

ACTS 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone. There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

1 JOHN 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

JOHN 10:11-18

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

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'Creating a caring, nurturing community'





Morning Worship: Roster

	21 st April 2024	28 th April 2024
Leader	Iris Ballard	Jeff Haynes
Music	Elizabeth Prosser	Rosemary Akesson
Entry of Bible	Robyn Herdegen	Ailsa Liffman
Acknowledgement of Country	Ailsa Liffman	Beryl McGrath
Stewards	Anne Olinsky & Ailsa Liffman	Meryll Davey & Iris Ballard
Reader	Shirley Bazley	Colin Manley
Pastoral Prayer	Ailsa Liffman	Ailsa Liffman
Morning Tea	Joan & Royce Lovett	Iris Ballard & Meryll Davey
Projection	Tony Olinsky	Tony Olinsky
Flowers	Shirley McLennan	Ailsa Liffman
Lectionary	Acts 4: 5-12 1 John 3: 16-24 John 10: 11-18	Acts 8:26-40 1 John 4: 7-21 John15: 1-8

Regular Activities

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

Holy Communion: 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and 2:30pm at Wyndham

Imlay House Service: 2:00pm, 3rd Thursday of the month - helpers would be appreciated - see Rev Jean.

Tura Beach Op Shop: Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm.

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

Uniting Church Dance Group: Tuesday evenings at 7 pm and Friday mornings at 9 am Contact Pam Jordan 0475 191 923 for details.

'Blokes United' Coffee Morning - 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday each month - 10am at MorMors

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch - 1st Sunday/month (Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec.)

Una Seberry -23rd

John McGammon - 25th



For those who would like to make their offering anonymously via regular direct bank transfer, our banking details for Giving Direct are: Acc Name Sapphire Coast Uniting Church BSB 634-634 Acc No 100037934

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As part of our mission to the wider community, the Church Council at its last meeting approved donations of \$1000 to Lalgadh Leprosy Hospital in Nepal, and \$500 to Rural Aid Australia

The next meeting of the **UnitingCare Merimbula Management Committee** will be held in the church at 2pm on Thursday 9th May.



Thursday 25th April.

Time to reflect and remember.

DISCIPLESHIP THOUGHT

God of infinite patience, we gather knowing that you are the great shepherd of your sheep, but we live so often as if we were alone in the world. We confess that we read about your goodness and care, yet we frequently do not let that goodness touch us. We are frightened to open up to each other, to you, and even to ourselves. We live isolated from each other, concerned too often with that which differentiates and separates us from each other and not on what draws us together - our oneness in your world and in you. Forgive us for focusing on our separateness and not our oneness. Forgive us for being individualistic rather than true individuals in community. Forgive us for our lack of trust in you. Amen.

Sainthood emerges when you can listen to someone's tale of woe and not respond with a description of your own.

- Andrew V. Mason