



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Epiphany 5 5 February 2023



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

Epiphany 6 12 February 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Flowers: Jan Gibson
 Coffee/Tea: Cath & Peter Salisbury & Sherryl Smith
 Reader: Sherryl Smith
 Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
 Church Rep: Piet Speyers
 Worship Leader: Rev. Mike Fawcett
 Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett (communion)

Readings from the Lectionary

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

Deut 30: 15-20 or Sirach 15:15-20
 Ps 119:1-8
 1 Cor 3:1-9
 Mt 5:21-37



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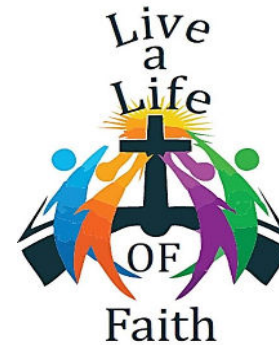
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Members of the Leadership Team: Raelyn Punch (Chair), Andrew Gibson (Secretary),
 Kerry Lawson, Sherryl Smith, Piet Speyers &
 Andrew Telfer

Halls Head Bendigo Bank details for electronic transfers:

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.



The Language of God Mt 5:13-20 (Humour)



There was a mother mouse who decided to teach her children about the world. So she gathered all of her little mice and set out for a walk. They walked down the hall and turned to the right. Then they went down the hall and took another right. And suddenly they found themselves in front of the family cat dozing in the sunlight. The mother mouse was scared. But she didn't want to give in to her fright. So she signalled to the children to be very quiet and to follow as she began to tip toe quietly and slowly past the sleeping cat. Just as she was about to get past the cat, the cat's eyes popped open and raised its paw.

The little mice were petrified. What would their mother do? Well, just as the cat's paw started to come down, that mother mouse looked the cat right in the eye and started barking like a dog. And do you know what? The cat was so startled and frightened that it jumped up and ran away! The mother mouse, wiped her brow, shook a little and then turned to her little mice and said, "Children, I hope you learned a valuable lesson. Sometimes it's good to know a second language!"



It's the same way with us. It's good to know a second language. Salt and light are the language of God; the language of Grace; the language of hope and love. And when this language is translated into action it becomes the most beautiful language ever spoken. We're called to be salt and light and to speak the language of God as we live our faith. We're called to live the Word.

Billy D. Sayhorn, *The Salt and Light Brigade*



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) Fellowship Luncheon

A fellowship luncheon will follow the AGM on Sunday 19th February. There will be pizzas for lunch (some will be gluten free) accompanied by salads and followed by desserts. If you would like to bring a salad or dessert please contact Kerry Lawson M: 0409 885 988 or E: rkl@bigpond.com



3) 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**

Retiring Offering for the Kimberley Flood Appeal

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the retiring offering on the last 2 Sundays for the Lord Mayor's Kimberley Flood Appeal. The final retiring offering for the flood appeal will be run this Sunday. 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://Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund (appealswa.org.au))



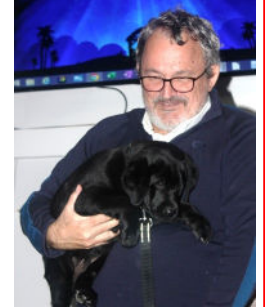
WELCOME

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.



Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Andrew Williams

This Sunday we are again privileged to have Rev. Dr. Andrew Williams, who is the General Secretary of the W.A. Synod, preach to us. Rev. Andrew was ordained in 1984 and has held many roles in the Uniting Church as a church minister, synod social justice office in Darwin, and world and cross-cultural mission secretary in Sydney. He has also worked in London at the council for World Mission, at the World Council of Churches in Geneva and has been the General Secretary of the Synod of NSW and ACT.



Rev. Andrew preached to us last September and joined us for our Advent service, accompanied by his new Labrador puppy. Please make sure you attend and bring your friends this Sunday to listen to his message.

Brick a Brack

Kerry Lawson and some helpers have done a huge job tidying up the store room. There are some items in the fellowship room which are free to a good home. Any items still there by 20th February will be donated to an appropriate place. For more information please speak to Kerry M: 0409 885 988 or E: rkl@bigpond.com



Prayer Circle

Upon request SMUC's Prayer Circle prays for others (e.g. for someone who is injured or unwell, and for their families). The Leadership Team are keen for the congregation to be more aware of the Prayer Circle, and members of our congregation are invited to participate. Frances Davy has kindly agreed to coordinate the Prayer Circle. If you wish to request prayers through the prayer circle please contact Frances M: 0488 906 280 or E: 2davyfamily@gmail.com



BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT

An advertisement for a part time pastor for South Mandurah Uniting Church was placed in this week's UC News and Notes. More information about this exciting development will be provided at the AGM.

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)



Food Drive

Please keep putting your non-perishable food donations in the box in the church foyer as there are many people who still need our help. For more information please contact Sherryl Smith M: 0409 305 910 or E: sherrylsa60@gmail.com

