



Staying Connected 22 January 2023

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07:30
09:00
18:30

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Bible Readings

22 to 28 January 2023

Sunday Matthew 4 : 12 - 23
Monday Psalm 27 : 7 - 14
Tuesday Philippians 2 : 12 - 18
Wednesday Luke 1 : 67 - 79
Thursday 1 Peter 3 : 8 - 12
Friday 1 Timothy 5 : 17 - 24
Saturday John 13 : 31 - 35

From the Minister's Desk

I'm so encouraged by the success of the Knitwits – a group of ladies (men are welcome too!) who are meeting monthly at WMC for a morning of conversation and friendship over tea while working on their knitting, crochet and similar projects. Wonderfully, the group has also plugged into the 67 Blankets movement (where blankets are knitted for Mandela Day and distributed among needy communities), but the real gift of the Knitwits is the way that they bring all kinds of people together around a common interest. What that suggests is that this kind of group (an informal gathering around a common interest) can easily be replicated. The key ingredient that has made it work however, is intentionality – these days we need someone with the vision and the drive to move us out of our post-Covid apathy into action :) and Wendy and her team have done a brilliant job in doing this. But, you may ask, is having tea over knitting needles an authentic expression of the mission of the Church of Jesus Christ? Maybe not at first glance, but when that group is intentionally welcoming people from both within and outside of our church community, offering warm hospitality and friendship without any other agenda, this creates a safe space for real sharing and deepening relationship where people can ask questions and explore connecting with our WMC community in other ways. Well done Knitwits! Anyone else out there inspired to try something similar to connect with the wider community?



Gods Club 2023 Dates

The Children's Church will meet at the 09:00 service each Sunday during the following term dates in 2023.



Term	Duration	Weeks
1	22 January - 26 March	9
Long weekend	19 March (17 - 21 March)	
2	16 April - 11 June	8
Long weekend	30 April (27 April - 1 May), 18 June (16 - 18 June)	
3	23 July - 17 September	9
4	15 October - 3 December	8

Properties Commission

The Properties Commission needs extra hands (and feet!). If you would like to assist or find out more about this aspect of the church, please contact Dave Oldacre (cell 082 7846282 or email : oldacre@telkomsa.net or join us at the Properties Commission meeting at 5:30pm on Tuesday 7 February in the Church Lounge.

Small Ceramic Bowls and Vases

Each Monday the Sunday flowers are arranged in smaller bowls and distributed to our church members as pastoral care. There is a need for small ceramic bowls and vases to be used to make up these pastoral bowls. If you have any of these that you would like to donate, please place them in the black box outside the office. Thank you.

Be still before
the Lord and
wait patiently
for him

- Psalm 27:7

PRAYER REQUESTS

Shirleen Prydderch	(Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)
Stephen Adams	(Heart Transplant)
Andrew Kenny	(Pancreatic Cancer)
Steve Smith	(Recovery)
Sané Ndlovu	(Endometriosis Treatment)
John Cave	(Cancer - Back pain)
Cynthia McNaughton	(Stroke in Eye - Improvement in vision)
Janita Downing	(Macular Degeneration)
Zayden Govender	(Kidney function - Has Improved)
Debbie Ivins	(Autoimmune Disease)
Florrie David-Sullivan	(Frail)
Siegy Hanelt	(AML - Leukemia - New Treatment)
Shelley Reed	(Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)
Yvonne Wegerle	(Recovering)



Young Adults

A Young Adults Fellowship Group meets at WMC every Wednesday evening at 18:30

All welcome!

Ongoing Prayer

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



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.

Donations of Wool

We have a team of ladies that knit for the many outreach groups that we supply knitted items to. If you have any donation of wool, please place it in the black box outside the church office.

Thank you.

Items that can be placed in the green Impact Recycling Bin:

Any form of paper
Old memos / letters
Flattened cardboard boxes
Photocopying paper
Newspapers
Magazines
Old telephone directories and books
Envelopes
Milk and juice cartons (Tetra Pak)
Paper Cups



To give light
to them that
sit in darkness

Luke 1:79

Flowers in the Church



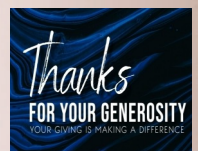
Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Service. If you would like to donate towards these displays in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a milestone birthday or special occasion, please contact the church office.

Your faithful giving to the work of your church is really appreciated.

As a result of your generous giving, we are able to **increase** our monthly tithe allocations from January 2023 to the following recipients:

- Prialex
- Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre
- Ingwe
- Thembalethu Sewing Centre
- Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre
- The Westville Baby House.

We are also in a position to tithe monthly to the Sewing Empowerment Project and the Fraternal Churches Soup Kitchen.



Church Bank Details

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

