

27 August 2023



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Pentecost 13 27 August 2023



Pentecost 14 3 September 2023

Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith
 Flowers: Peter Punch
 Coffee/Tea: Peter & Cath Salisbury
 Reader: Pauline Terblanche
 Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
 Church Rep: Raelyn Punch
 Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
 Speaker: Frances Davy

Welcome: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning
 Flowers: Debby Hardy
 Coffee/Tea: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning
 Reader: Sue Lawrence
 Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
 Church Rep: Sherryl Smith
 Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
 Speaker: Piet Speyers



One Generation Away From Extinction

It has been pointed out that the Church is always one generation from extinction. If we don't spread the Gospel, it will be just one generation away from disappearing from the face of the earth. It's a compelling idea, isn't it? It enhances our sense of Christian responsibility. We need to get out there and work for the Gospel or the Church could fade into history.



Perhaps you have heard the old story about Jesus appearing in heaven just after his resurrection. Jesus is giving a progress report on all that has happened while he was on earth. Moses is there and he asks him, "Well Jesus, did you leave things in capable hands?"

Jesus responds, "I did. I have left behind Mary and Martha and Peter and the other disciples."

Moses said, "What if they fail?"

Jesus said, "Well, I have established the Church and filled it with the Holy Spirit and they will carry on."

And Moses said, "What if they fail?"

Came the reply, "I have no other plan."

There's a great tension there. God is at work here in our church but we've been given the keys of the Kingdom. We have work to do and Christ calls us to it. The prophet Micah put it this way: "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with thy God."

Brett Blair, www.Sermons.com

Readings from the Lectionary

Ex 1:8-2:10
 Ps 124
 Rom 12:1-8
 Mt 16:13-20

Ex 3:1-15
 Ps 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
 Rom 12:9-21
 Mt 16:21-28



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

Without the struggle, There Are No Wings

Three young nature lovers found two butterfly cocoons which were about to hatch and brought them inside and put them on the windowsill to see what would happen. They watched as the first one began to open and the butterfly inside squeezed very slowly and painfully through a tiny hole that it chewed in one end of the cocoon. After lying exhausted for about ten minutes following its agonizing emergence, the butterfly finally flew out the open window on its beautiful new wings.



The family decided to help the second butterfly so that it would not have to go through such an excruciating ordeal. So, as it began to emerge, they carefully sliced open the cocoon with a razor blade, doing the equivalent of a Caesarean section. The second butterfly never did sprout wings, and in about ten minutes, instead of flying away, it quietly died.

The family asked a biologist friend to explain what had happened. The scientist said that the difficult struggle to emerge from the small hole actually pushes liquids from deep inside the butterfly's body cavity into tiny capillaries in the wings where they hardened to complete the healthy and beautiful adult butterfly. The lesson? WITHOUT THE STRUGGLE, THERE ARE NO WINGS.

Collected Sermons, David E. Leininger

Your Donations Make a Difference

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to support the disadvantaged. Please keep supporting these worthwhile projects:

Food Drive For Those in Need - Please put non-perishable food donations in the box in the foyer. For more information please contact Sherryl Smith M: 0409 305 910 or : sherrylsa60@gmail.com

Containers For Change - The money raised from your donations of recyclable cans and bottles is going to local charities. Please put them in the bin in the foyer. For more information please speak to Cliff or Averil Clark M: 0408 475 394 E: ca.clark2@bigpond.com

Bread Tags for Wheelchairs - Please keep saving the plastic tags from your bread bags (no cardboard tags please) and putting them in the jar in the church foyer. The funds from the bread tags are used to purchase wheelchairs. For more information speak to Raelyn Punch M: 0429 685 908 or E: punch@lasar.net.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.



Ladies' Luncheon

Fourteen ladies attended the ladies' luncheon at the Cut Tavern Bar & Bistro on Wednesday 23rd August. They enjoyed wonderful food, enjoyed the fellowship and farewelled Robyn Speyers. The ladies also raised \$60 to be donated to the WA Cancer Council. Thank you to Robyn for organising the event and to everyone who joined in and donated to a really worthwhile charity.



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 29th 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



A Sunday Morning Prayer

Lord, on this special day, I run into Your loving arms. May Sunday be a celebration, filled with thankfulness, where I connect with the presence of Heaven, seek Your beauty and goodness, and cherish special family time together. Come fill my heart afresh with Your love. May it overflow with Heaven's bounty, moving through this rest day and into the week ahead.

Lord on this special day,
I run into Your arms.
Spend cherished time with family,
And find shelter in Your palm.
May Sunday be a celebration,
Full up to the brim,
With Heaven's promise ringing loud,
And Your love flowing in. **Amen.**

https://www.prayerscapes.com/prayers/times/Sunday_morning_prayer.html

Let's Pray!

Pastoral Care

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



Your Messenger

If you have any articles, notices or prayer requests please email them by **5pm Tuesday** to prpunch@lasar.net.au

Also, if you would like to receive an email copy of the weekly Uniting Church News & Notes please contact me.

Peter

