



Staying Connected

13 March 2022

Office Details

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00
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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

I'm sure that some of your carefully laid plans for the last week were disrupted by the sudden re-implementation of load-shedding. It's always frustrating, but sometimes these enforced "Eskom sabbaths" bring unexpected gifts.

This last Wednesday, the load-shedding schedule managed to take out both sessions of our Lent course with incredible precision! So, in the office, we spent two hours that morning working with ancient technology (pens and paper) - Laura and Valda took the chance to work through and update our membership list, and I made more progress on a sermon with pen in hand than I normally would in front of a PC with all its email and internet distractions.

Another gift from this Eskom sabbath is the chance to tell more of you about our **Lent** course (we have spoken of it on Sundays, but haven't advertised as widely as we could have). The course runs at the church on Wednesdays (10:00 or 18:30) and is based on Adam Hamilton's book "*The walk: five essential practices of the Christian life*". The format each week will be: A short time of worship, video input from Adam Hamilton, and then a cup of tea or coffee as we break into smaller groups to talk together about the subject for that day. All in all, we should be done in an hour and a half at the most. I hope you'll be able to join us next Wednesday - load-shedding permitting, of course :)



Contact Details

Minister

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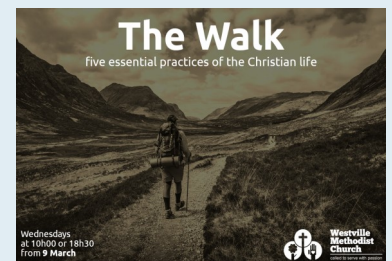
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Lent Series

The Lent Series that was due to start this past Wednesday 9 March was delayed due to Load Shedding. Please join us on Wednesday at 10:00 or 18:30 in the Sanctuary. All welcome.



Dress Up / Fancy Dress Clothes

The Children's Church group are looking for dress up clothes for their play area and / or church concerts. If you have any dress up items that you would be willing to donate, please bring them into the office marked "Children's Church". Thank you.

Hall and Room Bookings

Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with the afternoon slots presently occupied by many community based activities. We do currently have a few slots available to hire, on weekday mornings. Please contact Laura in the church office for further information and costs.

Flowers in the 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.

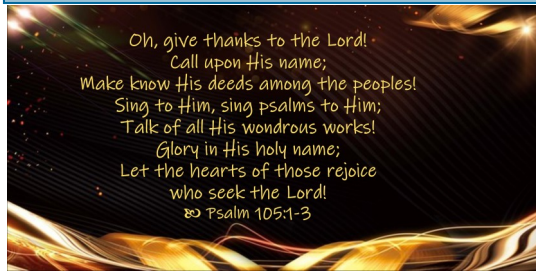
Bible Readings

13 to 19 March 2022

Sunday Psalm 27
Monday Exodus 33 : 1 - 6
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 10 : 1 - 13
Wednesday Psalm 105 : 1 - 42
Thursday Revelation 2 : 8 - 11
Friday Psalm 63 : 1 - 8
Saturday Luke 6 : 43 - 45



When next on Facebook please "Like" the Westville Methodist Church Page. This page is updated with photographs and information about the activities and ministries of WMC.



Oh, give thanks to the Lord!
Call upon His name;
Make known His deeds among the peoples!
Sing to Him, sing psalms to Him;
Talk of all His wondrous works!
Glory in His holy name;
Let the hearts of those rejoice
who seek the Lord!
Psalm 105:1-3

Please remember that the Church office is closed between 12:00 and 13:00 on a Wednesday for a staff meeting.

STAFF MEETING

Just as we are trying to stay connected with you, we also need you to stay connected with us. If you have any family news, births, weddings, family members going to hospital or unwell, please let the church office know.



The following items can be placed in the black box outside the church office.

- Second hand clothes and shoes in good, clean condition
- Small household items, in good, clean condition
- Blankets / Linen / Towels
- Wool / Off-cuts of Material
- Non-perishable food items
- Books in good condition
- Stationery

Thank you

Church Bank Details

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

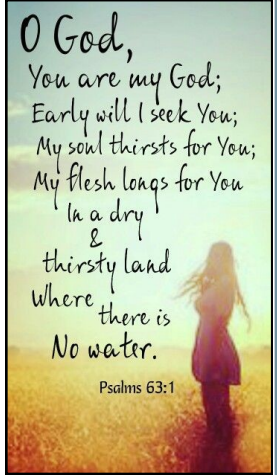


Please Pray for

Baby Luca Anderson (Hearing)
Lorraine Bekker (Recuperating at home)
Jenny Cave (Cancer)
John Cave (Cancer / back pain)
Janita Downing (Macular Degeneration)
Siegggy Hanelt (AML - Leukemia - In hospital)
Mike Hoole (Frail)
Mary Irving (Idiopathic Pulmonary Disease)
Andrew Kenny (Recuperating at home)
Dave and Cheryl McDougall (Business concerns)
Wendy McGregor (Thymic Carcinoma)
Megan Moody (Endometrial Cancer)
Ria Munroe (Cancer)
Doff Ponsie (Care Facility)
Mary Quilling (Cancer)
Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
Dorothea Reynolds (In hospital - further surgery pending)
Siswana Family (Family difficulties / Employment needs)
Steve Smith (Seizures - In High Care)
Marjorie Tarbett (Regaining strength at home)
Shirley Whelan (Convalescing after Stroke)
Vera Yon (Lung Cancer)

Ongoing Prayer

Lance Bainbridge, Margaret Bosman, Florrie David-Sullivan, Evelyn Kolbe, , Letitia Norris, Judy Odendaal, Nicky Proctor, Steve Smith, Sherwyn Sullivan, Geoff Taylor.



Condolences to the Madlala and Kenny Families on the death of Michael Madlala who passed away on Thursday 10 March.

Giving

Thank you to the children of Westville Pre-Primary School - 235 tins of food were collected by them and donated to the Westville Churches Food Bank.



Soup Kitchen : Appeal for Funds

A full meal is provided to the indigent folk of Westville four days a week, on the church premises. This is a ministry of the Fraternal Churches of Westville. At present funds are very low. If you would like to donate to this worthy ministry, please reference "Soup Kitchen" when making a payment to the WMC bank account.



Finances

Planned giving is a disciplined way to make your offering to the work of your church. If you are not a Planned Giver and would like to become one, please let the church office have your contact details so that we can allocate you a number.

2022 YTD	Actual	Budget	
Total Income Feb 22 YTD	R 342 606.66	R363 600.00	R 20 993.34 Under Budget
Total Expenses Feb 22 YTD	R 343 585.00	R359 590.00	R 16 005.00 Under Budget
Net Deficit YTD			R 978.34