



**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

**28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP**



I am the light  
of the world!

**Face to Face Worship Service**

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2022**

**Montville 8:15am: Worship Service**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Worship Service**

**Palmwoods: 15.00: Reflection in the Garden**

**RCL Year C Readings**

**Pentecost 12 [22]**

**Jer 2:4-13 Ps 81:1, 10-16 Heb 13:1-8, 15-16;**

**Lk 14:1, 7-14**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
**Father's Day/ MAF Fundraiser**

**Montville 8:15am: Worship Service**

**Maleny: 9:45am: Communion Service**

**Palmwoods: 10.00: Worship Service**

**RCL Year C Readings**

**Pent 13 [23] Jer 18:1-11 Ps 139:1-6,**

**Phlm 1-21 Lk 14:25-33**

**Jeremiah 2**

"This is what the LORD says:

**"I remember** the devotion of your youth,  
how as a bride you loved me

"My people have committed two sins:

**They have forsaken me,**

the spring of living water,

and have dug their own cisterns,

broken cisterns that cannot hold water.

**\*\*LECTIONARY THEMES\*\***

**Life From A Different Perspective**

**Luke 14:25-33**

There is a big difference between life as it is and life as God wants it to be. Life-as-it-is is a mixture of good and bad, truth and falsehood, love and indifference, hope and despair, but life as God wants it to be, in other words, life in the Kingdom of God, is pure goodness, truth, love and trust. The whole thrust of Jesus' message was to stop being content with life-as-it-is and to live life as God wants it to be lived.

This, however, calls for absolute commitment: "None of you can be my disciple unless you give up everything you have." (Luke 14:33) Nothing, not even the most precious of family ties, can be allowed to come between us and the life God wants us to live. (Luke 14:26-27). We might get carried along by gusts of enthusiasm for Jesus and his message but that is not enough.

It is to a different way of life that we are being called. It is to a life where Christ sets the standards, where love reigns; where neither power nor pleasure, money nor possessions control us. It is a life with priorities different from many of the people around us, yet it is not entirely foreign for God who calls us into life-as-God-wants-it-to-be is also active in this divided, conflicted life although constantly being buffeted by the opposing powers. It is then for us to partner God in this conflict, to show that it is possible, with God's enabling Spirit, to live life-as-it-should-be amidst life-as-it-is.

Only then do we have the basis and the resources to be able to serve life-as-it-is as we are meant to do. If we have no values greater than those of the family, we have no grounds or resources to help family life be the love-filled community that God wants it to be. If we have no values greater than those of the society within which we live, we have nothing to contribute for the betterment of society. It is in the light of God's disclosure of life as God wants it to be lived that we can discern what is really good, true, loving and enduring in everyday life.

- What is the difference between your experience of life as it is and life as God wants it to be?
- What part of Luke 14:25-33 suggests that gusts of enthusiasm for Jesus are not enough for the living of a Christian life?

- What needs to change if family life today is to become the family life that God wants it to be?
- Where do values in our society differ from the values of God's kingdom?
- Rev Ron Potter Piula Publications Rev

### COMING UP for next week

- Wednesday – Maleny Meditation at 8:30am
- Friday – Maleny KYB at 1:30pm
- Friday – Maleny 8am-1pm Sausages for Chaplaincy @ Woolworths
- Saturday Blokes Coffee and Chat, Glasshouse Country Uniting Church - 8am

### Friday 2 September – Maleny 8am-1pm Sausages for Chaplaincy @ Woolworths

Volunteer needed from 9am-1pm.  
Please contact Liena 04 90421874



Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

Liena's Birthday

Celebrations:

Friday 2 September 2pm-9pm

Come join us in celebrating Liena's birthday. Open door at the manse, 1 Tulip Street.

2pm-5pm: Tea, scones and sandwiches

5pm-9pm: Soup and sausages and BYO drinks.

NO GIFTS PLEASE- SMILES WELCOME

DONATION BOX FOR MAF WILL BE PRESENT

### Memory

Elie Wiesel

Memory is a passion no less powerful  
Or persuasive than love.

What does it mean to remember?

It is to live in more than one world,

To prevent the past from fading and

To call upon the future to illuminate it.

To remember is to revive fragments of existence

To rescue lost beings,

To cast harsh light on faces and events,

To drive back the sand

That covers the surface of things,

To combat oblivion and to reject death.

### FATHER DAY FUND RAISER FOR MAF 4<sup>th</sup> SEP

MAF (Mission Aviation) provides flights to communities that are isolated and without services in northern Australia and throughout the world.

The types of services include medical care, disaster relief, education, community development and Christian hope.

On Father's Day this year, we are having a special collection to purchase fuel to continue this wonderful mission.

Check the display at the rear of the Church for details.

**YOU CAN ASSIST** with a donation as little as \$10 for gift cards for fuel.

### Blokes Coffee Chat and Chew

Glasshouse Country Uniting Church.

SATURDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 08:00



**FAMILY PICNIC SUNDAY**  
18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
12NOON

Our family picnic is Sunday  
September 18<sup>th</sup> at Bob

Grice's place from 12noon.

All welcome and bring a plate to share.

### LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

**Date: Thursday 15th September**

**Time: 9.30am - 11.30am**

**All ladies are invited to a Spring Morning Tea on Val Clarkson's deck, Witta.**

**Theme: STORIES** Optional sharing of a "potted version" of your life in the 10 years after you left school.

Bring a photo if you are able and a saucer of morning tea food would be appreciated.

RSVP via sheet on Maleny Church table. Car pooling from the Church will be available.  
Enquiries: Val 0408 737544



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or 5429 6995

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### Church Council Update

Thank you for your prayers and support for our Church Council. Council met on August 15<sup>th</sup> and the minutes are available on the website for details.

**Call for Volunteers** – Council has decided to call for volunteers to take on some of the important functions of the Church Administration role.

Two roles available are –  
Prep and publishing Our Common Life, weekly,  
and Coordinating Hall Hire.

If you would like to be involved or want further info,  
please call Peter Callaghan on M: 0458 263 322

Kindly remember to continue to give your weekly/monthly offerings. They can be Direct Debited to Blackall Range Uniting Church.

**ANZ Bank, BSB 014-507. A/C 3762 29735**

### Ministry Contacts:

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### For Church Hall Hire:

<https://ourcommonlife.org.au/calendar-hall-hire/#>

Blackall Range Uniting Church acknowledges the first peoples who are the traditional owners of the land upon which we live and worship

### Montville Uniting Church – NEW DISPLAY

*“My Happy Place”* A collection of all sorts and things with which stories have been artistically created by **KYLEIGH SIMPSON**. Come and enjoy this collection of relief collages and assemblages.

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### THE GARAGE SALE

((adapted from *The Second-Hand Shop*  
by Effie Sketheway)

Have you ever been to a garage sale?  
Whenever I go I am tempted to stop  
And wander away about hoping treasures to see  
For places like these always fascinate me!

Despite all the rubbish and medley of things,  
A touch of romance and of mystery clings  
To everything jumbled on tables and on floor;  
We really should call it a “Memory” store!

This rare piece of china! That table antique!  
What tales they could tell if they only could speak-  
Of beautiful homes, and of days long ago-  
I wonder if poverty brought them so low?

But some of the relics are not worth a sou!  
They're shabby and broken, but yet it is true  
That there are some people quite foolish enough  
To waste their good money on such worthless stuff!

Now, if you're possessed of a 'make-believe' mind,  
And revel in fairies and ghosts, you will find  
There's lots that will interest you when you pop  
Into the haunts of a garage sale!”