



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Pentecost 8 23 July 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Debby Harding
Coffee/Tea: Andrew & Jan Gibson & Alison Yule
Reader: Sherryl Smith
Kids Church: Jan Fawcett
Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
Worship Leader: Cynthia Clive
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett

Pentecost 9 30 July 2023

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
Flowers: Judy Law
Coffee/Tea: Pauline Terblanche & Raelyn Punch
Reader: Jenni Anderson
Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
Church Rep: Jenni Anderson
Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine



Readings from the Lectionary

Gen 28:10-19a
Ps 139:1-12, 23-24
Rom 8:12-25
Mt 13:24-30, 36-43

Gen 29:15-28
Ps 105:1-11, 45b, or Ps 128
Rom 8:26-39
Mt 13:31-33, 44-52



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It is optional whether you include your name as a reference for the payment.

Clean the Glass Flue Daily

When Percy grew up during the depression years in the eastern wheatbelt town of Kellerberrin they didn't have electric lights in their home. Instead they had two kerosene lamps with wicks that had to be trimmed and lit every evening prior to tea time so that they had light for dinner. Once they were lit, a glass flue had to be fitted over the flame which dispersed the light and lit up the room.



Percy's mother kept telling her children, "You must clean the glass flue before you put it over the lamp. If you don't, you won't get as much light." Young Percy didn't like cleaning the lamps flues because it took a long time and lots of elbow grease to scour off the sticky, grey soot. However, once the flue was clean, one of the lamps was sufficiently bright to light up the kitchen and the other lit the living room.

Back then, cleaning the lamp flues was Percy's job. He couldn't ask his younger brother or his sister to do his job for him because they might break the flue. Money was tight and the flues were expensive so he didn't want to risk his mother's wrath by breaking one. However, if he didn't clean the lamps that day, everybody could tell because the light would be dim.

Later in life Percy, who became a Methodist preacher, said he had discovered that what was true when he was a child cleaning lamps is also true about life as an adult. He told his congregation at a Sunday service that "Neither you nor I can ask anybody else to clean up our lives. My life belongs to me, and your life belongs to you. I have to clean my life daily or my light won't shine, and so do you." Now there is something to meditate on!

King Duncan, *Time to Pull the Weeds* (Edited)



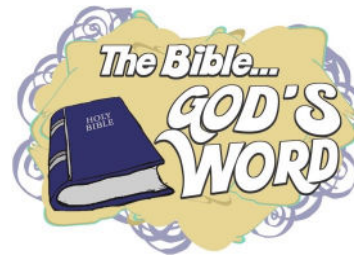
Our Vision: "United in Christ we reach out to build loving relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."

Sharing the Bible with Yoy!

As an extension of our preaching series Yoy would like to extend an invitation to anyone who is keen to read the bible with him; either individually or in a small group.

Possible days will be on the first and second Tuesdays of the month, or the first and second Saturdays of the month. Depending on the response to Yoy's invitation, these sessions may commence in August. Friends and visitors will be welcome at any time.

If you would like to share the Word of God with Yoy please contact him via email: yoyea1210@gmail.com or M: 0421 793 562 to let him know which days and times would best suit you, and how many people you will bring with you.



You Need 100 Points

There is a story about a minister who had a strange dream. He dreamed that he had died and when he approached the pearly gates St. Peter told him he needed 100 points to get in. Proudly the minister said, "Well, I was a pastor for 43 years." "Fine," said St. Peter, "That's worth one point." "One point? Is that all?" cried the minister. "Yes, that's it," said St. Peter.

"Well," said the pastor, "I visited lots of shut-ins." St. Peter responded, "That's worth one point." "I worked with young people," said the pastor. "That's worth one point," said St. Peter. "I developed a number of excellent Scout programs," said the minister. "That's worth one point," said St. Peter. "You have four points now. You need 96 more." "Oh no," said the minister in a panic. "I feel so helpless, so inadequate. Except for the grace of God, I don't have a chance." St. Peter smiled and said, "Grace of God that counts for 96 points. Come on in!"

There will be a final judgment. God's justice and our freedom of choice demand it. Every person will spend eternity in heaven or hell. Our passport to heaven is simple. It's just a matter of saying to God sincerely, "I am a sinner for whom Jesus died. I claim him by faith as Saviour and Lord." If you haven't taken that step in faith, do it today! Do it now!

Bill Bouknight, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com (Edited)



Food Drive For Those in Need

Thank you for your ongoing support for the needy through your donations of (non-perishable) foodstuffs. Please keep putting your donations in the box in the church foyer as there are many in our community who need our help. For more information please contact Sherryl Smith M: 0409 305 910 or E: sherrylsa60@gmail.com



Campfire 2023

Campfire is a long-weekend of Christian fellowship, worship, reflection and relaxation. The event is held annually at Lake Yealering in the eastern wheatbelt, approximately 3 hours from Mandurah. The program allows plenty of time for rest, renewal and time together.



Dates: Friday 22 September to Monday 25 September

Activities: Worship, speaker sessions, children's program, Wildflower walks, lake walks, relax and chat, campfires, oval for BYO sports, tennis courts, golf course, prayer, bike riding, time out.

Registration Cost: \$40 Adult (18+)
\$30 Concession (Student, senior, pensioner)
\$20 children 5-17 years
Under 5's free

Accommodation: Yealering Caravan Park:

Powered sites \$25/night,
Unpowered sites \$20/night

Hotels: Rooms may be available at the Yealering Hotel or in Wickepin or Corrigin. (book direct and soon, as the rooms book out very quickly)

Catering: This is a self catering event

Register: <https://forms.gle/TenBqhYktGdr98Md8>

For more information: contact Dave Gardner E: dave@peaksite.com
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A copy of the information and registration brochure will be circulated by email with the newsletter.

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



Sherryl Smith Friday 28 July
*God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday*



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.

