



11 OCTOBER 2026

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

OFFICE DETAILS

Office Hours

Mon-Thu 08h30 - 14h00
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BIBLE READINGS

11 October to 17 October

Sunday Matthew 22:1-14

Monday Jude 17-25

Tuesday Psalm 97

Wednesday John 6:25-35

Thursday 3 John 9-12

Friday Psalm 96:1-9

Saturday Matthew 14:1-12

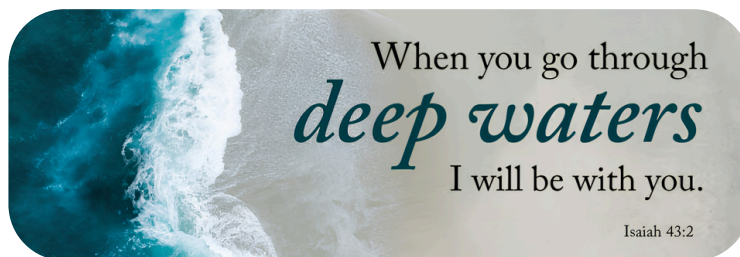
FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK



Our family spent a few days walking in the Berg recently and again and again we would look down into a valley below us and it would seem as if someone had drawn a line in the grass - on one side of the line, the grass was green and on the other it was brown.

If we could, you and I would always choose to be healthy green grass, rather than dry brown grass. But would we change our minds if we knew that the line through the valley comes from burning fire breaks and that the green grass is the area where the fire burned, but the brown grass was spared the flames? Grass that is healthy and full of life has been through fire.

Michael Easter's book "The Comfort Crisis" makes the argument that we must build challenge into our lives if we want to thrive. Sometimes however, challenges and struggle are uninvited, unwelcome guests. At such times, Isaiah's words give us courage: ***"When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you."*** (Is 43:2). And we can also put our trust in the God who redeems the darkest of situations, and hold on to the promise of new life springing up like green grass after a fire.



Quiet Mornings

Join us for a morning of contemplation,
opening ourselves to God's presence.



SATURDAY
7 NOVEMBER
09H00 TO 12H00



WMC LOUNGE

Michael, Louise and Sybil will facilitate practices that invite a drawing away from our usual thoughts and concerns towards a deeper understanding of God's direction in our lives.



RSVP: SYBIL 083 787 2680



Brian Fielding Thursday 15 Oct

Kym Bishop Thursday 15 Oct



Congratulations to

Wendy and Bruce Theunissen
on their 45th wedding

anniversary on
10 October 2026

MISSION OF THE MONTH
Khethiwe Rehab Centre for
Children with disabilities
NEEDS LIST



AA Batteries - Needed for cause-and-effect toys, sound-making balls, and some cars/trucks.

Kids' Poster Paints - Bright colours like Dala and Teddy brands; painting is a big activity and artwork is cherished by families.

Cheesecurls or Flings - Preferred snacks as they are preservative-free.

Christmas Cake Baker - Someone to bake a cake for the party in December.

Garden Help Needed:

- New plants or succulent slips.
- Volunteers for manual work: repair and extend shade cloth area (poles need replacing).
- Jungle gym repairs and maintenance (oiling/varnishing).

CHURCH BANK DETAILS

Acc: Westville Methodist Church
Acc No: 58880668126
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Westville
Br Code: 223526



October Prayer Focus

Our Church WMC

Small Groups in the Church

Mission Focus

Khethiwe



Thanksgiving

We give thanks for each and every one of our wonderful church volunteers. Your time, dedication, kindness and willingness to serve make such a difference to our church community. Thank you for all that you do.

Current Prayer Requests

Our country - Upcoming Elections

Bruce Theunissen - pacemaker repair surgery recovery



People Under Treatment

Tienie Dearham - Continuing treatment

Denise Blevin - Pancreatic cancer stable. Health fragile, but well supported.

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

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 - New Treatment for Fibromyalgia

John Cave - Cancer responding well to treatment. Tires easily.



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



FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Service.

If you would like to donate towards these displays in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a milestone, birthday or special occasion, please contact the church office.



Interested in
Small Groups
at WMC?



Each week, we'll be highlighting a few of our small groups, so you can find out a little more about **where** and **when** they meet.

If a group sounds interesting to you and you'd like to get involved,
 **WhatsApp Lauren**
on **081 885 4928**,
and she'll put you in touch with the group.