



9 AUGUST 2026

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

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BIBLE READINGS

9 August to 15 August

Sunday Matthew 14:22-33

Monday 2 Peter 2:4-10

Tuesday Psalm 28

Wednesday Job 36:24-33; 37:14-24

Thursday Revelation 15:1-4

Friday Psalm 133

Saturday Matthew 14:34-36

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

In ancient Israel on the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) the High Priest was permitted to enter the Holy of Holies in the temple in Jerusalem - the sacred space where it was understood he would stand in the very presence of God. Only one man on one day per year was given this privilege. But before he could do so, there were elaborate preparation rituals - ceremonial cleansing, the wearing of special garments and the burning of incense to create a cloud of smoke over the atonement cover. Jesus makes it possible for us to freely enter God's presence now, but imagine what the High Priest would say if he could watch how modern people prepare for worship!



Some of us gathered this week to reflect on worship at WMC and we spent some time thinking about preparation. Those who are leading the service (musicians, readers, preachers, stewards) are called to do some practical preparation (practice music or readings, write a sermon, plan welcoming notices). But more than the practical preparation of leaders, all of us (whether leading or participating in a service) need to prepare to encounter God, don't we - maybe not quite as elaborate as the High Priest did, but certainly a slowing down and prayerful quietening of our spirits? A generation ago, worshippers would tiptoe into the sanctuary and bow their heads in prayer before the service. What does preparing for worship look like for you and me these days?

WMC Children and Youth Ministry



Save the Date
Saturday, 19 September 2026

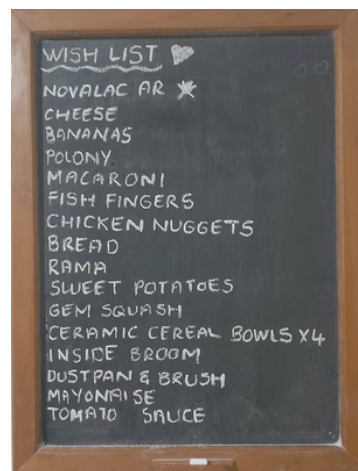
Join us for a wonderful Kids Ministry
Cultural Day & Potluck!

THEME:

"Every Tribe, Every Tongue, One Saviour"
(Revelation 7:9)

Thank you

**MISSION OF THE
MONTH
THE BABY HOUSE
WESTVILLE**





Birth Announcement

Congratulations to John and Gisela Friggens on the joyful arrival of their third grandchild!

We warmly welcome William Taylor, who was born on 6 August in England.

William is the precious son of Peter and Cathy Taylor.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Shaun Leathern Thursday 13 Aug

Christiaan Jv Vuuren Saturday 15 Aug

Lloyd Gedye Saturday 15 Aug

Norma Mitchley Saturday 15 Aug



DONATE ♥

Sew 'n Sews

Fabric Donations Needed

The Sew 'n Sews group would be grateful for donations of any unwanted tracksuiting fabric or cotton knit material. Your generosity will help them continue creating items that bless and support members of our community.

Thank you for helping us make a difference, one stitch at a time.

*How good & pleasant
it is for [us] to dwell
together in unity.*

-PSALM 133:1

CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Acc: Westville Methodist Church

Acc No: 58880668126

Bank: First National Bank

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August Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC

The Alpha Course

Mission Focus

The Baby House Westville



Thanksgiving

We give thanks for the successful cross border mission trip into Swaziland, where the team ministered to different churches and communities.

We give thanks and pray a special blessing upon all the giving that was directed to the mission.

Current Prayer Requests

Our country - Particularly the xenophobic issues



People Under Treatment

Tienie Dearham - Continuing treatment

Denise Blevin - Pancreatic cancer - stable.

Mike Higgs - Responding well to Cancer treatment. Immunotherapy treatments continue.

Aubrey Beard - Very frail.

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

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



Help Us Celebrate

50 YEARS

OF FAITH • FELLOWSHIP • COMMUNITY

Our history.
Our people.
Our future.

Westville Methodist Church

called to serve with passion

This year, Westville Methodist Church celebrates an incredible milestone—**50 years** of faith, fellowship, service, and community.

As we prepare to celebrate this special anniversary, we'd love your help in taking a *walk down memory lane.*

Do you have old photographs of church services, special celebrations, weddings, baptisms, confirmations, Sunday School, youth groups, camps, outreach projects, fundraisers, music groups, or any memorable moments from the life of our church?

Whether your photos are from the 1970s or from more recent years, every picture helps tell our story.

Every photo has a story.

If you have photographs to share, please send them to:
office@westvillemethodist.co.za

Thank You! ♥

Thank you for helping us celebrate 50 years of God's faithfulness. We look forward to reliving these precious memories together.

♥ 50 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS—AND THE MEMORIES THAT MADE US.