

### Offerings to Middle Ridge Uniting Church:

Bank Account Details for direct giving:-

Accnt Name: UCA Middle Ridge UC

BSB: 034142 Account No: 144021

Ref: Offering



### Second Offering

**Second Offering January** will support Frontier Services.

Frontier Services is Australia's oldest bush charity, dedicated to supporting people in rural and remote communities.

Please use reference '2nd Off Frontier Services' if making a direct deposit to the MRUC bank account or to donate direct go to <https://frontierservices.org/donate/>

### Rosters - Being part of the life of the church

	25 January	1 February	8 February
Preaching	Rev David MacGregor	Rev David MacGregor	Rev Russell Reynoldson
Data Preparation	Ross Brown	Alan Skerman	Karen Kong
Data operator	Ross Brown	Alan Skerman	William Clarke
Sound Operator	Alan Skerman	Lukas Christensen	Glenn Adamson
Camera Operator	Glenn Adamson	Doug Spinks	Nicole/Paul Irwin
Elder	Brigitte Sheraton	Paul Fuller	Brigitte Sheraton
Song Leader	Lisa Christensen	Wes Jones	Alan Skerman
Music	Jason Pelcher		
Welcome	Carolyn Skerman	Bill & Brigitte Sheraton	Kay Fritz
Morning Tea	Glenda & Noel Bundy, Sandra Young	Gay Colyer, Margaret Anderton	Carolyn Skerman Deborah Thomas

### Congregation Contacts

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### Lectionary Readings

#### Jan 25 2026 Epiphany 3

Isaiah 9:1-4, Psalm 27:1, 4-9,

1 Corinthians 1:10-18, Matthew 4:12-23

#### Feb 1 2026 Epiphany 4

Micah 6:1-8, Psalm 15,

1 Corinthians 1:18-31, Matthew 5:1-12

#### Feb 8 2026 Epiphany 5

Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12), Psalm 112:1-9(10)

1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)

Matthew 5:13-20

"Disciples' has become a term for church members, so that we often hear it as an instruction to make recruits. That's not what is meant. It meant: Go and make learners. 'Disciples' meant 'learners,' people who will join in learning community and carry on learning – lifelong, to the end of the age." (William Loader)

**How might this definition of "disciple" give shape to your work and the work of your community?**

*Seasons of the Spirit Advent 2022*



25 January 2026

## Middle Ridge News

**We rejoice in meaningful relationships with God, ourselves and the community.**

Living out our values of  
Faith, Love, Courage and Gratitude.



**Inviting God, you call us to follow, to witness and to wonder. You call us to follow and risk all we know so that the change we need can finally be seen. Amen.**

*Seasons of the Spirit Advent 2022*

## Light in the Darkness

Isaiah 9:1-4

Last Sunday, we began a wonderful Bernadette Farrell worship song:

*Longing for light, we wait in darkness ...*

There is something deeply human about our longing for light. Our current sermon series is entitled: **BE THE LIGHT**. Trouble is, sometimes the darkness seems much stronger than light.

In Isaiah 9, we read those words so familiar each Christmas: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light."

Through Isaiah, God speaks into people's lived experience, of living in the borderlands — frequently invaded, politically unstable, economically fragile, spiritually weary, the lands of Naphtali & Zebulun. It's the lived experience ... not only of those suffering in the likes of Gaza, Ukraine, an incinerated southern Victoria property, those ravaged by family violence, by cyber-bullying. Maybe you know this darkness. The darkness, you see, is overcome, not with fear or aggression, but with faith, indeed the faith, hope and love Paul so profoundly calls us to in 1 Corinthians 13.

Jewish Rabbi Yehoram Ulman speaks to a 20,000 – strong crowd by Bondi Beach just before Christmas; just a week after the horror there, and he affirms over and over: "Darkness does not get the final word — light will win." We who follow in the footsteps and saving grace of God in Jesus know that light.

*The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it.*

We know that light in Jesus, Saviour and Lord.

Shalom,

**David**

David MacGregor (Rev)

## From UnitingNews Qld Synod

### Seniors Enquiry Line

The Seniors Enquiry Line provides free information sessions across a range of topics tailored to seniors, provided to seniors' groups, clubs, support groups, community centres, retirement villages, and service providers within South-East Queensland (virtual available throughout Queensland).

To book, contact Emily Gould (Speaker, and Community Resource Officer) on **1300 150**

**500** or email

[opp.communityed@uccommunity.org.au](mailto:opp.communityed@uccommunity.org.au).

For more information, visit

[www.seniorsenquiryline.com.au/community-education](http://www.seniorsenquiryline.com.au/community-education)

### Caring for Creation Together – take part in Clean Up Australia Day 2026

This year on **Sunday 1st March**, communities across the country will come together for **Clean Up Australia Day** – a practical and powerful way to care for the land, waterways and neighbourhoods we share.

It offers us a meaningful opportunity to live out our call to **steward God's creation**, live our values and strengthen connections with local communities.

Here are three ways to get involved:

**Organise a Clean Up Event**

**Make Creation Care Part of Worship**

**Head along to a local Community Clean Up**

Learn more at [Clean Up Australia Day - Unit-ing Church in Queensland Synod](#)

[Join an event near you](#)

**Your faith in action can make a difference!**

## Weekly Activities

Sundays 9.00am	<b>Church Service—all ages included</b>
Tuesday 9.30am	<b>Praying for the life of the Church</b> in Church Foyer All Welcome Ray Kirkman , Kay Fritz
Tuesday 7pm	<b>Tuesday Evening Bible Study (Zoom)</b> Linda Adamson 46370065
Wednesday 9am for 9.30	<b>Wednesday Ladies Bible Study</b> Contact Jo Cox 0409 620 993
Thursdays 7.30pm	<b>Bloke's Discipleship Group (Zoom)</b> Alan Skerman 0437 771 324
NB: Some groups may be taking a break over Christmas.	

### Coming Soon—Alpha

Monday evenings 7pm-8:30pm for dessert and discussion commencing April 27th.

Expressions of interest are open now via the website or at <https://forms.gle/vSv1uECUeQEYqHkg7>

**Pray that Alpha will change lives.**

**Pray about who you will invite.**



### World Day of Prayer 2026

This year's World Day of Prayer service will be held at St Barts church on Thursday 5th March at 6:30pm.

The planning meeting will be on Friday 6 February at 10am. We are seeking a representative from MRUC to attend the planning meeting. Please see Margaret Spinks if you are able to attend on our behalf.