reconciliation lies at the heart of the Gospel. What is involved for reconciliation, either between God and us or between people, to take place?
- How can we best deliver the message of God's reconciling love?

Rev Ron Potter ***Piula Publications***

REFLECTION GALLERY

You have only a few days left to view Geraldine Wheeler's series of paintings, Pictures of Biblical Women. The exhibition will change on Saturday, 20 June. Laura McDade from the Redcliffe Uniting Church will bring her series of photographs presenting floral arrangements featuring the Cross. Thanks to the team of people who open/close the Montville Church so that it is cleaned and ready for visitors between the hours of 10 and 3 each day.

Memorise our Corona-Cs, there are now 10!.
Calm – be calm.
Cautious – be cautious.
Common sense – use your common sense.
Care – take care of yourselves and others.
Commit – commit the COvid-19 pandemic to prayer.
Candle – Light the COVID-19 prayer-candle at 7pm (19:00) in your window every night as a symbol of hope.
Connect – remember to connect with one another.
Communicate – talk to someone.
Cuppa Conversations - follow our Cuppa Conversations on-line, or have one of your own.
Community – reach out to someone in the community

STAGE 2 REOPEING

- Small Groups, up to 20 people, recommence (in public places and in places of Worship)
- Communion gathering (up to 20 only) at the Church building on the first Sunday of the month
- Small Groups in home (up to 20 visitors + household)
- Pastoral visiting
- Visiting one and other within the 150 km travel restriction
- Funerals (up to 50 mourners)
- Weddings (up to 20 people)
- Re-establish Hall hire for groups up to 20

UNITING CHURCH ANNIVERSARY ONLINE SERVICE PHOTOS NEEDED

The Synod office is seeking photos of people in their local church contexts, to collate as part of the Moderator's Uniting Church in Australia anniversary online service for Sunday 21 June 2020.
We'd like to get as many photos showing the diversity of the Queensland Synod and how our church is engaging in creative ways in this time of transition and uncertainty. Please email your photos to ben.rogers@ucaqld.com.au by Friday 12 June 2020.
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OFFERINGS Kindly remember to continue to give make your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited through the ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507 A/c 3762 29735.
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