



Staying Connected

1 January 2023

Office Details

Office Hours:

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

07:30
09:00
18:30

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Bible Readings

1 to 7 January 2023

Sunday Matthew 2 : 13 - 23

Monday Genesis 12 : 1 - 7

Tuesday Hebrews 11 : 13 - 22

Wednesday Exodus 3 : 1 - 5

Thursday Joshua 1 : 1 - 9

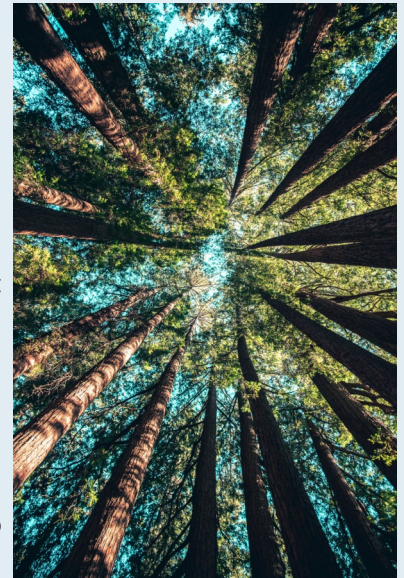
Friday Isaiah 60 : 1 - 6

Saturday Ephesians 3 : 14 - 21

From the Minister's Desk

In one of the churches where Kym and I served previously, we had a copy of a photograph taken of the church some eighty years before and in that picture you can see that the magnificent tree that today stands outside the church building was only just above head-height. There is something special isn't there about people who have the vision to plant trees, even though they may never see them reach their full height?

The old proverb says that the best time to plant a tree is twenty years ago. But if you haven't planted it already, the next best time is today. As we enter a new year, we have a choice to make: we can either wallow in our regrets over the trees we have not planted, or we can decide to plant a tree today. What tree will you and I plant? What trees will the Westville Methodist community plant this year? May 2023 be a hopeful and happy year for you and those you love!



New Years Day Service

Please note : There will only be one service at 09:00 on New Years Day. There will be NO 07:30 or 18:30 service.

Thursday Ladies' Bible Study

The Thursday Ladies' Bible Study will commence in the second half of January, with a new DVD-based course by Beth Moore on the book of James. Meetings run from 14:00pm to 16:00pm in the Family Room at WMC. For further information please contact Glenda on WhatsApp : 082 6557785. All are welcome.

Collection of Paper

Please place all your paper waste in the green paper bank in the church parking area. All funds, from the collection of paper waste deposited in this paper bank, are allocated to the running of the Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen / Feeding Scheme at WMC.



Hospital Alert

Please let the church office staff know if you are ill or going into hospital. Your name will only be put on the prayer list with your consent. We would appreciate your co-operation in this regard so that we can visit or offer help. Letting us know helps us to show care! Many thanks

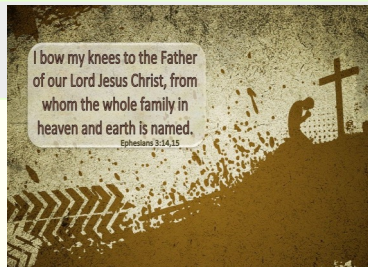




Now the LORD said to Abram,
 "Go forth from your country,
 and from your relatives and
 from your father's house, to
 the land which I will show you."
 Genesis 12:1

Arise, shine, for your light has come,
 and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
 Isaiah 60:1

PRAYER REQUESTS



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| Shirleen Prydderch | (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment) |
| Stephen Adams | (Heart Transplant) |
| Sharon Duraan | (Recovery - Surgery) |
| Steve Smith | (Recovery - off oxygen) |
| Sané Ndlovu | (Endometriosis Treatment) |
| John Cave | (Cancer - Back pain) |
| Cynthia McNaughton | (Stroke in Eye - Improvement in vision) |
| Gwen King | (Eye Sight Problems) |
| Janita Downing | (Macular Degeneration) |
| Zayden Govender | (Kidney function - Has Improved) |
| Debbie Ivins | (Autoimmune Disease) |
| Florrie David-Sullivan | (Frail) |
| Siegygy Hanelt | (AML - Leukemia - New Treatment) |
| Shelley Reed | (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS) |



Ongoing Prayer

Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Mike Hoole, Mary Irving, Andrew Kenny, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Wendy McGregor, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett, Shirley Whelan.

DONATIONS WELCOME



Thank You!

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
 Items for Winter Warmth

Thank you



The KidZaid Trust is an inter-denominational organisation of volunteers who raise funds to sponsor food and educational resources for Aids and Covid orphans and vulnerable children at 7 crèches. This year KidZaid donated a monthly total of R 15 000 to the four organisations it supports. The funds are used for infant formula at 1000 Hills Community Helpers and for meals for children at four crèches run by the Community Outreach Centre as well as Embizeni Creche in Ntshongweni and Candyfloss Creche at the Mariannridge Methodist Church. Knitted items are needed year-long and can be dropped off at the WMC office.

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.

Church Bank Details

Acc: Westville Methodist Church

Acc No: 58880668126

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Westville Br Code: 223526



The church tithes to 9 organisations / ministries on a monthly basis according to the monthly income received. These organisations / ministries are: Allowance for running of Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen, Adult Literacy Programme at WMC, Prialex, Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, Ingwe, Thembaletu Sewing Centre, Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre and the Westville Baby House. This amounts to R 9 600 each month.

Thank you for your faithful giving. It is a result of your giving that we are in a position to give so generously.