



The Uniting Church in the Eastern Wheatbelt

SUNDAY 23rd August 2026

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Grace and peace to you all.

There would be very few people who would disagree with the statement that peace is something worth striving for. Yet for something so universally valued it is in very short supply. You don't have to look at the national and international news very long to realise that conflict is rife at every level. Even friendly nations have fundamental disagreements, and openly hostile nations subject one another to the most appalling treatment. Within nations different groups are in conflict, and even in families there is often very little peace.

Troubling though this is, Joel will preach in Merredin today about peace a different level. He will talk about individual peace, how everybody seeks it one way or another, and how it can be found. The answer, of course, is in relationship with God. For he is the God of peace, and Jesus is the Prince of Peace about whom it was prophesied at his birth that he would guide our feet into the way of peace

(Luke 1 : 79). This peace comes through the transformative renewal of our minds to discern the will of God (Romans 12 : 2).

The peace God offers through Christ is a complete peace that applies to body, spirit and soul. It is not, though, a peace of complacency and self-satisfaction. It is not satisfied with the scarcity of peace in the wider world, whether at the individual, family, national or international level, and will work to see these deficiencies reversed. This peace arises from the confidence that God is in control and that his will is good, acceptable and perfect, and that it can achieve a wider and more complete peace.

Peace at the personal spiritual level does not remain there. It will spill over to the people around us. Family, national and international peace will never happen without there being personal peace to begin with, working its way outwards.

Until then, stay blessed

Bob French

SERVING IN MERREDIN		
	Today	Next Sunday
Preacher	Joel Hammen	Kevin Tengvall
Worship Leader	Bob French	Tania Higgins
Elder	Steve Higgins	Debbie Tengvall
Musician	Tania Higgins	Tom Higgins
Greeters	Joel and Karen Hammen	Sal and Kobus Marais
Readers	Louise French	Debbie Tengvall Sal Marais
Offering & Counting	Luke Higgins Tom Higgins	Kobus Marais Steve Higgins
Sound/Video	Kevin Tengvall	Hayley Higgins
Projection/Lap Top	Debbie Tengvall	Sal Marais
Cleaner		Rosey Paterson
<i>Note: if you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty please organise a substitute and inform the Worship Leader and the Newsletter Editor</i>		

News and Coming Events

Merredin Congregational and Church Council Meetings

The next Merredin congregational meeting will be held after morning tea following today's worship service.

The next meeting of the Eastern Wheatbelt Church Council will be held on Saturday 29 August at 9 am in the Merredin church.

Fraternal Events This Week

The Uniting Church is hosting Merredin United in Prayer at 7 pm on Thursday 27 August and the monthly nursing home service at Moorditj Mia at 2 pm on Sunday 30 August. All are welcome.

Also if you would like to help organise the Light Shine Party in October please contact Laura Cruz on 0429 108 241.

Contact Details for Margret Krone

Margret's address in Perth is Mont Clare Nursing Home, Dean St, Claremont. Her direct phone number is 93830065 and postal address PO Box 733 CLAREMONT WA 6911.

Fund Raising for Merredin Renovations

We are now actively seeking funds for the Merredin church building renovations, with a target of \$30k. You can make

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donations to the Merredin
Congregation account:
BSB 036-105 Account no.
920043 Account name:
Uniting Church in Australia

Merredin Congregation.
Remember to put Building
Fund as the reference.

prayers

Our Church Family

This week we are praying for ...

- * Bob and Louise French.

Intercession

Pray for ...

- * Members of our church who have recently undergone medical tests or who are going to.
- * Phil Kuhne with various health concerns.
- * Neville and Cathy Jolly.
- * School chaplains, especially in Merredin College and schools in Mukinbudin, Southern Cross and Moorine Rock, as they try to shine the light of Christ into those school communities.
- * The Moderator of UCA WA David Jackson as he leads the people of the church into the future.
- * The Prime Minister and members of the Australian Parliament, the WA Premier and members of State Parliament, and the Police Force.

From the Synod Prayer Calendar ...

- * St Andrew's Perth Uniting Church and Uniting Church in the City and Prison Chaplains

Do you have a special need for prayer? Remember the Elders are always available for one on one prayer following services at Merredin, and are only a phone call or email away at other times.

ELDERS CONTACT DETAILS

Bob French	. One	0428 125 613	Tania Higgins	9041 5080
Louise French		0438 337 490	(mobile)	0457 106 596
Gordon Jones		9047 1073	Tom Higgins	0427 510 160
(mobile)		0417 848 793	Sal Marais	0427 788 809
Steve Higgins		9041 5080	Debbie Tengvall	0459 579 417
(mobile)		0473 231 928	Kevin Tengvall	0459 835 521

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 23rd August

Merredin Sunday School Hall	9.30 am	Pre-service prayer gathering
Merredin Church	10.00 am	Morning Worship Joel Hammen "Life's Quest for Complete Peace"

MONDAY 24th August

Merredin Church	5.30 pm	Ladies' KYB Bible Study. See Debbie Tengvall for more details.
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TUESDAY 25th August

Merredin Church	7.00 pm	Men's Bible study. See Luke Higgins for more details
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WEDNESDAY 26th August

Merredin Palace Chinese Restaurant	6.30 pm	Who Let the Blokes Out? Join other men for a meal and fellowship. See Kevin Tengvall for more details.
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THURSDAY 27th August

Merredin Church	7.00 pm	Merredin United in Prayer
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FRIDAY 28th August

Merredin Church	9.30 am	Ladies' Bible Study. See Tania Higgins for more details.
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SATURDAY 29th August

Merredin Church	9.00 am	Church Council meets
Merredin Church	2.00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous group meets.

SUNDAY 30th August

Merredin Sunday School Hall	9.30 am	Pre-service prayer gathering
Merredin Church	10.00 am	Morning Worship Kevin Tengvall
Morditj Mia	2.00 pm	Fraternal Nursing Home Service hosted by UCA

You can make an on-line contribution to the church's finances using direct debit. Why not set up a regular contribution? The account details are: BSB: 036-105

Account number: 920019 Account name: Uniting Church in Australia Eastern Wheatbelt Parish

Items for Newsletter:

If there is anything you would like included in the next newsletter, including prayer requests, please let Bob French know on 0428 125 613, or robert.french1@bigpond.com