



My wife told me, "Take \$30 and buy a Christmas nativity scene. The rest you can spend in beer."



There is a lot pilots have to take into account when flying safely across the sky:

Every take off is optional. Every landing is mandatory.

If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger. If you pull the stick back, they get smaller. That is, unless you keep pulling the stick all the way back, then they get bigger again.

Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.

It's always better to be down here wishing you were up there than up there wishing you were down here.

The ONLY time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane used to keep the pilot cool. When it stops, you can actually watch the pilot start sweating.

When in doubt, hold on to your altitude. No one has ever collided with the sky. Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

Stay out of clouds. The silver lining everyone keeps talking about might be another airplane going in the opposite direction. Reliable sources also report that mountains have been known to hide out in clouds.

Always try to keep the number of landings you make equal to the number of take-offs you've made.

Keep looking around. There's always something you've missed.

Remember, gravity is not just a good idea. It's the law. And it's not subject to repeal.

There are old pilots and there are bold pilots, There are however, no old, bold pilots.



# Maroochydore Uniting Church



UnitinginChrist actingwithlove livingwithhope witnessinginfaith workingforjustice 19th May 2024 Day of Pentecost

## We seek to be a prayerful and listening church

Leadership Team	Property matters: Theo Quick
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Thank you for the ongoing support for the Ministry, & Ministry of our Church. A reminder that direct deposit offering is available. Our Church Banking Details: **UCA Maroochydore Uniting Church** 

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- St George Bank. BSB 334 040: Account No. 553864 511

Uniting Church Links - For Information from the Wider Church

Qld Synod Information - https://ucaqld.com.au/

For links an information to Synod Resources and Activities.

National Assembly News - https://assembly.uca.org.

Please send any notices for next week's 'Herald' to janstrudwickart@gmail.com by Wednesday afternoon

Day of Pentecost 19th May	Trinity Sunday 26th May
Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14	Isaiah 6:1-8 and
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Psalm 29
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts	Romans 8:12-17
2:1-21	John 3:1-17
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15	

Sunday 19 May - 8:30 am Rev Darren King

Sunday 26 May -8:30 am Rev James Stevenson

Please join us in the Hall after the service for morning tea

From this month's Uniting News

This month, we ask ourselves: What is the firm ground on which we stand together? What is it in our history and identity that can inspire us to hope and renewal?

We are Uniting - we are one church centred on Jesus Christ... One church of many parts, many places, many people. We are a church for all, a church with purpose, a church with informed faith, and a church committed to a covenantal relationship with First Nations people. *We are the people of God on the way to the promised end. (Basis of Union)* 

### When things go Wrong.

## 'To give them beauty for ashes.' Isaiah 61:3

The world is not going to devote itself to making you happy. Only when you accept that, can you begin to move forward. Life doesn't always work the way you want it to. Paul wrote, 'I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain.' (Romans 15:24) But it seems unlikely he ever got to Spain; instead he landed in one of the worst prisons in Europe. But from there he wrote the epistles. Your disappointment may turn out to be God's appointment. The Blble says, 'We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.' (Prov 16:9) Aren't you glad He's in control of your life? Let the philosophers argue over why life works as it does. Just focus on how to live it! If you live to be 100, what good is it anyway if resentment and regret keep you from enjoying it? And what good is more time, if you're only killing the time you've got? Remember how an oyster makes a pearl? When a grain of sand gets into its shell and irritates it, instead of resisting and resenting it, the oyster wraps it in layer after layer of beauty, till a pearl is formed. An unknown poet said,

> 'Now this tale has a moral, for isn't it grand what an oyster can do with a morsel of sand. What couldn't we do if we'd only begin, with some of the things that get under our skin.'

God is working in everything you're going through today, for your good and His glory. All you need to do is trust Him. If you do, He'll give you beauty for ashes.

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