



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Easter 6 14 May 2023



Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith
Flowers: Debby Hardy
Coffee/Tea: Brian & Debby Hardy
Reader: Cynthia Clive
Kids Church: Jan Fawcett
Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett
(Communion)

Easter 7 21 May 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Barbara Smith
Coffee/Tea: Judy Law &
Jenni Anderson
Reader: Pauline Terblanche
Kids Church: TBA
Church Rep: Jenni Anderson
Worship Leader: Frances Davy
Speaker: Piet Speyers



Readings from the Lectionary

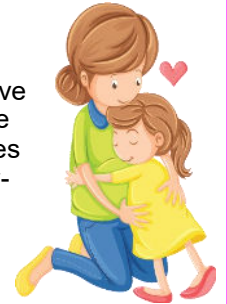
Acts 17:22-31
Ps 66:8-20
1Peter 23:13-22
Jn 14:15-21

Acts 1:6-14
Ps 68:1-10, 32-35
1Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
Jn 17:1-11



A Mother's Prayer

If I live in a house of spotless beauty with everything in its place, but have not love, I am a housekeeper - not a homemaker. If I have time for waxing, polishing, and decorative achievements, but have not love, my children learn cleanliness - not godliness. Love leaves the dust in search of a child's laugh. Love smiles at the tiny fingerprints on a newly cleaned window. Love wipes away the tears before it wipes up the spilled milk. Love picks up the child before it picks up the toys. Love is present through the trials. Love reprimands, reproves, and is responsive. Love crawls with the baby, walks with the toddler, runs with the child, then stands aside to let the youth walk into adulthood. Love is the key that opens salvation's message to a child's heart. Before I became a mother I took glory in my house of perfection. Now I glory in God's perfection of my child.



As a mother, there is much I must teach my child, but the greatest of all is love.

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

The Influence of Mothers

Many scholars have concluded that you cannot really understand John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, unless you understand his mother Susanna Wesley. She was so instrumental in his life that she inevitably affected the movement and its direction. Australians know that the mothers of all the prime ministers who have led our nation through various crises of varying magnitudes were a major influence on the people they became. Let us also not forget the influence of his mother on our newly crowned monarch, King Charles III.



I would submit to you this morning that it is highly unlikely there is a person sitting here who has not been in one, ten, a hundred or even a thousand different ways been forever influenced by their mother. I firmly believe that you cannot understand who a person is and what motivates them until you understand their past. And you cannot understand a person's past without understanding the source that co-created that person along with God - their parents. Let us give thanks for all mothers, and praise to God for their creation and their often unsung service to their families.

www.SermonIllustrations.com (Edited)

When Doubts set In (John 14:15-21)

Years ago I read something rather odd: "The reason mountain climbers are tied together is to keep the sane ones from going home." Whoever said that was playing with us a bit, for we know mountain climbers are tied together to keep from getting lost or going over a cliff. But there's another piece of truth here. When things get tough up on the mountain, when fear sets in, many a climber is tempted to say, "This is crazy! I'm going home."



The life of faith can be like that-doubts set in, despair overwhelms us, and the whole notion of believing in God seems crazy. Jesus knew his disciples would have days like that. So he told them we're tied together like branches on the vine-or like climbers tied to the rope-tied together by the Spirit, to trust in one who is always more than we can understand, to keep us moving ahead on the journey of faith, to encourage us when believing seems absurd. "I will not leave you orphaned," said Jesus. "I am coming to you."

Barbara K. Lundblad, I Will Not Leave You Orphaned

Playing God (Jn 14:15-21)

There is a story about a young mother who was trying to put her three-year-old son to bed for a nap. When she was unsuccessful, she put him in her bed and laid down with him to encourage him to rest. She fell asleep, but he didn't. When she woke up, she saw him sitting on a chair at the end of the bed, and asked, "Johnny, what are you doing?"



"I'm playing God," he replied.

"Playing God?" she asked.

"Yes," he said. "I'm watching over you while you sleep."

Children understand more than we do sometimes. God IS watching over us. Jesus gave that promise here in talking about the coming of the Holy Spirit. Not only will God watch over us but through the presence and reminder of the Holy Spirit, we will be reminded of what it means to "Love Jesus and keep his commands." And God will help us to create the environment of love, grace, faith and security that we need for our homes today. Our challenge is to listen to the Holy Spirit and to trust Christ.

Billy D. Strayhorn, If You Love Me.... (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.



Yoy's Notes

Our newly appointed pastor, Yoy Alberastine, will be at our church on Saturday 13th May from 9am to 2-30pm. He invites you to drop in to say "hello" and for a chat over a cup of coffee or tea; or for a deeper conversation and/or a shared prayer.

All are welcome and Yoy is looking forward to spending some one on one time with the members of our congregation. If you would like to have a private conversation with Yoy on Saturday, please ring him that morning to make a time on M: 0421 793 562



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." More information can be found at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global>

The Prayer Room will commence Tuesday evening 23 May and then 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.

For more information please contact any of the following ladies:

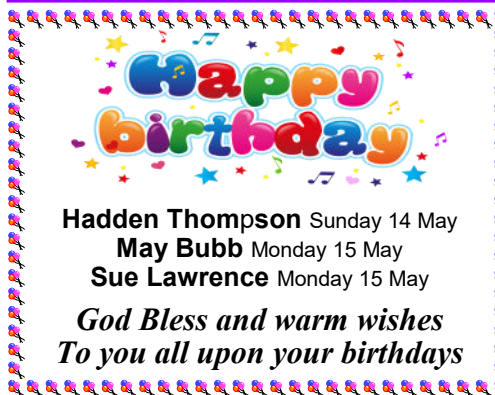
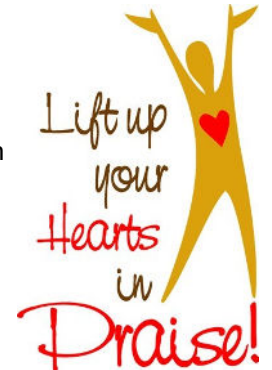
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A leaflet will be available at the church with further information.



Happy birthday

Hadden Thompson Sunday 14 May
May Bubb Monday 15 May
Sue Lawrence Monday 15 May

God Bless and warm wishes
To you all upon your birthdays



Blessings & Congratulations

To Ken & Julie Lehmann
Celebrating their 46th Anniversary
On Sunday 14th May

And To John & Alison Yule
Celebrating their 51st Anniversary
On Saturday 20th May