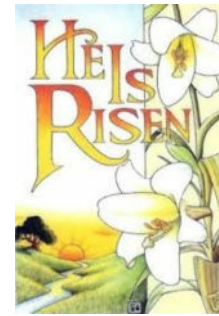




The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

Welcome to our Sunday Service of worship,
commencing at **9-30am** every Sunday



Easter 5 7 May 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Debby Hardy
Coffee/Tea: Cynthia & David Clive
& Rosemary Sharp
Reader: Sherryl Smith
Kids Church: TBA
Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
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Speaker: Rev. Rob Douglas



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(Communion)



Readings from the Lectionary

Acts 7:55-60
Ps 31:1-5, 15-16
1Peter 2:2-10
Jn 14:1-14

Acts 17:22-31
Ps 66:8-20
1Peter 3:13-22
Jn 14:15-21



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Our Vision: "United in Christ we reach out to build loving relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."

The Wednesday Worry Box

Sometimes, if you will just wait, problems take care of themselves. J. Arthur Rank had a system for doing that. He was a devout member of the Methodist Church. In the 1930's when the Methodist Times newspaper began to complain about the negative influence of British and American films which were being shown, it was suggested that the Methodist Church should provide a solution rather than complaining. Rank accepted this challenge, and was instrumental in forming the British National Films Company and the subsequent establishment of Pinewood Film Studios with the aim of producing "family friendly" movies. He and his wife were philanthropists who performed a lot of charity work and they founded the Rank Foundation which continues to support young people and disadvantaged groups, and promote Christian principles through media such as film.

With this incredible workload, Rank found he couldn't push his worries out of his mind completely. They were always slipping back in, so he finally made a pact with God to limit his worrying to Wednesdays. He even made himself a little Wednesday Worry Box and he placed it on his desk. Whenever a worry cropped up, Rank wrote it out and dropped it into the Wednesday Worry Box.

Would you like to know his amazing discovery? When Wednesday rolled around, he would open that box to find that only a third of the items he had written down were still worth worrying about. The rest had managed to resolve themselves.

If you have a troubled heart, ask God to give you a new perspective. Also ask him to give you patience so that you do not jump ahead and worry about a problem that may never come. But most important of all, ask God for more faith. Faith in God is the best remedy for all our problems. Jesus put it plainly, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me."

King Duncan, *Collected Sermons*, adapted from *Daily Bread*, 11 December 1999. Cited by David Jeremiah, *Slaying The Giants In Your Life* (Nashville: W Publishing Group, 2001), pp. 67-68. (edited)



A very warm welcome is extended to any visitors. We trust that you will be blessed during this time of worship and invite you to fellowship with us after the service.



What's With the Fork?

A woman was diagnosed with a terminal illness and had been given three months to live. As she was getting her things in order, she contacted her pastor and asked him to come to her house to discuss some of her final wishes. She told him which songs she wanted sung at her funeral service, what Scriptures she would like read, and what outfit she wanted to be buried in. She requested to be buried with her favourite Bible. As the pastor prepared to leave, the woman suddenly remembered something else. "There's one more thing," she said excitedly. "What's that?" said the pastor. "This is important," the woman said. "I want to be buried with a fork in my right hand."



The pastor stood looking at the woman, not knowing quite what to say. The woman explained. "In all my years of attending church socials and potluck dinners, when the dishes of the main course were being cleared, someone would inevitably lean over and say, 'Keep your fork.' It was my favourite part of the meal because I knew something better was coming—like velvety chocolate cake or deep-dish apple pie. "So, when people see me in that casket with a fork in my hand and they ask, 'What's with the fork?' I want you to tell them: 'Keep your fork. The best is yet to come!'"

Alan Carr, *Biblical Facts about a Place Called Heaven* (Edited)

Please Welcome Yoy

After much prayer, a mountain of paperwork, a great deal of work by our Leadership Team (past and present), and with the assistance of UCA Presbytery and Rev. Luke Williams, Yoy Alberastine will be attending our church this Sunday as our newly appointed pastor. He won't be conducting this service; rather this is an opportunity for those who haven't met him to do so, and for those who've heard him speak and met him previously, to renew your acquaintance. Yoy will join the worship leaders and speakers rosters in early June. Given how few pastors are available, the Leadership Team are delighted Yoy has felt called to join our congregation as a part time pastor. As required by Presbytery, Yoy has to undertake some additional studies before he is formally commissioned as our pastor towards the end of the year.



On behalf of the congregation we welcome Yoy and his wife, Anita, to our church.

Prayer Room 2023

Following the success of last year, our Prayer Room will be happening again this year. We will join with many other churches around Australia and the world in the Global Prayer Movement called "Thy Kingdom Come." The Prayer Room will commence Tuesday evening 23 May and finish on Saturday 27 May.

The Church will be open every morning from Wednesday to Saturday (24-27 May) for people to come either individually or in a group to spend a quiet time with God and pray. There will be ideas for prayer as well as written prayers at the church.. When you are not at the Church we hope you will put more time aside for prayer at home. Time sheets will be available so you can commit to a time, and this way we hope to have people praying throughout each of the days.

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A leaflet will be available with further information.



An Easter Prayer

Lord God, You loved this world, you loved us all, so much that you gave your one and only Son, that we might be called your children too. Lord, help us to live in the gladness and grace of Easter Sunday, everyday. Let us have hearts and souls that are forever grateful for your sacrifice. Let us have eyes that look upon your grace and rejoice deeply in our salvation. Help us to walk in that mighty grace and tell your good news to the world. All for your glory do we pray, Lord.

Amen

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Bethany Thompson Sunday 7 May

Cynthia Clive Saturday 13 May

God Bless and warm wishes

To you both upon your birthdays

Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

You are invited to join the ladies or gentlemen respectively for coffee, delicious pastries and scintillating conversation:

For Ladies: She Brews - 9-30am every Wednesday

Seven Trees Café, 11 Galbraith Loop, Falcon

For Gentlemen: Espresso Yourself - 9-30am Tuesday 9th May

and every fortnight at the Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head.

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