



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Pentecost 4

16 June 2024



Welcome: John & Sue Lawrence
 Flowers: Sue Lawrence
 Coffee/Tea: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Reader: Frances Davy
 Kids Church: Julie Lehmann
 Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
 Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
 Speaker: Frances Davy

Pentecost 5

23 June 2024

Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Flowers: Cynthia Falconer
 Coffee/Tea: John & Sue Lawrence
 Reader: Sue Lawrence
 Kids Church: Kerry Lawson
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 Worship Leader: Ken Lehmann
 Speaker: Doug Burtenshaw



Readings from the Lectionary

1 Sm 15:34-16:13
 Ps 20
 2 Cor 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17
 Mk 4:26-34

1 Sm 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49
 Or 1 Sm 17:57-18:5, 10-16
 Ps 9:9-20 Or Ps 133
 2 Cor 6:1-13
 Mk 4:35-41



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



A Riddle

About ten years ago, the school chaplain on our staff told me a riddle, and then he left town on a week-long camping trip with the upper-school children without telling me the answer. He told me the riddle, and then he said "Oh yeah, only 17% of University graduates figured out this riddle, but 80% of kindergarteners knew the answer." And then he left! I could have strangled him! But here's the riddle:



"What is stronger than God,
 more evil than the devil,
 poor people have it,
 rich people don't need it,
 and if you eat it, you'll die?"
 (Repeat)

The answer is: "Nothing." I knew I should have gone to University!

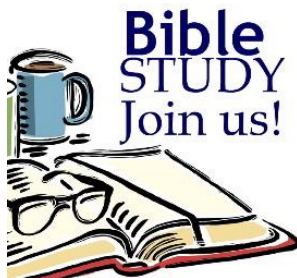
Literally, the word parable means "a riddle." They are stories that leave the listener with the responsibility of figuring out just what they mean. Jesus told more than 40 parables during his ministry, and he only explained one of them to his disciples, so that left the disciples with a lot of figuring out to do. And then Jesus took the answers with him when he ascended into heaven. So here we are, some 2000 years later, still pondering what Jesus must have meant when he told the story of The Wedding Feast, or The Dishonest Steward, or The Good Samaritan.

Steven Molin, Yup, Them Are Mustard Seeds (Edited)

A New Small Group

A new Fellowship/Bible study group is starting soon, possibly on a Friday afternoon or early evening on a weekday. If you are not already a member of a Small Group, you are welcome to join this one. This is a great opportunity to learn more about yourself and your faith, for fellowship and to forge closer bonds with members of our church.

If you are interested in joining please contact:
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Humour: Size Is Less Important Than Spirit

Many years ago a short bloke, not much over 1.2m tall, applied for a job as a lumberjack at the timber mill in Manjimup. The foreman, thinking to discourage him, gave him a large axe and told him to walk over to the tallest Karri tree which was close to town (it was over 60m tall, and more than 6m circumference), and chop it down. Within minutes the tree had been felled. The amazed foreman asked him where he'd learned to chop trees so quickly. The little man replied, "When I worked in the Sahara forest." "You mean, the Sahara desert." "That was after I got there," said the short lumberjack.



The point of the story is that size is less important than spirit, or intelligence, or courage -- a point made when King David was selected at a young age: "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature ... for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

A faith that grows has heart, a heart that belongs to God. Faith grows from the inside out.

Merritt W. Ednie, God's Program In Process (Edited)

Sunday Prayer Group



Members of the congregation and visitors are reminded that there is an informal prayer group meeting held at the church on Sunday mornings from 9-00am to 9-15am. All are 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



A Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Lord, as we worship today, give us a vision.
Move us by your Holy Spirit.
Bring good news to us all.
Bring freedom and peace to broken people,
And let us get a taste of Heaven here on Earth.
Open our eyes to see you as you are.
And open our hearts to praise you.



Give us a vision that will take us out of our comfort zones
And lead us into new ways of serving you.

Help us to be agents of your love to all people
In a world where there is much division and hate.

Helps us to be beacons of hope
In a world that is sinking deeper into despair.

Help us to be agents of your peace
In a world where some countries are torn apart by conflict and wars.

In our worship today our God,
Give us a vision through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

https://reachbeyond.org.uk/downloads/Reach_Beyond_Pencost_Prayers.pdf# (Edited)

The Enablers List

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our request for volunteers to join the Enablers for the **1st July to 30th September 2024 quarter**. If you haven't been on the Enablers' List previously, or have taken a break from the List, please join in.

Please email Peter at prpunch@lasar.net.au **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** and not later than **5pm Sunday 16th June** advising your availability and the Enablers' roles you are happy to accept for the coming quarter (greeting, flowers, morning tea, reader and/or kids church). For



Pastoral Care

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Your Messenger

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

Thank you

