



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Lent 3 3 March 2024

Welcome: Brian & Barbara Smith
 Flowers: Barbara Smith
 Coffee/Tea: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning & Cliff & Averil Clark
 Reader: Pauline Terblanche
 Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
 Church Rep: Yoy Alberastine
 Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine
 Speaker: Yoy Alberastine



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 (Communion)



Readings from the Lectionary

Ex 20:1-17
 Ps 19
 ! Cor 1:18-25
 Jn 2:13-22

Nm 21:4-9
 Ps 107:1-3, 17-22
 Eph 2:1-10
 Jn 3:14-21



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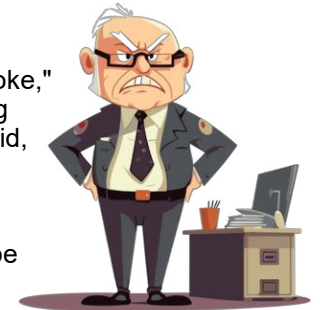
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Our Vision: "United in Christ we reach out to build loving relationships that deepen faith and enrich lives."

Leaders Have to Make tough Decisions (John 2:13-22)

Not long ago a friend told me one of his co-workers had been promoted above him. "You wouldn't believe this bloke," he said. "Power has gone to his head and he's becoming impossible." "In what way?" I asked. "Well," my friend said, "when I'm late--even if it's only 10 minutes--he says something about it. And he's always on my back about meeting targets and my key performance indicators. He used to be great to work with, but now no one wants to be around him."



Unfortunately my friend's attitude reflects the attitude of many people. They don't understand that sometimes leaders have to make tough decisions. Sometimes leaders have to say things they don't like having to say. A leader can't be "one of the guys". Where others might be willing to let things slide, a leader has to deal with the problem.

In fact, this is the most difficult aspect of being a leader: You no longer have the luxury of turning your head and looking the other direction when a problem comes up. Leaders have to take responsibility for making things right, even when the task is unpleasant. Sometimes this calls for taking stock of a situation and cleaning house. This applies to all leaders--pastors, parents, bosses, coaches, managers, or any other person in a leadership role.

There was a time in Jesus' ministry when he found himself in the midst of a bad situation in desperate need of an overhaul. He couldn't--and certainly wouldn't--look in the other direction. Instead, Jesus did something that no one would have expected him to do. The saying "Desperate times call for desperate measures" might apply to this story today.

Steve May, *Confrontational Leadership* (Edited)

Pastoral Visits & Open House

Pastor Yoy is at our church the first and second Saturday of every month from 9am to midday or by appointment in the afternoons. He would welcome the opportunity to share a time of prayer or a chat over a cup of coffee with you. Yoy can be contacted via email: yoyea1210@gmail.com or M: 0421 793 562.

Additionally, Rev. Mike and Ps Yoy are working on a plan to organise pastoral visits on a fortnightly basis. The visits will be on the afternoon of the men's coffee mornings.

If you would like to arrange for a pastoral visit please contact Ps Yoy (details above) or Rev. Mike M: 0412 243 677 E: fawcettmichael176@gmail.com



You Took My Place

There is a story about a man who visited a church. He parked his car and started toward the front entrance. Another car pulled up nearby, and the irritated driver said to him, "I always park there. You took my place!" The visitor went inside and found that Sunday School was about to begin. He found an adult class, went inside, and sat down. A class member approached him and said, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down in an empty pew. Within moments another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!" The visitor was troubled, but said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to be present with them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change. Scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and cried out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, "I took your place."



Some things that happen in church are silly. Some things are down right scandalous. Some things may even be sacrilegious. But the Church is still the body of Christ and it was for all of us that Christ died.

B. Richard Dennis, *Over My Dead Body!* (Edited)

A Prayer for Lent

Lord God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world, the endless cycle of nature, of life and death and rebirth. Forgive us for taking without giving, reaping without sowing. Open our eyes to see, our lips to praise, our hands to share. May our feet touch lightly on the path we tread, and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you. **Amen**



www.faithandworship.com (Edited)

Walk to Remember

Compassionate Friends is a charitable organisation supporting bereaved parents and families who have suffered the death of a child. Their annual "Walk to Remember" will be held on **Sunday 10th March 2024**. Please join them at 9-30 for a 10-00am start at Dalrymple Park located on the town side of Mandurah Estuary just east of the new traffic bridge. The entrance to the car park is off Leslie Street. Bottled water and a sausage sizzle will be provided.



Walk to Remember is Compassionate Friends' main fund raiser and a donation is requested to participate. A copy of the brochure and Pledge Form is attached to the email version of the newsletter.

To register or for more information please check their website:

<https://tcfa.org.au/wa-mandurah/> (Please note the website listed on the brochure appears to be inoperative);

or contact Compassionate friends P: 9535 7761 E: fcmmandurah@bigpond.com

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
Café Coast, 45 Rees Pl, Port Bouvard Marina, Wannanup

For Gentlemen: Espresso - 9-30am Tuesday 5th March 2024

As the gentlemen's favourite cafe has reopened, they will meet 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



Happy Birthday

Kerry Lawson Friday 8 March
God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday

Pastoral Care

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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.

