



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

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



Epiphany 5 5 February 2023

Welcome: Judy Law & Jenni Anderson
Flowers: Judy Law
Coffee/Tea: Raelyn & Peter Punch & Jan Robinson
Reader: Sue Lawrence
Kids Church: Raelyn Punch
Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
Worship Leader: Jenny Anderson
Speaker: Rev. Andrew Williams

Readings from the Lectionary

Micah 6:1-8
Ps 15
1 Cor 1:18-31
Mt 5:1-12

Is 58:1-9a, (9b-12)
Ps 112:1-9, (10)
1 Cor 2:1-12, (13-16)
Mt 5:13-20

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

You Can't Make It "By The Book"!

A small parable: Once upon a time, there was a company who had two junior executives. One did everything by the book, was diligent and trustworthy, always made sure he was covered and, since he always went by the book, rarely made mistakes. The other also was a hard and diligent worker, but he often tested the rules, sometimes received some criticism, and sometimes made mistakes. One day an opening came up for a senior executive position, and the owner of the company promoted the one who made mistakes over the other. Of course Mr. "By the Book" was enraged and asked his boss why - after all, he had a better record, didn't he? He NEVER made mistakes. He ALWAYS followed the book. To which his boss replied, "Yes, but what will you do someday when something comes up that isn't covered by the book. You know the rules, but he knows what we are doing here, and why we are here. He UNDERSTANDS the company. And that's why he was promoted over you."



How do we obtain God's blessing? Well, let me ask you. Do you understand what were doing here?

Gary Roth, All of God's Blessings

Healthy Are the Poor in Spirit (Mt 5:1-12)

Some years ago a panel of specialist doctors was appointed by the Federal government to meet together and draw up eight laws of public health that could be printed in a brochure and distributed to the public. After twelve days off exhaustive meetings, the doctors were unable to come to a consensus. Their areas of medical expertise were too diverse and they all approached the problem from their own discipline. The chest expert was concerned about the effects of vaping, the psychiatrist about youth suicide, the emergency specialist about substance abuse and the orthopaedic surgeon about the lack of resources for joint replacements. Finally, the general physician came up with an idea which was acceptable to most. She said: *Let's just republish the eight beatitudes of Jesus and simply replace the word "Blessed" with the words "healthy."*



Staff, Sermons.com (edited)

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) URGENT: Nominations for Election to the Leadership Team

There will be 3 vacancies on 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 is 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

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.

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)



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



Congratulations

Congratulations to John Lawrence. John was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) is this year's Australia Day Honours for his service to the community through charitable organisations. John is a past chair of the SMUC Leadership Team and was our treasurer for many years. He has also worked with many community groups including but not limited to the Mandurah Muscateers, Adult and Teen Challenge, and The Compassionate Friends. Congratulations John from all the SMUC congregation.



Retiring Offering for the Kimberley Flood Appeal

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Retiring Offering last Sunday for the Lord Mayor's Kimberley Flood Appeal. We will continue to run a Retiring Offering for the flood appeal for the next 2 Sundays. 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 for \$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://LordMayor'sDistressReliefFund(appealswa.org.au))

A Prayer for Epiphany

Lord, as we observe the fourth week of Epiphany, we thank you for the revelation that Christ is the Son of God. Because of Your living, breathing Word, established in the Holy Scriptures, the message is out! Jesus Christ, the Light of the world was born to disperse the darkness that covers all people. Your glory was displayed in mortal form. With the birth, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our life on earth will never be the same!



Father, you used the star to led the Magi to the stable. May you use us as Your little lights today as we live in a world that is still covered by darkness. We live in a world that is searching for hope and many still need to make the pilgrimage to the manger, the cross, and to the empty tomb. May our lives reflect your light as we seek to serve where you have placed us to make a kingdom impact. We pray for our world to have a year of epiphanies and receive the gift of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. We ask this in Jesus's name. **Amen.**

<https://alightbreaksthrough.org/> (Edited)

Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

For Gentlemen: Espresso Yourself - 9-30am Tuesday 31st January Fortnightly at the Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head.

For Ladies: She Brews - 9-30am every Wednesday - New Venue Manhattan Café, 36 Wattle Glen Ave, in the Erskine Shopping Centre.

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