



the grapevine

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a weekly bulletin of the Ettalong and Umina Uniting Churches

notes from Patty

“Who is God for you?”

I meet regularly with a Spiritual Director and recently she asked me that question, along with “who am I for God?”

In your experience, your life, your reading, your thinking, who is God?

And how does God think of you?

It took me a while to sit and think about the answers to these questions.

God knows me, loves me, forgives me, calls me, frees me, and blesses me. God delights in me being truly myself. God is part of me, embedded in me. To God, I am a cherished daughter. God is generous with grace, and delights in all creation.

please send all Grapevine article submissions to the below email address by noon Wednesday:

grapevineuniting@gmail.com

A big thank you to Dave for his industrious activity in removing the huge number of weeds which have been growing well in the gardens outside Umina Church. Your constant efforts to restore the gardens are much appreciated.

If I was asked at a different time in my life, my answer may be different, and I expect each of you will have a different answer to these questions.

I encourage you to think about your response to these questions: who is God for you, and who are you to God.

Rev. Patty Lawrence

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prayer

a Mapuche* blessing

God of life, Mother of all, you renew creation.
Bring us peace and justice, 'balance' in the Mapuche sense:
balance and harmony for the earth,
balance and harmony for the peoples of the world,
balance and harmony for men and women,
balance and harmony between nature and ourselves and God.

*Mapuche means 'people of the earth'.
They are the aborigines living in the south of Chile and Argentina

(Source: the Mapuche Pastoral Team, Santiago, Chile. From: The website Red de Liturgia, Latin American Council of Churches)



we pray...

- with Woy Woy Presbyterian Church
- with Mannering Park Uniting Church
- for those who are sick and others with special needs, including Sarah de Rooy, Coral Tauro, Connie Watts, Debra Stewart and Joice Tee
- for those who have lost loved ones
- for and give thanks for our Church Council and leaders
- for the ministry of Frontier Services and Director Jannine Jackson
- with people from Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru
- for Sarah de Rooy and wish her a full recovery
- for anyone affected by the Melbourne earthquake

scripture readings

	SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER	SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER
FIRST READING & PSALM	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 and Psalm 124	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26
ALTERNATE FIRST READING & PSALM	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 and Psalm 19:7-14	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8
SECOND READING	James 5:13-20	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
GOSPEL	Mark 9:38-50	Mark 10:2-16

worship services

Due to the COVID situation in Greater Sydney, our buildings are closed. Some groups are meeting online. An order of service and sermon notes will be emailed, or delivered with the Grapevine. On Sunday there will be a video of the sermon.

THIS WEEK

Sunday 26 September
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 1 October
FFN video uploaded
Social zoom chat 4:45pm

NEXT WEEK

Sunday 3 October
Morning Worship 9:30am
Distributed by Rev Patty

Friday 8 October
FFN video uploaded
Social zoom chat 4:45pm

this week

SUNDAY ZOOM GATHERING

26 September at 5:00pm
Join for an informal chat
Contact Rev Patty for Zoom link

MONDAY PRAYER MEETING

27 September at 9:00am via Zoom

MONDAY BIBLE STUDY

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

WEDNESDAY WANDERERS

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

FRIDAY NIGHT TENNIS

Canceled due to Covid restrictions

message

from Joice Tee

Joice thanks her many church friends for the "Pamper Pack" and the photos given her from Annette Strong's collection. Her daughter Zoane, who came for 2 weeks, is still with her due to Covid lockdown. She says she will miss her when she is allowed to return home (Canowindra). Son Don comes every day, keeps the place tidy, does the shopping and on good days takes Joice in her wheel chair for a walk in the fresh air.

Joice gives thanks that she eats and sleeps well and gives even greater thanks for her wonderful caring family. She send her love to all her church friends.

God bless you all.



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