



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



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

Pentecost 10 6 August 2023

Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith
Flowers: Cynthia Falconer
Coffee/Tea: Debby & Brian Hardy
Reader: Barbara Smith
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
Church Rep: Raelyn Punch
Worship Leader: Frances Davy
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine



Readings from the Lectionary

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

Gen 32:22-31
Ps 17:1-7, 15
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:13-21

Sowing Tiny Seeds

An elderly lady named Nancy, who attends the Uniting Church in Narembeen, remembers as a child hearing the tip-tap of a cane on the footpath. She tells of an old man, whom the locals called "Old Jack", who was "bent from the years" and how his rough, knotted hand had purposefully clutched his walking stick. This old man had a habit, which she regarded as peculiar at the time, when he went for his daily constitutional around the town. If Old Jack met a child he would stop, reach into his pocket and give them a picture of Christ. He used to thrust the picture into the child's hand and continue on his way, never speaking a word.



Old Jack's actions were tolerated by Narembeen's citizens as he wasn't doing any harm, and it didn't seem like a big deal. However, this small act of kindness made a world of difference to Nancy. Over 40 years later she told us she still has the picture he gave her. The picture is of Jesus surrounded by a flock of sheep, with a river running through the middle of the picture. On the back of the card in a shaky hand Jack had written, "Psalm 23."

It wasn't until Nancy was an adult that she realized what this elderly man was doing. In his own way he was planting tiny seeds of faith in the children on his street. It worked for Nancy. "His faithful commitment," she says, "helped fashion a stone in the foundation of my own faith."

Whoever would have thought that giving a child a picture of Jesus would eventually lead that child to faith? Whoever would have thought that a tiny, little seed would produce such a big shrub? For that matter who would have thought that the Messiah would come from such a small, unlikely and insignificant town as Nazareth? It is often from small, seemingly inconsequential beginnings that great good emerges.

King Duncan, *The Greatest Discovery of All* (Edited)



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

Our New Website

Our Leadership Team (LT) is excited to announce that South Mandurah Uniting Church has a new website. The website has been designed by UCAWA staff with input from the LT and some members of our congregation. Please visit our web site and have a look at all the new features at: <https://southmandurah.ucwa.au/>



The Leadership Team would like to thank UCAWA for providing this resource, and particularly acknowledge the work done by their staff members Andrea Garvey and Wendy Hendry who have done a fantastic job setting up the website. The LT also thanks those who have volunteered to maintain the website for SMUC, being Raelyn and Peter Punch, Jenni Anderson and Piet Speyers. In time, more information and photographs will be uploaded to the website, but there are already some recent Messengers and the current version of the Enablers' List (you can find them under the drop down menu "get involved"). There is also direct access to the South Mandurah YouTube Channel so that you can watch the service if you missed it. Please speak to Peter or Jenni if you need some help finding things on the website (bearing in mind we are still learning too!).

On behalf of the congregation, our Leadership Team expresses our appreciation and gratitude to Piet and Robyn Speyers for all the work they have done establishing and maintaining our previous website.

Sermon Series - "Word, Worship and Witness"

For the month of August, the focus is on Mission, our Missional Call as a church (SMUC) and Denomination (UCA) Disciple.

1st Sunday : **Being Disciple** (Romans 10:14-17, Matthew 4:18-22)

2nd Sunday : **Living as A Disciple** (John 13:31-38)

3rd Sunday : **Mark of A Disciple** (John 13:34-35)

4th Sunday : **Making Disciple** (Matthew 28:19-20)



Ladies Luncheon

A ladies' luncheon will be held **Wednesday 23rd August** at **The Cut Tavern Bar & Bistro**, 8 Rod Court Wannanup, starting at midday. Attendees will be invited to donate \$5 each, with the money raised to go to the WA Cancer Council.



Please **RSVP as soon as possible** to Robyn at crspeyers@gmail.com Please let Robyn know as soon as you can if you are coming (last day to advise 16 August.)

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.



Pray With Yoy!

Yoy is at our church the first and second Saturday of every month from 9am to midday or by appointment in the afternoons. Please drop in to share a time of prayer with Yoy, or for a chat or a more in depth conversation over a cup of coffee. If you want to make an appointment for a confidential meeting with Yoy on Saturday afternoons between midday and 3pm, he can be contacted via email: yoyea1210@gmail.com or M: 0421 793 562.



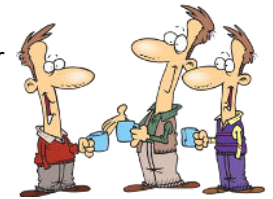
Coffee, Cake & Fellowship

You are invited to join the ladies or gentlemen respectively for coffee, delicious pastries and scintillating conversation:

For Ladies: She Brews - 9-30am every Wednesday
Seven Trees Café, 11 Galbraith Loop, Falcon

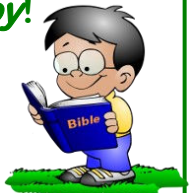
For Gentlemen: Espresso - 9-30am Tuesday 1st August
and every fortnight at the Taste of Italy Café, Peelwood Parade, Halls Head.

For more information please contact Peter M: 0427 685 908 or Raelyn Punch M: 0429 685 908, E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



Sharing the Word of Our Lord with Yoy!

As an extension of our preaching series Yoy is offering 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 are always welcome. 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.



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)



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Robyn Goulder Monday 31 July
*God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday*

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 Sherry Smith M: 0409 305 910 or E: sherryisa60@gmail.com

