



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

NOTICES:

Face to Face Services Sunday 19th February

Montville: 8.15am Service
Maleny: 9.45am Service
Palmwoods: 10.00am Communion

RCL Year A Readings
(Transfiguration of Jesus)

Ex 24:12-18
Ps 2 or Ps 99
2 Pt 1:16-21
Mt 17:1-9

Face to Face Services Sunday 26th February

Montville: 8.15am Service
Maleny: 9.45am Service
Palmwoods: 3.30pm Reflections
in the Garden

RCL Year A Readings
(Lent 1)

Gn 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Ps 32
Rom 5:12-19
Mt 4:1-11

COMING UP NEXT WEEK

Monday - Church Council 9am,
Maleny Community Centre

Monday – Maleny Pastoral Care
Team, 4pm at the Manse

Tuesday - 4-5pm Pancakes in
Maleny Hall

Tuesday – 6pm Jayne Ozanne,
Montville Village Hall

Wednesday – 8.30am Meditation at
Maleny UC

Ash Wednesday: Recorded Service
on-line

Friday – 1.30pm KYB at Maleny UC

Saturday - Ecumenical Breakfast at
Maleny Presbyterian

MONTVILLE REFLECTION GALLERY DISPLAY

The walls of the church have come alive with Wendy Jarrott-Smith's colourful, vibrant, abstract, acrylic paintings that, together with explanatory material, give eloquent expression to her rich faith experience.

PANCAKE TUESDAY 21ST MARCH

**4-5PM COME AND JOIN US FOR PANCAKES IN
MALENY CHURCH HALL.**

DONATIONS FOR TURKIYE & SYRIA: ACT FOR PEACE

There will be an opportunity via retiring offering during February for members to donate for relief aid for persons in Syria and Türkiye. Funds raised will be channeled through Act for Peace.

GARAGE SALE GARAGE SALE 10-11TH MARCH 2023

We will be having a garage sale to raise funds for church activities on Fri 10th & Sat 11th March

A SUPPER CONVERSATION WITH JAYNE OZANNE

**Tuesday February 21st, 6pm Montville Village Hall,
Memorial Close, Montville.**

\$10 entry donation. Please RSVP for catering.
<https://www.trybooking.com/CFWCU>

LENTEN PRAYERS (22 February – 6 April):

This year we invite you to join Uniting World in their Lent prayer calendar <http://www.lentevent.com.au>
Hard Copies are available.

Also, UCA Journey with Jesus Lent resources are at: [Lent - Uniting Church in Australia, Queensland Synod \(ucaqld.com.au\)](http://www.lent-unitingchurchinaustralia.com.au)

CALLING ALL PILGRIMS

The next edition of *The New Vine*, based on the phrase “**On the Way...**”, is due by the end of the month. Please send your contributions to grandar@bigpond.net.au by **Wednesday, 22 February**. Many thanks, Graham.

email: admin@ourcommonlife.org.au



Blackall Range UC inc: Maleny UC, Montville UC, Palmwoods UC.

Confirmation of Identity

Matthew 17:1-9

Matthew, Mark and Luke all tell us of a visionary kind of experience shared by three of Jesus' most intimate disciples in a quiet spot on a mountain away from the crowds. It seemed to confirm, in their eyes, that Jesus' authority, backed up by the Law and the Prophets, should be accepted and responded to as the voice of God: "This is my Son, the Beloved, with him I am well pleased; listen to him."

We all need confirmation that what we have heard and seen of Jesus is really of God because some of the things that people tell us about him are clearly not of God. That he set out to start a new religion, that his death was a sacrifice to appease the anger of God, that he represents a God of judgment and damnation, that he was a figment of people's imagination, that he can be blamed for the wars and oppression that have taken place in his name: all of this makes us cry out for the real Jesus to stand up.

They are not of God. For many of us the confirmation about who Jesus really is comes through the faith of others who place their trust in him, through the teaching and fellowship of the Church and its Scriptures, but above all confirmation comes through our on-going personal experience of living in a trusting relationship with him as a living presence, as the Spirit deep within.

This experience may come in times of withdrawal as it did for those three disciples, or we may live with it as part of our on-going experience of daily life. Even the times of withdrawal and worship have to be followed by times spent with Christ in the hurly-burly of everyday life.

There, over and over again, we may see confirmation that he is the Son of the One who creates in love, rescues and renews in love and reaches out through us to unite in love.

- Who, in the Transfiguration story, represents the Law and who represents the Prophets of ancient Israel?
- What do people say about Jesus and who he was?
- Have you had memorable experiences during times of solitude or retreat?
- What does Christ mean to you?

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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**

FUTURE DIRECTIONS UPDATE FROM MURRAY

The Project Plenty department of the UCA Synod has published a series of **Plentiful Conversations**, which fits with our current Future Directions activity. Here is the link to one of them entitled: *How-to-sing-a-new-song-in-a-strange-land-Congregation-mission-in-a-post-Christendom*

<https://anchor.fm/uca-queensland-synod/episodes/Plentiful-Conversations---How-to-sing-a-new-song-in-a-strange-land-Congregation-mission-in-a-post-Christendom-age-e1ubcsu/a-a9966m1>

Please listening to it, as it places our own deliberations in the wider context of the church.

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

Lent/Easter Programme

Tues 21 Feb Pancake Tuesday

(4-5pm Maleny Church Hall)

Wednesday 22 Feb Ash Wednesday

(online reflection)

**I say to myself, "The LORD is my portion;
therefore I will wait for him." (Lamentations 3 vs 24)**