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Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

14 June to 20 June

Sunday Matthew 25:1-13

Monday Genesis 18: 1-15

Tuesday Psalm 116: 1-2

Wednesday Romans 5: 1-8

Thursday Exodus 19: 2-8a

Friday Psalm 116: 12-19

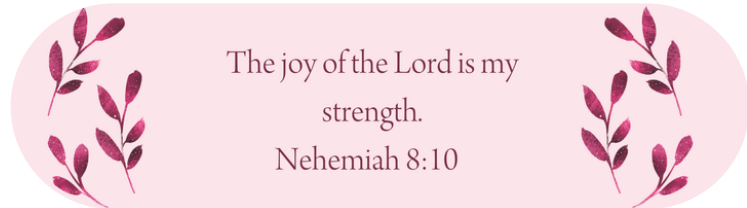
Saturday Matthew 9: 35 - 10:8

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK JOY AND PASSION

This weekend, we are cheering on Ephi, Erwin and Garth who will be jogging to Maritzburg for most of Sunday. And for those of you who manage to find your way through the traffic challenges on Sunday (or who give up and join us online) we are exploring our next deadly sin: appropriately for us non-Comrades runners, sloth - what someone has called "a sleepy sort of vice".

William Willimon says in his book on the Deadly Sins ("Sinning like a Christian") that we need to take sloth seriously:

"There are those who think that tornadoes destroying towns, the suffering of little children, the wars in our world, and college religion courses taught by atheist professors are the chief threats to faith. I would nominate the less spectacular gradual attrition and erosion. The morning after a midnight visionary encounter with God is the great spiritual challenge. Among my parishioners, it is one thing to have a dramatic, life-changing conversion experience. It is quite another thing to keep it going over the long haul. Sloth eats away at the soul, extinguishes faithful fire, and thus takes its toll, wearing down the soul by slow degrees."



The ancient antidote for sloth is joy - as Nehemiah reminds us: "the joy of the Lord is our strength" (8:10). Join us on Sunday as seek God's joy together.



A Call to Care for Vulnerable Neighbours in Inner-City Durban



An urgent appeal on behalf of vulnerable foreign nationals in inner-city Durban. In the wake of the recent unrest, hundreds of people have been left homeless after being displaced from their homes and places of work, and many are now living on the streets.

Relief agencies are asking for help with essential food supplies, including: **tinned fish, rice, potatoes, chicken packs, cereals, milk (fresh or powdered), beans, samp and other basic food items**

If you are able to assist, donations of these items, or a financial contribution, may be brought to the church office. We will ensure that everything is delivered to those coordinating relief efforts and reaches those most in need.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity. As a church community, may we continue to share Christ's love by caring for our neighbours in their time of need.

Happy Birthday

Gail Humphries Monday 15 Jun

Samson Shezi Monday 15 Jun

Kerry Theunissen Tuesday 16 Jun

Felicity Cory Tuesday 16 Jun

Linda Hauptfleisch Wednesday 17 Jun

Emma Jones Friday 19 Jun

Simon Jones Friday 19 Jun

MISSION OF

THE MONTH



The Kairos Prison Ministry is a dedicated team of Christians who host this outreach programme each year. This year, from 9-12 July 2026, we will be serving in the Women's Section of Westville Prison, sharing the hope and Good News of Jesus Christ with the residents.

We invite you to partner with us through a financial donation. The average cost of sponsoring one resident (inmate) for the Kairos Weekend is R700, which helps cover the programme expenses and resources needed to make this ministry possible.

Your support can make a meaningful difference in the life of someone seeking hope, encouragement, and transformation.

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June Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC

Children and Youth Ministry

* Parents commitment

* Leaders and volunteers

* Opportunity for school Evangelism



Mission Focus

Kairos Prison Ministry



Thanksgiving

Arnie Kerr - A heart felt thanks for everybody's prayers.

Current Prayer Requests

Chrissie Smith - Recovering after back injury & courage for challenges with her Macular degeneration

People Under Treatment

Tienie Dearham - Continuing treatment

Denise Blevin - Pancreatic cancer -stable. Recovering slowly after fractures from fall.

Mike Higgs - Cancer treatment going well.

Aubrey Beard - Second round of radiation therapy successfully completed.

Russell Untiedt - Cancer treatment continues

Bruce Perrow - Health challenges - feeling stronger

Michael Mullin - Further health challenges

Nick Naidoo - Cancer treatment

Sané Ndlovu - Continuing treatment for Endometriosis

Brandon Walker - Treatment for Long Covid

John Cave - Cancer responding well to treatment.



Ongoing Prayer

Letitia Norris, Horizon Farm, Zayden Govender, Shelley Reid, Mo Taylor, Helene Herbst, Sue Carter, Janita Downing, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Nicky Proctor, The Sullivan family, The Siswana family



The Social Knitwits

A group of like-minded ladies from the Westville community and surrounding areas meet twice a month - once on a Saturday and once during the week, to knit and crochet blankets, scarves, and beanies. These handmade items are donated to 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela Day and distributed to those in need throughout KwaZulu-Natal. Every stitch is made with love, and donations of double-knit wool are always appreciated. For more information, please contact Wendy Theunissen 0823581593



Last Wednesday we had the privilege of handing out 82 blankets and scarves at Malvern Children's Home.

So lovely to have been greeted with big smiles and lots of hugs. Thank you to the Westville Social Knitwits and the Church members for your ongoing work and support.