Offerings to Middle Ridge Uniting Church:
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Second Offering July will support **Prison Fellowship Australia's** *The Echo of the Word* program providing Christian Literature, Devotionals, Comic books and Bibles directly into the hands of prisoners. **Because in the quiet of a prison cell... the Word of God can still speak.** Help ensure that men and women in prison don't just hear the Gospel once, but have the opportunity to return to it, wrestle with it, and be changed by it. Please use reference "2nd Offering PFA" if donating to the church bank account or donate directly at https://prisonfellowship.org.au

Rosters - Being part of the life of the church

	5 July	12 Jul	19 Jul
Preaching	Rev David MacGregor	Rev Russell Reynoldson	Rev David MacGregor
Data Prep	Karen Kong	Alan Skerman	Bob Burgess
Data Op	Louise Harry Bland	William Clarke	Bob Burgess
Sound Op	Matthew Skerman	Lukas Christensen	Alan Skerman
Camera Operator	Nicole Paul Irwin	Doug Spinks	Glenn Adamson
Elder	Alan Skerman	Brigitte Sheraton	Paul Fuller
Song Leader	Alan Skerman	Lisa Chrstensen	Wes Jones
Bible Reader	Kay Fritz	Glenn Adamson	Tricia Elliot
Music			
Welcome	Linda Adamson	Gay Colyer	Carolyn Skerman
Morning Tea	Alison Trappett, Judith Gibbins, Eohl Elan	Jo & Peter Cox	Glenda & Noel Bundy & Sandra Young

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Lectionary Readings

Jul 5 2026 Pentecost 6
Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67, Psalm 45:10-17 or Song 2:8-13, Romans 7:15-25a, Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jul 12 2026 Pentecost 7
Genesis 25:19-34, Isaiah 55:10-13, Psalm 119:105-112, Psalm 65 (1-8), 9-13, Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jul 19 2026 Pentecost 8
Genesis 28:10-19a, Isaiah 44: 6-8, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Psalm 86 :11-17, Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

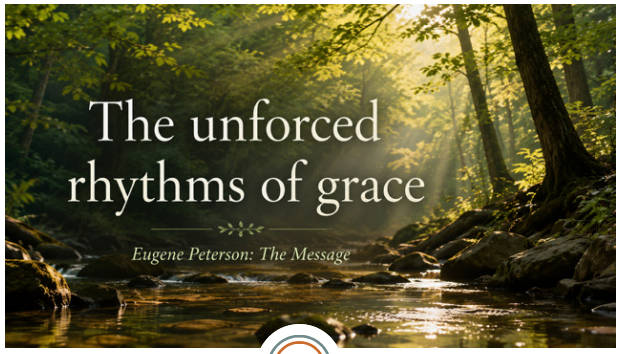
Gracious God, you are with us in times of great joy and in our wilderness moments. Help us to stand fearlessly in solidarity with those who are marginalized, just as you have been present with us. Grant us the courage to seek justice in your name. Amen.

5th July 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.



Each of this week's readings builds on the theme of hospitality – its transformative nature, its beauty, the difficulty we have expressing it, and finally its complete attachment to the teachings of God and the living out of a life of true faith. The action Rebekah takes is both simple and transformative – and it is also a hard one to open ourselves to make, as Paul points out. Yet, a truly loving life of faith demands this exact kind of courageous openness to others. How can we open our lives – our churches, our communities, our own hearts – to this kind of radical compassion, courage, and trust? How have we built spontaneous love and compassion, and how can we continue to develop this spiritual muscle of hospitality?

THE UNFORCED RHYTHMS OF GRACE

Matthew 11:28-30 concludes this Sunday's gospel reading. Incredibly reassuring words. Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

On Sunday, I'll be riffing off the late Eugene Peterson's wonderful paraphrase in *The Message*. He so helps us get into the text. Read these words - slowly - gently - quietly - a few times over - pausing often along the way.

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.

"Learn the unforced rhythms of grace". There's both invitation and blessing there, isn't there!

Shalom,
David
Rev David MacGregor

Thank you for your generosity to UnitingWorld at the combined service last week. The amount collected was $1435.05.

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Notice of Congregational Meeting: Call to a Minister

A Congregational Meeting will be held in the church auditorium at the conclusion of our 9:00am worship service on Sunday 26 July.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to receive a recommendation from the Joint Nominating Committee (JNC) regarding the placement of a Minister of the Word with MRUC.

The Minister will prepare a short video for presentation to the Congregational meeting, and members of the JNC will be invited to share with the meeting the reasons for making the recommendation and to answer any questions from the Congregation, before proceeding to a private ballot. Please make every effort to attend this vital meeting as we discern the future leadership of our congregation together.

Position Available : Administration Officer, The Downs Presbytery Uniting Church in Australia

The Downs Presbytery has available a position for an Admin person, working from the Presbytery office located at St. Stephens Uniting Church Toowoomba. This is a Casual Part time position of approx. 20 hours a week. The person will be paid at Level 3 plus 25%. A job description is available on request. Applications for this position close on the 17th July. For more information contact Rev Russell on 0427962781

Weekly Activities

Sundays 9.00am	**Church Service—all ages included**
Tuesday 9.30am	**Praying for the life of the Church** in Church Foyer All Welcome Ray Kirkman , Kay Fritz
Tuesday 7pm	**Tuesday Evening Bible Study** (Zoom) Linda Adamson 46370065
Wednesday 9am for 9.30	**Wednesday Ladies Bible Study** Contact Jo Cox 0409 620 993
Thursdays 7.30pm	**Bloke's Discipleship Group** (Zoom) Alan Skerman 0437 771 324

OUR DISCERNMENT JOURNEY

As shared recently, beginning late July, we begin a several-week next stage of our Middle Ridge Uniting Church mission and identity Discernment Journey - something we're all invited to be part of; something we need your input and participation in, because your thoughts are valued. Together we are the body of Christ with each part of the body needing the other.
Our current Weekly study groups will be taking part in 3 Discernment Download sessions.
As well, I will be hosting - beginning at 4 pm Sunday 26 July, a special group opportunity for folk not part of one of these current groups. Each session will go for roughly 1 hour and will continue on the 2nd and 9th August.
It's important however to know numbers and names of folk wishing to attend. There has already been some interest!
So, please call, text, email or speak to me in person to express your interest. Don't miss this opportunity please! Please let me know by Sunday 19th July.
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