



the grapevine

30 JULY 2023

a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

eyes front - forward march!

On a morning of icy roads, the schoolboy arrived long after the bell. "Why so late?" asked the teacher. "It was so slippery, sir," replied the boy, "that I fell back two steps for every one I took forward." "Then how did you get here?" "Simple, sir, I just turned round and headed for home."

The wily lad was not the only traveller who though he could arrive by facing the wrong direction. Many, lured by bargains they don't need, go 'broke' saving money. Others seeking happiness fool around with a new immorality. They want life, but they heed straight for death.

Those who turn away from God soon manufacture a pantheon of tin gods, powerless and

pathetic. For all his cleverness, modern man is less sure than ever where he is heading. No wonder he so often loses his way.

Teacher wasn't so simple. That boy really got to school in the end, not by turning back but by plodding on. Sure he slipped. Progress was slow. But he arrived because he kept his eyes front. If you and I do the same, by the grace of God, we shall arrive.

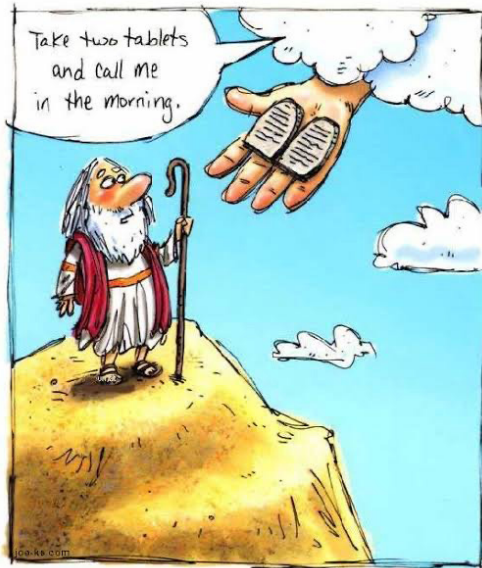
Over the last few years, we have gone backwards and then forwards. I feel now we are moving forward and after our new Church Council is in place we must continue to move forward as our two worship centres become the one centre to take the Broken Bay Congregation forward.

PLEASE SEND ALL GRAPEVINE ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS TO THE BELOW EMAIL ADDRESS BY NOON WEDNESDAY. BEFORE ADDING ANYONE TO THE PRAYER OR BIRTHDAY LIST, YOU MUST GET THEIR PERMISSION.

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reminder

This Sunday the 30th July will be a combined service at Umina, the Baptism of Ivy, the Election of people to Church Council and a light luncheon. Any Kincumber congregation requiring transport should contact Linda on 0480 367 853.



It's cold out there, but warm inside with great company. Come along for a free hot meal each week on:

Friday 6pm-8pm
Seventh Day Adventist
Church Hall
83 Blackwall Road,
Woy Woy

It is just three doors down from KFC. Tell others and bring a friend for a good community connection. Relaxed, friendly atmosphere with live music playing.

worship services & regular activities

FRIDAY 28 JULY

Friday Prayer Meeting

Zoom 9:00am

Family Fun Night

Umina Church 5:00pm

SUNDAY 30 JULY

Morning Service & Baptism Election & luncheon

Umina Church 9:30am

MONDAY 31 JULY

Monday Bible Study

In recess until further notice

WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST

Craft

Umina 10:30am - 12:00pm

THURSDAY 4 AUGUST

BeeBay Playgroup

Umina 9:30am - 11:30am

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 30 JULY	SUNDAY 6 AUGUST
FIRST READING	Genesis 29:15–28	Genesis 32:22–31
PSALM	Psalms 105:1–11, 45b Psalm 128 (alt)	Psalms 17:1–7, 15
SECOND READING	Romans 8:26–39	Romans 9:1–5
GOSPEL	Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52	Matthew 14:13–21

prayer

Lord, if you want that we should love you with all our heart, without distraction or detour, teach us to become constant in your love.

When those without faith or law insult us, help us to forgive, O Resurrected One.

Jesus, the friend of the people of the Congo, your Father is not a God of the dead but of the living;

therefore, guide us in your love, so that we may live in your presence forever.

(Louise Bakala Koumouno, People's Republic of Congo.)

we pray...

- for our combined Service at Umina followed by the AGM and election of the members for Church Council
- with the Connect and Hope Churches
- for those who are sick, those who have lost loved ones and others with special needs – for all those in the Peninsula Village and those unable to attend Worship, Wayne and Margaret Read, Ann Thompson, Eileen Stewart, Bronwyn and Paul Mannell, Bevan Anderson, Cathy McAllister, Joan Swain, Joice Tee, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and their families
- and give thanks for Supporting and Resourcing Mission Team
- and give thanks for our Uniting World and their Director Dr Sureka Goringe
- for people from the Republic of Congo, Gabon, Sao Tome and Principe

church council nominations 2023

Please note that the election will be held on the **Sunday 30th July 2023.**

The Uniting Church in Australia takes seriously our belief that every member has a part in the ministry of Christ – each of us contributes our gifts to participating in God's mission.

Church Councils are seen as leaders with the church, who work collaboratively with the Ministry of Staff. Uniting Church regulations state that the role of a Church Councillor is to build the congregation up in faith and love.

The ministry of Elders is defined as assisting the ministry team in the spiritual oversight of the congregation. Aspects of spiritual oversight can be expressed by sharing with the Minister in encouragement of faith and love to all church members.

The nominees are:

- Alan Cromwell
- Helen Cromwell
- Sheila Craig
- Deidre Kaczmarczyk
- Douglas Fletcher
- Margaret Gregory
- Margaret Read
- Teresa Read
- Brenda Stiff
- Rodney Stiff
- Ron Taylor
- Doreen Warriner
- Carol Wilton
- Stephen Wilton
- Stephanie Wood
- Keith Wood

There are 11 positions to fill out of 15 as 4 Church Council members are ongoing.

When voting please ensure that you only tick 11 boxes. If a ballot paper has more than 11 boxes ticked it will be invalid and not counted.

Stephen Wilton
Church Council Secretary
Broken Bay Congregation

nominees for church council

name..... **SHEILA CRAIG**
position chosen Elder
years chosen 1 year
about nominee Member of Church Council and
experience of Eldership.

name..... **ALAN CROMWELL**
position chosen Church Councillor
years chosen 3 years
about nominee Previously chairperson of Kincumber
Church Council.Participates with
worship organisation.

name..... **HELEN CROMWELL**
position chosen Elder
years chosen 3 years
about nominee Previously Elder at Kincumber. Passion for
helping those in need. Op-shop worker.

name..... **DEIRDRE KACZMARCZYK**
position chosen Elder
years chosen 3 years
about nominee Previously Elder at Kincumber. Supports
church members and the community.

name..... **DOUGLAS FLETCHER**
position chosen Church Councillor
years chosen 2 years
about nominee Previously Church Councillor and Synod
Representative, PHD in Theology, worship
leader and musician.

name..... **RON TAYLOR**
position chosen Elder
years chosen 3 years
about nominee Previous experience as Elder at Umina.

name.....MARGARET GREGORY
position chosenElder
years chosen1 year
about nomineeHas had many years in all aspects of UCA, which assists in the business of Church Council. Member of the Connecting with God mission team.

name.....MARGARET READ
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen1 year
about nomineeChairperson of Church Council, member of Connecting with the Community mission team. On the board of YouthLife op-shop.

name.....TERESA READ
position chosenElder
years chosen3 years
about nomineeOrganising the under 60's group. Has worked with children and families. Previously a Church Councillor.

name.....BRENDA STIFF
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen3 years
about nomineePreviously Church Councillor and Treasurer of Kincumber. Active member of Kincumber activities and support.

name.....RODNEY STIFF
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen3 years
about nomineePreviously Church Councillor and Property team member. Works with sound system.

name.....DOREEN WARRIER
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen2 years
about nomineePreviously Church Councillor and Secretary. Degree in Dementia Care. Supporting those who dementia affects. Treasurer for Kincumber Op-Shop.

name.....CAROL WILTON
position chosenElder
years chosen1 year
about nomineeChurch Councillor. Work with BeeBay playgroup and Friday Family Fun Night. Member of Connecting with the Community mission team.

name.....STEVE WILTON
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen2 years
about nomineeChurch Councillor and Secretary. Member of Supporting and Resources mission team.

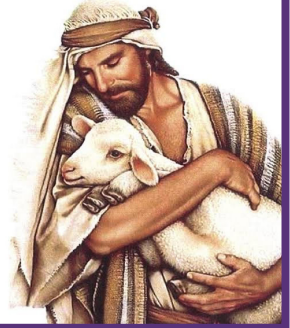
name.....STEPHANIE WOOD
position chosenElder
years chosen2 years
about nomineeChurch Councillor. Member of the Connecting with Each Other mission team. Passionate about representing people's concerns and offers care where needed.

name.....KEITH WOOD
position chosenChurch Councillor
years chosen2 years
about nomineeChurch Councillor and member of Supporting and Resources mission team. Chairs Property Committee and works at problem solving.

PASTORAL CARE

A pastoral care worker cares for people like a shepherd cares for his sheep – with loving attention for each individual. Your needs are just as important as other people's needs, so please do not hesitate to reach out and contact:

Linda Brown on 0480 367 853.



WEDNESDAY CRAFT

@ Umina Church Hall
10:30am - 12:00pm
Contact Glen
0418 662 895



COFFEE & chat

Please come and join us at:

10:30am
thursday 10 august

Hatters Tea House
281 Ocean View Rd,
Ettalong Beach

Contact:
Linda Brown
0480 367 853



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PASTORAL CONTACTS

If you are in need of pastoral support and care, please phone:

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