



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Epiphany 2 15 January 2023

Welcome: Frances Davy
Flowers: Sue Lawrence
Coffee/Tea: Tuesday Home group
Reader: Grace Richards
Kids Church: Kerry Lawson
Church Rep: Kerry Lawson
Worship Leader: John Lawrence
Speaker: Dr David Jeremiah (Video)

Epiphany 3 22 January 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Debby Hardy
Coffee/Tea: Ken & Julie Lehmann
Reader: Robyn Speyers
Kids Church: Raelyn Punch
Church Rep: Andrew Gibson
Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
Speaker: Piet Speyers



Readings from the Lectionary

Is 49:1-7
Ps 40:1-11
1 Cor 1:1-9
Jn 1:29-42

Is 9:1-4
Ps 4027:1,4-9
1 Cor 1:10-18
Mt 4:12-23

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Or any member of the Leadership Team

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Small Group Coordinators: Andrew Gibson 0407 985 056 & Raelyn Punch
Editor of the Messenger: Peter Punch 0427 685 908 E: prpunch@lasar.net.au

Members of the Leadership Team: Raelyn Punch (Chair), Andrew Gibson (Secretary), Kerry Lawson, Sherryl Smith, Piet Speyers & Andrew Telfer

Halls Head Bendigo Bank details for electronic transfers:

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Please include your name as a reference for the payment.

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

Don't Ever Say That Again

In the 2012 book *A 3rd Serving of Chicken Soup for the Soul*, authored by Jack Canfield and Mark Hansen, there is a story about a student who was unlike most students. One day in year 11 he went into a classroom to wait for a friend. The teacher appeared and asked him to go to the blackboard. He replied, "I'm not one of your students." The teacher said, "Doesn't matter. Go to the board anyhow." The student told him he couldn't do that and when the teacher asked "why not?" the student told him he was mentally retarded. The teacher came over to the student and said, "Don't ever say that again. Someone's opinion of you does not have to become your reality."



It became a liberating moment for the student, a time of great learning. The teacher, Mr. Washington, became the student's mentor. Later that school year Mr. Washington addressed the graduating class and in his speech he said, "You have greatness within you You can touch millions of people's lives." After the speech the student went up to Mr. Washington and asked him if he had greatness within him. The teacher replied, "Yes, Mr. Brown, you do." The student thanked him and told him that one day he would make the teacher proud.

In his final year Brown was placed in Mr. Washington's speech and drama class. Although Brown was a special education student, the principal realized that this would be a good match up. Mr. Washington gave Brown a larger vision of himself. While other teachers passed Brown from class to class, Mr. Washington made more demands of him. He made him accountable. He enabled him to believe in himself. Years later the famous, Les Brown, produced five documentaries for television. Mr. Washington saw the programs and called Les Brown to tell him how proud he was of his achievement.

When others believe in us we gain confidence in ourselves and are able to do great things. Naturally, we still have to apply ourselves. Les Brown had to work hard to finish high school. But, he was now motivated to learn. Our children need to hear from us that we believe in them. Our students, who could be our friends, relatives, or co-workers will be motivated to aspire to greater things when we believe in them.

Keith Wagner, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Sidney, Ohio (edited)

Very Important Church Business

- 1) Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Sunday 19th February 2023**
following the service. Please support our wonderful Leadership Team by attending the AGM for the delivery of the annual report, presentation of the 2023 budget, election of Leadership Team members and general business.
- 2) Reports for the AGM:** Your editor has already started compiling the 2023 Annual Report Booklet but there are many reports still outstanding. If you haven't already submitted your report for the AGM, please submit it in writing as soon as possible to Peter Punch at E: prpunch@lasar.net.au. **Reports must be submitted by 19th January 2023.**
If you have some photographs of church activities during 2022 which may be suitable for inclusion in the report please email them to Peter in JPEG format.

3) Nominations for Election to the Leadership Team



Due to two members completing their terms and one member retiring to travel, there will be three vacancies on the Leadership Team. The Team have exciting plans for the future direction of our congregation and need new members to help bring the plans to fruition. Why don't you nominate as a candidate for election to the Leadership Team?

To nominate you **must** be an eligible member of the congregation and you **must** submit a written nomination which can either be emailed or handed in person to Raelyn Punch or Andrew Gibson. A nomination form will be attached to the email version of the Messenger and printed copies can be obtained from any member of the Leadership Team.

For more information or to nominate please contact:

Raelyn Punch E: prpunch@lasar.net.au M: 0429 685 908, or
Andrew Gibson E: gibbo.a@bigpond.net.au M: 0407 985 056

URGENT Please nominate **ASAP** for the Leadership Team elections.
The closing time for nominations is **5pm Saturday 4th February 2023**

Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

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OR Any member of the leadership team
(their names are overleaf)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Ron Lawson Friday 20 January
Andrew Telfer Saturday 21 January
Jonathon Smith Saturday 21 January
*God Bless and warm wishes
To you all upon your birthdays*

Heart Beat 45+ Training Session

Due to the great feedback we received from the training day we hosted last year, another **Heart Beat 45+ session** has been organised with The Royal Life Saving Society WA. It will be held at **1.30pm Saturday 11th March 2023** at our church. This session is offered to adults aged 45yo and over who would like to learn more about how to respond in an emergency, refresh resuscitation skills, and general first aid knowledge. This is a free event and friends and family are welcome.



More information can be found in the brochure which was emailed with the Messenger or by contacting Sherryl Smith E: sherrylsa60@gmail.com or M: 0409 305 910. **RSVP 1st March** to Sherryl.

Cake, Coffee & Fellowship

She Brews: The ladies from our church meet weekly with friends and neighbours (who need not be from our church) for morning tea, conversation, friendship and excellent tea or coffee.

Please note the NEW VENUE: Manhattan Café, 36 Wattle Glen Ave, Erskine in the Erskine Shopping Centre. For more information please contact Robyn Speyers E: robyn.piet@hotmail.com

Espresso Yourself: The Gentlemen meet fortnightly for coffee and fellowship at the **Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head.** The next coffee morning is at **9-30am 17th January 2023 (& every 2nd Tuesday).** For more information please contact Peter Punch M: 0427 685 908, E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



God's Kind of Revenge

A young soldier was utterly humiliated by his lieutenant. The officer had Gone beyond the bounds of acceptable behaviour in disciplining the young soldier and knew it, so he said nothing as the younger man said through clenched teeth, "I'll make you regret this if it is the last thing I ever do." A few days later their company was under heavy fire and the lieutenant was wounded and cut off from his troops. Through the haze of the battlefield he saw a figure coming to his rescue. It was the young soldier. At the risk of his own life, the young soldier dragged the officer to safety. The officer said, apologetically, "Son, I owe you my life." The young man laughed and said, "I told you that I would make you regret humiliating me if it was the last thing I ever did."



That is God's kind of revenge. "Behold the Lamb that takes away the sins of the world..." Something happened on Calvary that bridged the gap between a holy God and unholy humanity. We see Christ in his majesty but also in his mercy.

King Duncan, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com (Edited)

Welcome



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.

