

**1 SAMUEL 3:1-10 (11-20)**

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Then the LORD said to Samuel, "See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever." Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." He said, "Here I am." Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, "It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him." As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.

**1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20**

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

**JOHN 1:43-51**

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."



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## John 1:43





## Morning Worship: Roster

	17 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	24 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
<b>Leader</b>	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon
<b>Music</b>	Corinne Nicolson	Rosemary Akesson
<b>Duty Elder</b>	Shirley McLennan & Iris Ballard	Jeanette Osborne
<b>Stewards</b>	Jeff Haynes & Stuart Edwards	Colin & Margaret Manley
<b>Reader</b>	Shirley Bazley	Ursula Dew
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Shirley McLennan	Iris Ballard
<b>Morning Tea</b>	No Morning Tea	No Morning Tea
<b>Projection</b>	Tony Olinsky	Jeff Haynes
<b>Lectionary</b>	1 Samuel 3: 1-10 (11-20) 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 John 1: 43-51	Jonah 3: 1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31 Mark 1: 14-20

## Regular Activities

**Morning Worship** - 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday/month: - 10am

**Holy Communion** - 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday/month - 10am and at Wyndham - 2:30pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday/month - 2:00pm at Imley House. (not at present)

**Tura Beach Op Shop** - Open Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Fellowship Group** - 1<sup>st</sup> Monday/month at 1.30pm - contact Joan or Corinne

**"Uniting Gardeners"** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 3pm to 4pm at the church.

**Uniting Church Tai Chi 108** Thursday 10-11am in the hall. Contact Shirley

**Uniting Church Dance Group** - Tuesday evenings & Friday mornings

**Church Bring-and-Share Brunch** - T.B.A.

Birthdays this week:



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BSB: 634-634 Acc Number: 100037934



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## Workshop:

"How to write a blessing" with Marilyn Judd Smith & Jean Shannon  
Venue: Church Hall.

Date: Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February,

Time: 9:30am to 1:00pm (to be confirmed)

## DISCIPLESHP THOUGHT

"Come and see", is Philip's invitation to Nathanael. "Go and listen", is Eli's instruction to Samuel. We discern God's voice and God's call in community. We rely on one another to help us see clearly and to listen carefully.

There are toys called Beyblades. Each Beyblade has three separate parts that fit together and click into place. When placed into a launcher and then set off to spin, they spin furiously in the stadium. The Beyblade only spins if all three pieces hold together. So it is with God's call. When God's call upon our lives, our discernment, and the discernment of the community are all aligned, the three work in harmony to bring about the kingdom of God.

## A New Year

Before you toss all the 2020 calendars in the recycling bin, flip through the pages of one. Recall some of the events in the world and in your own life that happened on those days, weeks, and months. Give thanks to God, and let them be.

Next, take a 2021 calendar or date book and flip through the pages. Dare to dream a little about what the possibilities can be. Stop at a significant date and wonder what it will be like, or pause at a special anniversary. Remember that, just as in all the days of the old calendar, God will be there in the new year, too.



## Pontius' Puddle

