



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Trinity Sunday 26 May 2024



Welcome: Peter & Raelyn Punch
 Flowers: Barbara Smith
 Coffee/Tea: Ken & Julie Lehmann
 Reader: Ken Lehmann
 Kids Church: Kerry Lawson
 Church Rep: Rev. Mike Fawcett
 Worship Leader: Rev. Mike Fawcett
 Speaker: Rudolf van Noppen

Pentecost 2 2 June 2024

Welcome: Judy Law & Rosie Sharp
 Flowers: Peter Punch
 Coffee/Tea: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning & Pauline Terblanche
 Reader: Pauline Terblanche
 Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
 Church Rep: Yoy Alberastine
 Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine
 Speaker: Yoy Alberastine



Readings from the Lectionary

Is 6:1-8
 Ps 29
 Rom 8:12-17
 Jn 3:1-17

1 Sm 3L1-10, (11-20)
 Ps 139: 1-6, 13-18
 2 Cor 4:5-12
 Mk 2:23-3:6

Where The Spirit Moves

I once read something called "Deal's First Law of Sailing." It goes something like this: "The amount of wind will vary inversely with the number and experience of the people You have on board the sailboat." And the second law is like unto it: "No matter how strong the breeze when you leave the dock, once you have reached the farthest point from the port from which you started, the wind will die."



Those who have the hobby of sailing can attest to the validity of these "laws." In fact, the art of sailing is a good analogy for the receiving of God's grace. While sitting in a sailboat, have you ever tried to make the wind blow? It cannot be done. Neither can you, by your own efforts, cause God's grace to come upon you. While sailing, you are entirely at the mercy of the wind (along with your skill at capturing it). You may capture the wind in your sails for a time, but it can disappear suddenly, leaving you stranded in the middle of the lake, and, if you do not have a motor, too embarrassed to ask for a tow. Sailing is a humbling experience. You may use the wind to take you where you want to go for a time, but it can shift directions without warning. Sailing makes you aware of your dependency.

That's Jesus' message in John, Chapter Three. You cannot capture the grace of God, you can only receive it. God's Spirit moves where He wills, and the birth from above is just that: from above. It is the work of God's Spirit within us, not something we do for ourselves.

Donald B. Strobe, www.eSermons.com



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

When The Person Is Right

One rainy Sunday afternoon, a little boy was bored and his father was sleepy. The father decided to create an activity to keep the kid busy. So, he found in the morning newspaper a large map of the world. He took scissors and cut it into a good many irregular shapes like a jigsaw puzzle. Then he said to his son, "See if you can put this puzzle together. And don't disturb me until you're finished." He turned over on the couch, thinking this would occupy the boy for at least an hour. To his amazement, the boy was tapping his shoulder ten minutes later telling him that the job was done. The father saw that every piece of the map had been fitted together perfectly. "How did you do that?" he asked. "It was easy, Dad. There was a picture of a man on the other side. When I got him together right, the world was right."

A person's world can never be right until the person is right, and that requires the miracle of new birth. Don't stop asking God for the experience of new birth until you can shout from the housetops, "Through Jesus Christ, God has fundamentally changed my life!"

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



"Empowered by the Spirit"

When did you last have a look at the Uniting Church of Australia's website? If it has been some time (or never), then it may be time to check it again, especially the pages which are found at:

[https://uniting.church/empoweredby the spirit/](https://uniting.church/empoweredbythe Spirit/)

There you will find a list which offers insight in the Uniting Church's understandings of Christian belief, identity and practice. Of particular relevance to this Sunday is the section titled "God". It says:

"The Uniting Church believes in God as the Trinity—God the Father, Jesus Christ, God's only Son, and the Holy Spirit. We believe that God is at work, reconciling the whole of creation in Christ, and that we are called to co-workers of that vision. How we live this belief is based partly on our understanding of ancient creeds, partly as a Christian response to seek justice and peace in our world, and partly as our expression of God's love for the world in service and care for all people and all creation."

While you're browsing the web, why not check out South Mandurah's website at <https://southmandurah.ucwa.au>. Under the "get involved" tab you will find our newsletters and the Enablers' List. Please contact Peter Punch if you would like to help maintaining and improving our website.



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



Guest Speaker at the Craft Group

The Tuesday Craft Group have organised a guest speaker on Tuesday 28 May 9.00am -11.30am. The speaker is Lyn Leeder and she will be speaking in the Fellowship Room about a Bali Maternity Hospital (Bumi Sehat).

Everyone is invited and you are welcome to bring guests. Morning tea will be provided and there will be hand crafts available for purchase with the money going to the hospital.

For more information please contact Julie Lehmann M: 0431834422.



Fund Raising for a Defibrillator

The Leadership Team invite you to make a donation towards the purchase of a defibrillator which will be positioned on the outside wall of the church and can be used in an emergency by anyone in the immediate area. To make a donation please transfer the money electronically to the church's bank account (the account details are on the back page of the newsletter) and identify the donation as DEFIB and your name.

For more information, please speak to any member of the Leadership Team. Details of the G5 Defibrillator will be on the notice board in the church foyer for everyone to read.



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 Fortnightly on Tuesdays - 28th May 2024

PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE OF VENUE to the **NEW** Taste of Italy Café at the Halls Head Shopping Centre

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



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Your Messenger

If you are not receiving this Newsletter by email and wish to do so, please contact Peter at: prpunch@lasar.net.au

Any articles, notices or prayer requests for the Messenger should be emailed to Peter no later than **5pm Wednesdays**

Thank you

