

Pentecost 15
1 September 2024



Pentecost 16
8 September 2024

Welcome: Barbara & Brian Smith
Flowers: Barbara Smith
Morning Tea: Keith and Jaren Picking
Reader: Andrew Gibson
Kids Church: Anita Alberastine
Church Rep: Yoy Alberastine
Worship Leader: Andrew Telfer
Speaker: Yoy Alberastine

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Morning Tea: Peter and Cath Salisbury
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Speaker: Rev Mike Fawcett

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The Messenger



South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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



Pentecost 15

Readings from the Lectionary...



Song 2: 8-13,
Ps 45: 1-2, 6-9
Jas 1: 17 - 27
Mk 7: 1 - 8, 14 - 15, 21- 23

Prv 22: 1 - 2, 8 - 9, 22 - 32
Ps 125
Jas 2: 1 - 10, 14 - 17
Mk 7: 24- 37

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

The Miracle of a Brother's Song.

When Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They find out that the new baby is going a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sings to his sister in Mommy's tummy.



Then the labour pains come. Every five minutes ... every minute. But complications arise during delivery. Hours of labour. Would a C-section be required? Finally, Michael's little sister is born. But she is in serious condition. With siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushes the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit of the local hospital.

The days inch by. The little girl gets worse. The paediatric specialist tells the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst." They have fixed up a special room in their home for the new baby — now they plan a funeral.

Michael keeps begging his parents to let him see his sister. "I want to sing to her," he says. Week two in intensive care. It looks as if a funeral will come before the week is over. Michael keeps nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in intensive care. But Karen makes up her mind. She will take Michael whether they like it or not. If he doesn't see his sister now, he may never see her alive.

She dresses him in an oversized scrub suit and marches him into ICU. He looks like a walking laundry basket, but the head nurse recognizes him as a child and bellows, "Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed!"

Karen, the usually mild-mannered mother glares steely-eyed into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line.

"He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!"

Karen tows Michael to his sister's bedside.

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He gazes at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. And he begins to sing. In the pure-hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sings: "You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray."

Instantly the baby girl responds. The pulse rate becomes calm and steady. And Michael keeps on singing. "You never know, dear, how much I love you. Please don't take my sunshine away..."

The ragged, strained breathing becomes as smooth as a kitten's purr. And Michael keeps on singing. "The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms..."

Michael's little sister relaxes in rest, healing rest. Tears conquer the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glows.

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away." Funeral plans are scrapped. The next day — the very next day — the little girl is well enough to go home! Woman's Day magazine called it "the miracle of a brother's song." The medical staff just called it a miracle.

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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 3rd September** at the **New Taste of Italy** in the **Halls Head Shopping Centre**

Your Messenger

If you are not receiving this Newsletter by Email and wish to do so, please contact.

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Any articles, notices and any prayer requests, or changes to the Enablers list to emailed To Peter no later than 5pm Wednesdays



Julie Lehmann
Wednesday 4 September
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.



Reminder
You are invited to help celebrate the
Mandurah Uniting Church
on 50 years of Serving the Community
On Friday 20th September at 2 pm at the church

or

To attend CampFire 2024
from Friday 20th Sept at Lake Yealering.

There are flyers for both in the foyer



Here is a job description for prospective fathers



Long term, team players needed, for challenging, permanent work in an often chaotic environment. Candidates must possess excellent communication and organizational skills and be willing to work variable hours, which will include evenings and weekends and Frequent 24 hour shifts on call..

Some overnight travel required, including trips to primitive camping sites on rainy weekends and to endless sporting tournaments.

Extensive courier duties also required and travel expenses not reimbursed.

RESPONSIBILITIES : The rest of your life. Must be willing to be hated, at least temporarily, until someone needs money. Must be willing to bite tongue repeatedly. Also, must possess the physical stamina of a pack mule. Must be willing to face stimulating technical challenges, such as small gadget repair. Must always hope for the best but be prepared for the worst. Must assume final, complete accountability for the quality of the end product.

POSSIBILITY FOR ADVANCEMENT & PROMOTION : None. Your job is to remain in the same position for years, without complaining, constantly retraining and updating your skills, so that those in your charge can ultimately surpass you.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE: None required unfortunately. On-the-job training offered on a continually exhausting basis.

WAGES AND COMPENSATION: Get this! You pay them! Offering frequent raises and bonuses.

BENEFITS : While no health or dental insurance, no pension, no tuition reimbursement, no paid holidays and no stock options are offered; this job supplies limitless opportunities for personal growth, unconditional love, and free hugs and kisses for life if you play your cards right.

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