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Morning Tea: Sherryl Smith
& Rosie Sharp
Reader: Piet Speyers
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
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The Messenger



South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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**Welcome to our Service of Worship
held every Sunday from 9.30 am**

Readings from the Lectionary...



2 Sm 11: 26 - 12: 13a
Ps 51: 1 - 12
Eph 4: 1 - 116
Jn 6: 24 - 35

2 Sm 18: 5 - 9
Ps 130
Eph 4: 25 - 5:2
Jn 6: 35 - 51

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

What 57 cents can buy



A sobbing little girl stood near a small church from which she had been turned away because it was "too crowded." "I can't go to Sunday School," she sobbed to the pastor as he walked by. Seeing her shabby, unkempt appearance, the pastor guessed the reason and, taking her by the hand, took her inside and found a place for her in the Sunday school class. The child was so happy that they found room for her, and she went to bed that night thinking of the children who have no place to worship Jesus. Some two years later, this child lay dead in one of the poor tenement buildings. Her parents called for the kind hearted pastor who had befriended their daughter to handle the final arrangements.

As her poor little body was being moved, a worn and crumpled red purse was found which looked as if it had been rummaged from some trash dump. Inside was found 57 cents and a note, scribbled in childish hand writing, which read: "This is to help build the little church bigger so more children can go to Sunday School." For two years the little girl had saved for this offering of love. When the pastor tearfully read that note, he knew instantly what he would do. He told the story of her unselfish love and devotion to his congregation and challenged his deacons to get busy and raise enough money for the larger building. But the story does not end there...

Soon afterwards, a newspaper learned of the story and published it. It was read by a wealthy realtor who offered the church a parcel of land worth many thousands of dollars. When told that the church could not pay much, he offered to sell it to the little church for 57 cents. Soon church members were making large donations and checks came from far and wide. Within five years the little girl's gift had increased to \$250 000, which was no small sum at the turn of the century. Her unselfish love had paid huge dividends.

When you are in the city of Philadelphia, look up Temple Baptist Church. It currently has a seating capacity of 3,300. One of the rooms of the Sunday school building features the picture of the sweet face of the little girl whose 57 cents, so sacrificially saved, made such remarkable history. Alongside of it is a portrait of her kind pastor, Dr. Russel H. Conwell, author of the book, "Acres of Diamonds". This story is true, and it goes to show exactly what God can do with just 57 cents.

from truthbook.com/stories (edited)

Mark 4:38

Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion.



There are some places—like on airplanes—where I find it impossible to sleep. In our story today, though, we read Jesus fell into a deep sleep on a small boat that was out on a lake—in the middle of a storm!

Though a cushion may have aided his sleep, this brief scene about Jesus' nap on a boat reveals two important truths about him. Like us, Jesus needed sleep. Too often when we read the stories of Jesus, we focus only on his divinity—that he is God. But this story also reminds us of

Jesus' humanity—that he is human, just like us. To be our Savior, Jesus became like us in every way, except that he was without sin (Hebrews 2:17; 4:15). He became fully human so that he could pay the price of sin for us. But he also had to be fully God so that he could save us from our estrangement with God.

In the boat, Jesus' disciples shook him awake, fearing that they would drown in the storm. Sitting up and perhaps rubbing his eyes, Jesus calmly rebuked the wind and the waves. "Then the wind died down and it was completely calm." Only God can do that.

Fully human and fully divine, only Jesus can rescue us. As he called his disciples to believe in him, so he calls us to trust him for forgiveness and for safe passage through the storms of life.

Jesus, Lord and Savior, thank you for your love and forgiveness. Please help us to trust you in the storms of life. Amen.

Written by: Kurt Selles

Prayer Walk



A Reminder that there will be a prayer walk after church and morning tea on Sunday (weather permitting). Please join Frances and Sherryl in this new and exciting venture.

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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. The next one will be **Tuesday 20th August** at the **New Taste of Italy** in the **Halls Head Shopping Centre**

I Am the Bread of Life



We believe when Jesus says that, He is the Bread of Life it means that He is the Source of life. John chapter 1: 1-3, In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the

beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made. Everything that exists today can be traced back to either the earth or to mankind, both of which God created.

To listen to a wonderful rendition of the song, "I am the bread of life" here is the url of Marilla Ness singing this hymn. https://youtu.be/S-HU0wFR_xw

Your Messenger

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Any articles, notices and any prayer requests, or changes to the Enablers list to emailed

To Peter no later that

5pm Wednesdays



Brian Smith

Wednesday 7 August
God bless and enjoy



Welcome Visitors!

A very warm welcome is extended to any visitors who are with us today. We trust that you will be blessed during this time of worship and invite you to stay and fellowship with us after the service.

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.

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Ps Yoy and Rev Mike are also conducting pastoral visits every second Thursday. If you would like a visit please contact Ps Yoy (details above) or Rev. Mike M: 0412 243 677 E: fawcettmichael176@gmail.com

