Song of Solomon 2: 8-13

The voice of my beloved! Behold, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills. My beloved is like a gazelle, or a young stag. Behold, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice. My beloved speaks and says to me: "Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom; they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

James 1: 12-27

Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted with evil and he himself tempts no one; but each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full-grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger, for the anger of man does not work the righteousness of God. Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

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'Creating a caring, nurturing community'

Be opened

Mark 7:34

Morning Worship: Roster

	5th September 2021	12th September 2021
Leader	Rev Jean Shannon	Rev Jean Shannon
Music	Corinne Nicolson	Rosemary Akesson
Duty Elder	Shirley McLennan	Corinne Nicolson
Stewards	Colin & Margaret Manley	Joan & Royce Lovett
Reader	Iris Ballard	Jeanette Osborne
Pastoral Prayer	Shirley McLennan	Corinne Nicolson
Morning Tea	Robyn Herdegen & Merle Evans	Iris Ballard & Ailsa Liffman
Projection	Geoff Burton	Jeff Haynes
Lectionary	Song of Solomon 2: 8-13 James 1: 12-27	Proverbs 1: 20-33 James 3: 1-12 Mark 8: 27-38

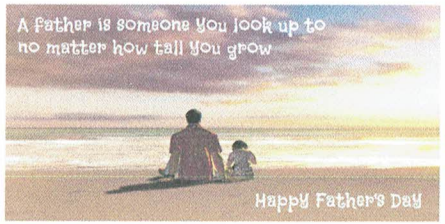
Regular Activities

Morning Worship: 1st, 2nd, 4th, & 5th Sunday/month: - 10am (not at present)
Holy Communion: 3rd Sunday/month - 10am and at Wyndham – 2:30pm &
3rd Wednesday/month: 2:00pm at Imlay House. (not at present)
Tura Beach Op Shop: Open Monday to Friday 9:00am to 4:00pm (closed)
Fellowship Group: No longer meeting formally. Informal lunches to continue
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 John Tanner: 0428 957 165 for details.

All activities in the church hall are on hold at present

Church Bring-and-Share Brunch – T.B.A.
Birthdays this week:

A hearing induction loop is installed in the church. It will connect automatically to newer hearing aids, but those with older aids may need to manually switch to the 'T' telecoil setting.



Happy Father's Day

Giving We ask that you please maintain your offerings during this time of lockdown. Either set aside your weekly offering until we are able to resume face-to-face contact, or, if you are able, transfer directly to our giving account at: **Acc Name** Sapphire Coast Uniting Church **BSB** 634-634 **Acc No** 100037934
During the previous lockdown, our church was eligible for government financial support, but this has not been the case this time around. While our income from the Op Shop and Hall rental has ceased entirely, we still need to cover ministry costs and other ongoing expenses. Thank you for your support.

Uniting increases aged care reach to regional NSW

Acquisition of four services in Berry, Eden, Griffith and Tumut will lay foundations for the future. To read about it just click on the link: Uniting increases aged care reach to regional NSW

Zoom Bible study group: Message from Jean:

Curious about how translations and perceptions change the way we understand scripture? I would like to facilitate a zoom study group based on *The Way of Wisdom* by John Squires and Elizabeth Raine. It would be about 1 hour a week for about 4-6 weeks and explores who is wisdom and where do we find her in the Bible. The study also looks at Ruth and Job and explores Hebrew translations. There are copyrighted study materials to share. If you are interested, send Jean an email (I must have your email address to invite you to zoom) and please, make the subject line of the email say, "**Wisdom**".
I will survey those interested in what would be the best times. Would you prefer Tuesday, Thursday or Saturday or Sunday afternoons? My preference is Tuesday or Thursday but we will see what suits most.