



Staying Connected

30 April 2023

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07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

Our family recently spent a wonderful 5 days camping at Cape Vidal. We divided our time between the beach and the game reserve and it was fantastic to unplug after a busy term. Scattered around the campsite we saw signs reminding us that we were in a game reserve and warning of the dangers of running into hippos, elephants, leopards

etc. We took those with a pinch of salt, but were jolted back to reality when, on the first night, a hyena shouted loudly at us from directly outside our tent. In a moment, all five of us were huddled together in the middle of the tent ...

What happens next depends on temperament doesn't it? There is a small but real risk that a hyena may confront a human. How much weight does one give to that? Some people are wired to disregard the risk altogether, others may sit up all night worrying about it.

We need people who are risk-takers - they explore new lands, challenge long-standing conventions and open up new possibilities. We also need people who are more cautious. I heard about an experiment apparently conducted with a troop of monkeys, where scientists removed all the anxious or edgy monkeys from the troop for a period of several months. To their shock, when they returned to the troop at the end of the period - it was gone - none of the remaining monkeys had survived! It seems that while we do need bold pioneers, we also need those who can foresee worst-case scenarios - they keep us alive!

What is important though is that we manage our anxiety sensibly, or else that helpful warning system can become toxic. Our community has been through such trauma in the last few years that it became difficult to accurately assess the risks that we were facing. In such times, it is a gift to be in community and to find some balance in the diverse temperaments around us.

As for our family's camping experience, it ended well - we all managed to get back to sleep and we saw very little of the hyenas for the rest of our time there. And we never laid eyes on the campsite's resident leopard ...



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Bible Readings

30 April to 6 May 2023

Sunday John 10 : 1 - 10

Monday Psalm 100

Tuesday Hebrews 13 : 20 - 21

Wednesday Matthew 20 : 17 - 28

Thursday Psalm 31 : 1 - 5

Friday Acts 7 : 1 - 16

Saturday John 8 : 48 - 59

Joy Pampering Day for Senior Citizens

Please diarise **Thursday 19 June at 09:00** at Home Ground Baptist Church for a Pampering Day for Senior Citizens hosted by the Westville Care and Counselling



Ladies Fellowship

All ladies are invited to join a WMC Ladies Fellowship group which meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:00 in the lounge. There is a time of devotion, sharing and refreshments..



Young Adults Fellowship Group

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



Birth Congratulations

To the Tofts and Cory Families on the birth of a grandson, Charles (Charlie) Noah Tofts, son of Paul and Lindsay Tofts, born on Wednesday 26 April.



Congratulations to Rob and Yvonne Jamieson who celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 27 April.

Please continue collecting Bread Tags and Plastic Bottle Tops and drop them off in the kitchen.



#TOPS&TAGS FORWHEELCHAIRS



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Evelyn Kolbe (ICU - Recovery from Major Surgery)
- Letitia Norris (Bipolar Disorder)
- Dot Dare (Recovering from Surgery - Amputation of both legs)
- Rose Chislett (Recovering from Eye Surgery)
- Debbie Clarke (Fall - Recovering from Double Hip Replacement surgery)
- Sylvia Hamann (Recovering at home - Awaiting further treatment)
- Shirleen Prydderch (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment)
- Andrew Kenny (Pancreatic Cancer)
- Sané Ndlovu (Endometriosis Treatment - Pain Control)
- John Cave (Cancer - Back pain)
- Zayden Govender (Kidney function - Has Improved)
- Mike Hoole (Frail)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Florrie David-Sullivan (Frail)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)



Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Baby Brianna Belling, Janita Downing, Gwen King, Linda Lodge, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Steve Smith, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett, Shirley Whelan.

Zumat

as a mission flying organisation closed down in 2012. Since then they have been giving bursaries to students from the Northern Zululand area who want to study in the medical field. The Trustees of Zumat Trust decided to hand over the proceeds of the Trust to **Umthombo Youth Development Fund**, that grants the bursaries. Dr Andrew Ross started the Fund and he is still one of the Trustees. Dr Gavin MacGregor is in charge of UYDF and lives in Hillcrest. Denis Wynn handed over the Zumat Stamp Fund to Chris and Carol Breytenbach in Pietermaritzburg, who have been involved in trimming, sorting and the despatching of stamps to the UK for a number of years. Our grateful thanks to all our collectors, many of whom have been supporting Zumat for many years.



Please send stamps to Chris & Carol Breytenbach, P.O. Box 101237, Scottsville, 3209.

Email : carol.breytenbach3@gmail.com.

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Stamps can also be placed in the black box outside the WMC office. Thank you.

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WMC Education Project

WMC tithes on a monthly basis to the Education Project incorporating The Right to Write, which runs English Literacy and Computer Classes at WMC during the week. For further information, please contact John Mac Donald on 084 3951197 or Sally Baumann on 083 3256385.