The Uniting Church in the Eastern Wheatbelt

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Grace and peace to you all.

This morning we are fortunate to have Carl Davies preaching to us. Carl has previoualy served as pastor and youth leader in several Perth churches but currently works as a hydrogeologist. He is a member of Providence Church in Midland.

One of the things he will talk to us about is Asia Rural Ministries, formerly known as Camp Divya Australia, where he is a Board member. ARM supports Asian ministry workers to travel to and minister in villages in rural Asia where a substantial proportion of the population lives, as much as 70 to 80% in some countries. ARM has work in India and Bhutan as well as elsewhere in Asia.

Carl will preach this morning from John 13, where Jesus washes the feet of his disciples. This was a radical move on Jesus's part as it cast him in the role of a servant, completely upsetting the contemporary view of the master-follower relationship. Peter, as always, was reluctant to allow Jesus to wash his feet but, again as always, when Jesus explained his purpose, was enthusiastic and wanted to be washed all over.

Jesus did this as an example that his disciples should not be afraid to wash one another's feet, in other words to serve one another. That is very relevant in today's world where leaders at all levels, from families to nations and even internationally, still expect people to show deference to them. Especially in the church, as Christ's family, we should follow his example and serve one another as we can.

Clearly, there are different ways we can serve, and different levels at which we can serve. Asia Rural Ministries and similar charities serve at an international level. There are many other opportunities to serve at a local level, which may appear less glamorous but are equally important. I urge you to consider how you can serve your fellow Christians.

Until then, stay blessed

Bob French

SERVING IN MERREDIN		
	Today	**Next Sunday**
Preacher	Carl Davies	Paul Marais
Worship Leader	Bob French	Tania Higgins
Elder	Debbie Tengvall	Sal Marais
Musician	Tom Higgins	Joel Hammen
Greeters	Doug and Kerry Hermon	Mel and Corné Goosen
Readers	Lesley Smith	Mel Goosen Corné Goosen
Offering & Counting	Steve Higgins Tom Higgins	Norm Hooper Luke Higgins
Sound/Video	Kevin Tengvall	Matt McCubbin
Projection/Lap Top	Corné Goosen	Tom Higgins
Cleaner		Rosey Paterson

Note: if you are unable to fulfil your rostered duty please organise a substitute and inform the Worship Leader and the Newsletter Editor

News and Coming Events

Light Shine Party

The annual Light Shine Party as an alternative to Halloween is on again this year at the Merredin Seventh Day Adventist Church starting at 5 pm on Saturday 31 October. Sarah Higgins can give you further details.

Merredin United in Prayer

Merredin United in Prayer is happening this Thursday 29 October at the Merredin Church of Christ at 7 pm. Come to join other Christians pray for our town, our country and our world.

National Church Life Survey

We expect to get our NCLS survey forms this week so we will spend 20 minutes or so after next week's service filling them in. If you would prefer to do your survey online Bob French can provide login details.

Prayer for Renewal in the Church

There will be a night of prayer and worship for renewal on Friday 6 November, before Presbytery meets on Saturday, at South Perth Uniting Church with Rev Mike Wardrop from South Australia. Mike is a guest presenter at Presbytery. Consider attending if you are in Perth that weekend.

prayers

Our Church Family

This week we are praying for ...

* Tom, Hayley, Sophie, Celeste and Eleanor Higgins.

Intercession

Pray for ...

* Helen Haines and her family after this week's horrific attack and that violence does not become the norm for political protest in Australia
* safety on farms and on the roads during this year's harvest period
* 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 ...

* Mundaring and Swan View Uniting Churches and the Congregational Church of Tuvalu.

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.

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 25th October		
Merredin Sunday School Hall	9.30 am	Pre-service prayer gathering
Merredin Church	10.00 am	Morning Worship Carl Davies
Moorditj Mia	2.30 pm	Nursing Home Service led by Church of Christ
MONDAY 26th October		
Merredin Church	5.30 pm	Ladies' KYB Bible Study. See Debbie Tengvall for more details
TUESDAY 27th October		
Merredin Church	7.00 pm	Men's Bible study on different streams within Christianity. See Luke Higgins for more details
WEDNESDAY 28th October		
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
THURSDAY 29th October		
Merredin Church of Christ	7.00 pm	Merredin United in Prayer
FRIDAY 30th October		
Merredin Church	9.30 am	Ladies' Bible Study on the book of Nahum. See Tania Higgins for more details
SATURDAY 31st October		
Merredin Church	2.00 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous group meets
Merredin Seventh Day Adventist Church	5.00 pm	Light Shine Party
SUNDAY 1st November		
Merredin Sunday School Hall	9.30 am	Pre-service prayer gathering
Merredin Church	10.00 am	Morning Worship Paul Marais

Titus 2 : 11 - 13

"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ."

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