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HOLY COMMUNION is on the first Sunday of each month.
BETHAVON & THE RESIDENCY (JUNIPER RESIDENTIAL & COMMUNITY CARE)
are supported with pastoral care to the residents, family and staff of Juniper Northam.

NORTHAM CONGREGATION gives financial support for Chaplaincy in local schools.
CHAPLAINCY (DONATION DAY) is the first Sunday of each month.

(Collect the marked envelopes in the Church foyer.)

CAFE FELLOWSHIP every third Sunday of the month.

SONG SERVICE every 5th Sunday (To Be Advised).

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SAFE CHURCH Awareness Workshop is taking place on Saturday 10 June from 9.00am to 2.00pm at the Perth Mar Thoma Church in Martin.

AGEING WELL IN FAITH Kalamunda Uniting Church invites churches and communities to an Ageing Well workshop to be led by Rev Dr Bill Jenkins on Wednesday, 14 June, 9:30 to 11:30.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CHURCH is a collaboration between the SJC and the Uniting Church in the City, Wesley. It is a monthly worship service held on the 3rd Sunday of the month starting at 5.00pm.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY Monday 5th June.

INTERNATIONAL BATH DAY, WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY- 14th June (This is the day we all have a bath!)

REFUGEE SUNDAY June 18th. (World Refugee Day is June 20th)

UNITING CHURCH 46TH ANNIVERSARY- June 18th Multicultural celebration. 3pm at Trinity Church in the city.

REV JOHN DIHM will be inducted as the Volunteer Police Chaplain for the Wheatbelt at Northam Police Station, 10am on Thursday June 15th.

JOHN 14:26

26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

UNITING CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA

THE GRAPEVINE

JUNE 2023

NORTHAM CONGREGATION
103 Duke Street, NORTHAM, Western Australia 6401



WORSHIP 9.30am
1st and 3rd Sundays

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ALLOW YOURSELVES TO DREAM

"In a dream you are never eighty," Anne Sexton wrote.

Whatever happens to the body, what toll age takes on the physical, the spirit does not grow old. In our dreams, in the way we ourselves see ourselves, we are forever becoming.

Our dreams are always the vision of a younger self, a self-contained, energetic, self-determining person with a will of steel.

Our dreams reveal to us the basic truth of life: years are biological; the spirit is eternal. The number of our years does not define us. There is in the human being, a life force that never dies. It is the life force that proves to us that age does not fossilise us. Down deep, where our souls live, we stay forever young. It is this surging, driving force that brings us to the bar of life every day of our lives, whatever our age, however much we have been through, prepared to live life to the hilt again.

To stay alive, fully alive, then, we must open ourselves to life's eternal dream.

We must dream to be better people tomorrow than we were today. We do not have the right to give up growing just because age is assumed by many to have eclipsed the possibility. But that means that we must be willing to rethink all the ideas that have kept us bound until this moment. Are they still believable? Do we ourselves still believe them? And if we do not, what does that mean in regard to what we say to those younger people who have been influenced by these ideas because of us?

The very act of reviewing one's own values, then and now, stands as a marker for us all. It reminds us that it is possible to learn as we go through life. It is even more important to be open to doing it and willing to report it. Life grows us. Life shapes us. Life converts us. Life opens us as we age to think differently, even about ourselves.

Whatever our physical age, we must go on dreaming of the desirable so that we can do our bit to make it happen. To simply withdraw from the arena of ideas, from public discourse on public issues, from the value formation of the young—to shrug our shoulders and say, "I don't know" or, worse, "I don't care about those things anymore" is to abandon the young to the mercy of their own ideas without the benefit of experience to guide them.

In our dreams lies our unfinished work for the world. What we hope for is a guide to our present obligations to bring wisdom to the world. It is, of course, a wisdom derived from experience of all ilk: from our mistakes and our ideals, from our losses and our insights, from pain and from the little joys of our own past life and present situation.

From 'The Gift of Years' by Joan Chittister - submitted by Ann

PREACHING PLAN

4. Ann Barnes - Holy Communion
18. Karen Bain - Cafe Fellowship

BIBLE READERS

4 June Jenny Kelly 0448772906
18 June Karen Bain 0424873980
2 July Wendy Wolfe 0473795156

GT. EASTERN GATHERING AT MUCKINBUDIN

It was good to meet up with members from the different churches as part of the Great Easter Gathering.

Thank you to all who took part in the services and sharing. Valda Knott shared some of her journey and I shared meeting Valda over 25 years ago in another of her volunteer roles, as a St John's Ambulance volunteer.

We do get involved in so many different ways.

The next Gathering will be in **York** in September/October. Date to be confirmed.

Blessings
Karen

BIRTHDAY GIRL!

At Cafe Fellowship on 18th June we will be also celebrating Bev Walkers' 80th Birthday. (International Picnic day!)

PARIS

I was told not to lean over the edge of the balcony rail on that tower in Paris. I took no notice-unfortunately Ei fell.

I WENT TO THE BAKERY and asked for shortbread. They said they don't make it any longer.!

SILLY ANSWERS

What do you call two rows of cabbages?
A dual cabbageway.
What is a bulletproof Irishman called?
Rick O'shea.
Why did the scientist remove his door bell?
So he could win the Nobel prize.

PRAYERS NEEDED

*For Brian who has fallen and broken his neck. He is in Northam hospital . He would appreciate any visitors able to call in for a chat.

*For Kay after the passing of her brother.

If the No. 2 pencil is the most popular, why is it still No. 2?

Why do "fat chance" & "slim chance" mean the same?

Why do people say "heads up" when you should duck?

Why are you "in" a movie, but "on" TV?

Why are there no 'B' batteries? © I Might Be Funny

Why is a "pair" of underwear one item?

When does it stop being partly cloudy and start being partly sunny?

Why do we press harder on a remote control when we know the batteries are getting weak? © I Might Be Funny

SOME SPECIAL DAYS TO CELEBRATE

June 4: International Corgi Day,
June 5: World Environment Day,
June 6: World War II D-Day Anniversary
June 8: World Ocean Day
June 18: International Picnic Day and International Sushi Day
June 19: World Sauntering Day

UNITING CHURCH REDRESS SCHEME

UCA Redress Ltd is a company that has been established by the Uniting Church in Australia to be the national body for the uniting Church, to respond to, and provide support for, the children and vulnerable persons who have suffered abuse at the hands of the Uniting Church or its institutions, including by participation in a nationally consistent equitable redress scheme.

The Uniting Church acknowledges that children entrusted to them did not always receive the care they deserved and they acknowledge the ongoing impact and trauma of the separation of children from families and communities.

<https://www.nationalredress.gov.au>

AN ARCHAEOLOGIST

is the best husband a woman can have because the older she gets the more he is interested in her!

BIBLE REMOVED FROM SCHOOLS

A school district in the US state of Utah has removed the Bible from elementary and middle school for containing "vulgarity and violence."

The move follows a complaint from a parent that the King James Bible has material unsuitable for children.

Utah's Republican government passed a law in 2022 banning "pornographic or indecent" books from schools.

Most of the books banned so far pertain to topics such as sexual orientation and identity.

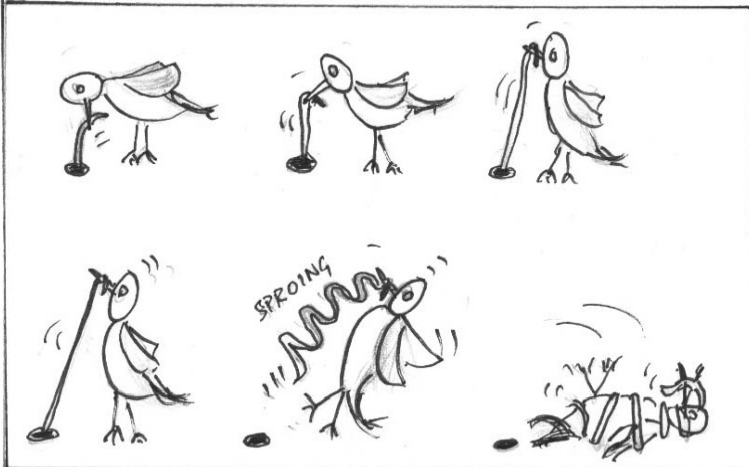
According to the Salt Lake Tribune newspaper, the parent who complained said the King James Bible "has 'no serious values for minors' because it's pornographic by our new definition", referring to the 2022 book-ban law.

<http://www.bbc.com> 3rd June 2023.

PENTECOST

is the moment when a heart of stone is shattered and a heart of flesh takes its place.

Father Raniero Cantalamessa. saints.blogspot.com365



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WHAT KIND OF PEOPLE NEVER GET ANGRY?

Nomads!

I'm writing a book about all the things I should be doing in my life. Its called an oughtobiography

Doctor: "I will be delivering the baby".

Mum to be: "I would prefer the baby with a liver".