



The Messenger

South Mandurah Uniting Church's Weekly Newsletter

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

Pentecost 19

29 September 2024



Welcome: Keith & Jaren Picking
 Flowers: Judy Law
 Coffee/Tea: John & Sue Lawrence
 Reader: Keith Picking
 Kids Church: TBA
 Music: Jim McWhinnie
 Church Rep: Andrew Telfer
 Worship Leader: John Lawrence
 Speaker: Yoy Alberastine

Pentecost 20

6 October 2024

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Readings from the Lectionary

Prv 31:10-31
 Ps 1
 Jas 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
 Mk 9:30-37

Est 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22
 Ps 124
 Jas 5:13-20
 Mk 9:38-50



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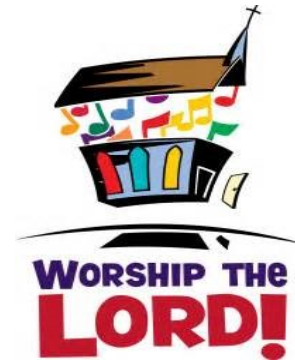
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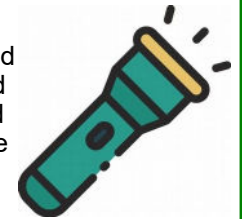
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Designed To Be Lived Up

Ted Engstrom of World Vision fame tells how one day he was cleaning out an old desk drawer. He found a torch he hadn't used in a year. He turned it on but there was no light. He shook it, and then he unscrewed one end to release what were probably dead batteries. The batteries wouldn't come out, but finally, after some effort, he shook them loose. What a mess he found! Corroded batteries with liquid acid seeping all over the mechanism - all because he hadn't used the torch regularly!

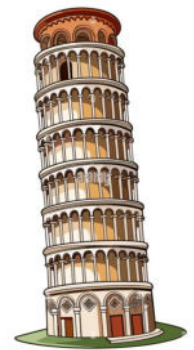


Batteries are designed to be turned on, to be used, not neglected or ignored. What you and I refuse to use we will surely lose. We're meant to be turned on, too. Our gifts are to be used! Our lives are not meant to be "waited out" but to be lived up! Are you and I living up to the gifts and talents God has given us? What kind of commitment do we have to ourselves and to the graces within us?

Richard W. Patt, Partners in the Impossible, CSS Publishing Co., Inc (Edited).

Are We Askew, Too?

A pastor told his congregation about listening to his father tell a story about a neighbour whose hayshed had burned down. The entire community had gathered to help rebuild it. His father and some other men were asked to cut the rafters. After they cut the first rafter they traced around it with a pencil and cut the next one. They based the third rafter on the second the fourth on the third and so on. What they didn't take into account was the space between the end of the rafter and the pencil mark. Each rafter was slightly wider than the one before. After a while, this can add up to quite a difference. By lunch time they looked at the shed and discovered it was looking a little like the leaning Tower of Pisa because they had progressively deviated from the original standard. Do you sense that we may be a little askew today, too?



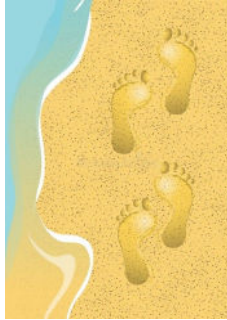
King Duncan, Collected Sermons, www.Sermons.com (Edited)



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

Footprints In The Sand

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord. When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it:



"Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me". The Lord replied: "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

The authorship of this lovely story has been disputed (in court), with at least 3 and possibly up to 12 people claiming they wrote it.

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 - 1st October at the Taste of Italy Café in the Halls Head Shopping Centre

More information? Contact Peter M: 0427 685 908 E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



SMUC Phone Number: 0428 439 756

South Mandurah Uniting Church now has a dedicated phone number. For all routine matters please call M:0428 439 756.

For urgent matters or pastoral care please call Rev. Mike Fawcett direct (M: 0412 243 677).



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



Congregational General Meeting This Sunday

Everyone is invited to attend a Congregational Meeting which will be held after the service, this Sunday,

September 29th.

The Leadership Team will provide an update to the congregation and address any matters the congregation wishes to raise. If you have something to be put on the agenda please contact Mike Fawcett.



The Sunday School Roster

Unfortunately there are not enough volunteers to fill the Sunday School roster as a number of people are either away or not available for some other reason. Please contact Peter Punch urgently if you are willing to join the Sunday School roster
E: prpunch@lasar.net.au



If you would like more information about our Sunday School please speak to Anita Alberastine or any of the Leadership Team.

Busy Bee 12th October

Helpers are needed for a Busy Bee on Saturday 12th October from 9-30am to trim the shrubs, prune the trees and do a general tidy up of the church grounds. There is also a request for one or more volunteers to make morning tea for the gardeners.

If you can help please contact Keith Johnston M: 0419 641 055 or E: kjohnston140@gmail.com On the day please bring gardening gloves and, if you have them, secateurs, tree loppers and/or pruning saws.



Pastoral Care

For pastoral care or spiritual guidance please contact:

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OR Any member of the leadership team (their names are overleaf)



Happy birthday

Judy Smith Thursday 3 October
*God Bless and warm wishes
To you upon your birthday*

Happy Anniversary

**Blessings & Congratulations To:
Peter & Raelyn Punch**
Celebrating their 39th Anniversary
On Saturday 5th October