



Peel Valley Congregation

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1 Corinthians 12:12-31a (NLT)

Unity and Diversity in the Body

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.

¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many.

¹⁵ Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

¹⁶ And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.

¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. ¹⁹ If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”

²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.continued

²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ Now eagerly desire the greater gifts.

Luke 4:14-21 (NLT)

Jesus Rejected at Nazareth

¹⁴ Then Jesus returned to Galilee, filled with the Holy Spirit’s power. Reports about him spread quickly through the whole region.

¹⁵ He taught regularly in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶ When he came to the village of Nazareth, his boyhood home, he went as usual to the synagogue on the Sabbath and stood up to read the Scriptures.

¹⁷ The scroll of Isaiah the prophet was handed to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where this was written:

¹⁸ “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free,

¹⁹ and that the time of the LORD’s favour has come.”

²⁰ He rolled up the scroll, handed it back to the attendant, and sat down. All eyes in the synagogue looked at him intently.

²¹ Then he began to speak to them. “The Scripture you’ve just heard has been fulfilled this very day!”

Other Lectionary Readings:

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Psalms 19





IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for the Jarrett family as they mourn the loss of Bruce.
- We pray for Fay who will have surgery on her right wrist on Tuesday.
- We pray for absent friends and family members.
- We give thanks for music (in all its' forms), and the joy which it gives to so many people.
- We pray for safe travel for everyone as they leave the Country Music Festival.

Meg's Musings

The cicadas have been making their presence felt around our home at the moment. Hearing them is an intrinsic part of summer.

One of our children used to call it "the hot sound". They decided that the cicadas heated up the air, raising the temperature.

It remains a standard family joke. We all know that it doesn't really work that way, but it still brings a smile to our lips.

What brings a smile to your lips?

Is it being with friends or family members, enjoying a delicious meal, spending time at the beach, or watching an old movie?

Getting back to our congregation this Sunday will be special for many of us. We are "church family", and we miss being together.

We thank God, and smile, because we can enjoy worshipping Him together once again.

Blessing from Meg



BRUCE JARRETT:

It is with sadness that we let you know that Bruce Jarrett passed away on Tuesday, 21st January.

His 90 years were spent in faithful service to God, and in being a friend to everyone he met.

Bruce was one of life's gentlemen. He will be greatly missed.

Fabulous Finds Op Shop @ Hallsville

Open 9:30 to 1:00pm

Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays.

Cuppa & chat always available.



Listen for God

Listen for God who speaks within our hearts, in wildest thoughts, when we are least aware, and in the silence at the heart of prayer.

Listen for God inhabiting the edge; heard through the lost, unwanted, dispossessed, those at the margins, easily oppressed.

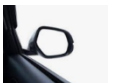
Listen for God in holy scriptures' voice; learning from all who wrote how lives were stirred, transformed, reborn by the great, living Word.

Listen for God, for other voices call, encouraging our selfish, careless ways; ignoring others, all the costs they pay.

Listen for God, so all may fully live; for we must hear the truth and change our ways to shape a new world, one of love and praise.

~ Andrew Brown, March 2017

Even though there are days I wish I could change some things that happened in the past, there's a reason the rear view mirror is so small and the windscreen's so big: Where you're headed is much more important than what you've left behind.



AGING IS NOT FOR COWARDS:

CLINT EASTWOOD

About to turn 94, Clint Eastwood said while directing his latest film:

"I don't let the old man in. I keep myself busy. You have to stay active, alive, happy, strong, capable. I don't let in the old critic, hostile, envious, gossiping, full of rage and complaints, of lack of courage, which denies to itself that old age can be creative, decisive, full of light and projection". Getting older is not for sissies, he said.

~ iHeart

Smile

Smiling is infectious
You catch it like the flu
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too
I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin
When he smiled I realised
I had passed it on to him
I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth
So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected
Start an epidemic
And get the world infected. ~ Spike Milligan



CHURCH SERVICES

2 February 11am West ~ Meg Mangan

9 February 11am West ~ Rev Geoff



A Little Poem for Seniors

(so true it hurts!)

Another year has passed and we're all a little older.
Last summer sure felt hotter and winter seems much colder.
There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast
Now I fully understand about "living in the past."
We used to go to weddings, football games and lunches.
Now we go to funeral homes and after-funeral brunches.
We used to go out dining and couldn't get our fill.
Now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take our pill.
We used to often travel to places near and far.
Now we get sore asses from riding in the car.
We used to go to nightclubs and drink a little booze.
Now we stay home at night and watch the evening news.
That, my friend, is how life is and now my tale is told.
So enjoy each day and live it up...
Before you're too damned old.

A man was being tailgated by a stressed out woman on a busy street.

Suddenly, the light turned yellow just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the crosswalk.

The tailgating woman hit the roof, and the horn, screaming as she missed her chance to get through the intersection.

As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a police officer.

He took her to the police station where she was placed in a holding cell.

After a couple of hours, the policeman opened the cell door and said, "I'm very sorry for this mistake.

You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping off the guy in front of you, and cussing a blue streak at him.

I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do?' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker, and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally, I assumed you had stolen the car!" ~ mygoodtimestories.com

Have you ever noticed: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are XL.

4th Sunday Monthly Hallsville Markets

Resume on:

7:30am

23 February



PEEL VALLEY CONGREGATION

Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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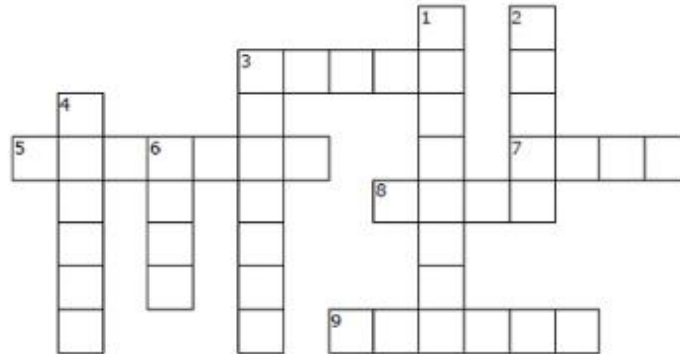


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God's Promises Fulfilled

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor."
Luke 4:18a (NIV)

Based on Luke 4:14-21



ACROSS

3. Something you do to help someone
5. A person who speaks for God
7. Information about recent events or happenings; previously unknown information
8. The opposite of bad
9. A long roll of paper with writing on it

DOWN

1. A person who is kept in jail
2. Unable to see
3. To be allowed to do whatever you want to do
4. To deliver a sermon
6. Having little or no wealth and few or no possessions

S A B B A T H C D W H N Y F F
P C W A N O I N T E D Y S I R
R S C R I P T U R E R Q Y D E
I N P O O R R C S S N C N M E
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NEWS	GALILEE	SPIRIT	TODAY	PROPHET
ANOINTED	SCROLL	PRISONERS	SCRIPTURE	FREEDOM
POWER	TAUGHT	POOR	SYNAGOGUE	SABBATH
GOOD	PROCLAIM	PREACH	SIGHT	BLIND

~ Sermons 4 Kids

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