



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Wise Men Seek Him Still!

Ancient Greek Translations

I want to share with you some answers given by school children in their exams:

Noah's wife was called Joan of the Ark.

A myth is a female moth.

The Fifth Commandment is "Humour your father and mother."

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day and a ball of fire by night.

The point is: right answers are important, but have you thought about this? So are right questions! So the right question I want to raise with you today is this: How do you spend your time?

The New Testament was written originally in common (ancient) Greek and the Greeks had two words for time - chronos and kairos. Chronos, which give us our word chronology, is tick-tock time. Each second is exactly like the one that preceded and the one that follows it. It is boring time, humdrum time, drudgery time, meaningless time, empty time. Let me paint the picture of chronos time. Imagine a convict in a prison cell; a lawyer with insomnia, who hears the unrelenting incessant ticking of a clock; or an office worker who hates his job and can't wait for 5:00 pm to come so he can get out of there; all experience chronos time. Chronos time is empty time; it is time we must "put in" or endure. It's what we are talking about when we talk about "killing" time. So, chronos equals tick-tock time, humdrum time, boring time, and routine time.

Thank God, there is another kind of time. Translated, kairos means the "right time" or "opportune moment" and some scholars include kairos as delivering a speech at the right time and place in the right way for a particular audience. In the New Testament kairos is used for "an appointed time" that God had chosen for something to occur, and it is understood in Christian practice as an opportunity to serve our Lord. Kairos is productive time, working to help others and living a fulfilling life rather "killing time"

So, based on the Greek version, you can spend your time sitting staring at your iPad or at the opportune time (right now?) by serving our lord. How do you plan to spend your time today?

Sermons.com (edited)



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



Epiphany 4 29 January 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Cynthia Falconer
Coffee/Tea: Cynthia & David Clive
Reader: Ken Lehmann
Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
Speaker: Frances Davy

Readings from the Lectionary

Is 9:1-4

Ps 27:1, 4-9

1 Cor 1:10-18

Mt 4:12-23

Micah 6:1-8

Ps 15

1 Cor 1:18-31

Mt 5:1-12

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Halls Head Bendigo Bank details for electronic transfers:

A/C Name: Uniting Church in Australia-South Mandurah Congregation

BSB: 633-000 A/C No: 117072207

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."

Very Important Church Business

1) Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Sunday 19th February 2023

The AGM will follow the service on 19th February. Please support our 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) Annual Report Booklet:

There are still reports outstanding for the booklet. Please send them to Peter **ASAP**. E: prpunch@lasar.net.au.

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:

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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**

Heart Beat 45+ Training Session

A **Heart Beat 45+ session** 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 responding in an emergency, refresh resuscitation skills, and general first aid knowledge. This is a free event and friends and family are welcome. A minimum of 15 people are required for the course to be run so please register to attend as soon as possible.



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.

Retiring Offering for the Kimberley Flood Appeal

For the next 3 Sundays there will be a retiring offering for the Lord Mayor's Kimberley Flood Appeal. There will be a bowl next to the door of the worship room where you can make a cash donation or you can make a donation via EFT to the church's bank account (details on reverse page) using the reference: **Kimberley Flood**.



The Leadership Team have agreed that SMUC will match the donations \$1 to \$1 up to a maximum cap of \$500. More information about the appeal can be found at: [Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund \(appealswa.org.au\)](http://Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (appealswa.org.au))

A Job versus a Ministry

Someone has said there is a huge difference between having a job at church and having a ministry at church.



- ◆ If you are doing it because no one else will, it's a job. If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a ministry.
- ◆ If you're doing it just well enough to get by, it's a job. If you're doing it to the best of your ability, it's a ministry.
- ◆ If you'll do it only so long as it doesn't interfere with other activities, it's a job. If you're committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a ministry.
- ◆ It's hard to get excited about a job. It's almost impossible not to get excited about a ministry.

An average church is filled with people doing jobs. A great church is filled with people involved in ministry.

Mickey Anders, *The Beginning of Ministry* (edited)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Piet Speyers Tuesday 24 January
*God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday*

30th

**Blessings & Congratulations
To Andrew & Linda Thompson**
Celebrating their
30th (Pearl) Wedding Anniversary
On Monday 23rd January

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)

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.

