



# The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



## Pentecost 3 9 June 2024

Welcome: Lynsay & Jenny Dunning  
Flowers: Debby Hardy  
Coffee/Tea: Peter & Cath Salisbury  
Reader: Andrew Gibson  
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine  
Church Rep: Rev. Mike Fawcett  
Worship Leader: Yoy Alberastine  
Speaker: Rev. Mike Fawcett (Communion)

## 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



### Readings from the Lectionary

1 Sm 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)  
Ps 138  
2 Cor 4:13-5:1  
Mk 3:20-35

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



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



## A Change in Control

Last night a friend of mine was talking about his father: he spoke of how, for many years, his father binged out, how his father was a drunkard - a man who when sober was kind and gentle - and when drunk - well he was something else again. He had no control over himself. And this kind and gentle man brought pain and suffering upon others, or at least the force within him did so - the family had to move - to change homes and communities - almost every year - landlords were cheated, employers disappointed, children neglected, friends abandoned - or embarrassed or betrayed.

And this continued on until one day, after taking his children to Sunday School for a period of time, after witnessing the faith of others and what it did for them, he accepted Jesus into his life. He asked God to take control, to guide his actions and save him from his sins and from the power of sin. And then things changed; debts still had to be paid, amends still had to be made, mistakes still occurred. But the inner man - the man that God made - was set free to grow and mature. No more booze, a lot more prayer. And the love and kindness of the man that could be glimpsed before - in the moments of sobriety - became apparent to all - for days, weeks, and finally years on end. The children who were still living at home stopped fearing what would happen next - they began to look forward to being with their father - they began to develop their own faith in God - a faith that still guides them to this day.

This man, this father, this husband, experienced a change in control - he went from being in the control of the devil to being in the control of God, and the result was the renewal of his inner nature, and in the end, when his earthly tent was destroyed, the result was a building from God - a house not made with hands - eternal in the heavens..

Richard J. Fairchild, Even Though....



## Family Values

A newspaper article on family values said that while everyone wants strong family values few can agree on what they are. Soon after this article came out, a commentator on ABC radio was being cynical about family values. He said that there are plenty of perfect families around like yours and mine. But, historically there are so many others that fall short, families like the Medicis in Italy or the Macbeths of Scotland. His point was that there is no perfect family and that family values have become so generalized they are meaningless. He said what is valuable in families is that they are normal people struggling to do good and be good, strengthening themselves by listening to each other, paying attention to other families, and encouraging each other to be fair, honest, and kind. Sounds like a decent list of family values to me, and even a single parent can do those things.



Some of us, when we think of family, think of more mundane things, like clumps of cat hair on clothes or left over pizza spread over the back seat of the car by the children. Whatever your view of the family and its values might be, Jesus wrecks it all. Jesus' words are like answering the doorbell and getting a bucket of ice water in the face.

Kristin Borsgard Wee, Sermons for Sundays after Pentecost (First Third):  
Do You Love Me?, CSS Publishing Company, Inc. (Edited).

## A Prayer About the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, You are God. I praise you because you are holy, And I thank you for dwelling in my heart. Thank you for working in my life. You guided me into salvation, renewed my dead spirit, and you opened my eyes to the Truth. Thank you.

Help me to see you more clearly – to recognize your movement in my life. Make me more sensitive to you so I can follow you more closely. Still, I know that I am selfish and rebellious. I need you to help me be obedient when I Recognize your leading. I ask you for your help and comfort today. You know my pain and anxieties very well. Thank you for looking after me and help me to rest in your comfort today.

Help me to walk in you, the Spirit of God. Grow good fruit in my life. You are the one who produces these in me: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. I need your guidance throughout my life in all these things. **Amen**

Emily Hall (Edited)



*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*



## 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](mailto:prpunch@lasar.net.au) **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** and not later than **5pm Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 more information please speak to Peter or any member of our Leadership Team.

### Church Volunteers



## Prayer Walking

Arising from our Prayer Room participation in "Thy Kingdom Come" came the idea of 'Prayer Walking' in our local areas to reclaim them for God. As we walk, we pray that the presence of God is known in that place. We would especially like to pray for the schools and shopping centres.



We need volunteers to help by offering to be part of this work for God. In order to coordinate our Prayer Walking in different areas, or for more information, please contact: Frances Davy M: 0488 906 280 E: [2davyfamily@gmail.com](mailto:2davyfamily@gmail.com) or Sherryl Smith M: 0409 305 910 E: [sherrylsa60@gmail.com](mailto:sherrylsa60@gmail.com)



*Guess Who's Reached the Magic Age of 60??  
Happy Birthday Raelyn*

**9th June 2024**

**Wishing you every blessing & a wonderful day for  
your birthday**

## Pastoral Care

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*Thank you*

