



# Staying Connected

14 May 2023

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00  
Fri : 08:30 to 13:00

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### Sunday Service Times:

07:30  
09:00  
18:30

## From the Minister's Desk

We are living in tough economic times and because our people are under pressure, churches everywhere are likewise feeling the financial strain. We've had some conversations about this in our Leaders Meeting and Exec and are exploring options to try and improve our financial position. A conversation in the office this week with Laura (who manages our finances at WMC on a day to day basis) has stayed with me though. Laura sees all the transactions in and out of our bank account and she was saying just how incredibly encouraging it is day after day to see the faithfulness of our people, who give generously, consistently, and without fuss or drawing attention to themselves. Thank you - you make so much possible here!

If you are new to the church, how can you get involved? In our leaders' meeting last week, one of our leaders (who has been a committed WMC member for many years) said somewhat sheepishly :) that it was only last year that she eventually got around to signing up as a planned giver. We have 108 planned givers at the moment (individuals or couples). If you'd like to be a planned giver at WMC, it's very simple - email Laura ([laura@westvillemethodist.co.za](mailto:laura@westvillemethodist.co.za)) and she will allocate you a PG number. There are also pamphlets at the welcome desk explaining how it all works. May God bless you as you honour and serve him in this way!



## Contact Details

### Minister

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### Society Stewards

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## Newcomers Tea

After the 09:00 service on **Sunday 11 June**, we will be having a 'Newcomers Tea'. If you are new to WMC or have been attending services for a while now and would still like to know more about the various ministries and activities of your church, we would love you to join us. Please diarise the date.



## Confirmation Course

Plans are underway to commence a Confirmation Course on 23 July from 17:00 to 18:00. Material will be based mainly on the Alpha Course for Youth. Further information will be communicated by the leaders, closer to the date.

## Donations of Fabric and Wool

If you have any donations of fabric or wool for our many outreach projects, please place them in the black box outside the church office. Thank you.

## Bible Readings

### 14 to 20 May 2023

**Sunday** John 14 : 15 - 21  
**Monday** Psalm 93  
**Tuesday** 1 Peter 3 : 8 - 12  
**Wednesday** John 16 : 16 - 24  
**Thursday** Luke 24 : 44 - 53  
**Friday** 2 Kings 2 : 1 - 12  
**Saturday** John 8 : 21 - 30





*Mightier than the  
thunder of the great  
waters, mightier than the  
breakers of the sea,  
the Lord on high is mighty.*

Psalm 93:4

## Knitwits Social

We are looking forward with anticipation to our next Knitwits meeting on 13 May. The productivity of our group is astonishing - never underestimate what a determined team of people can achieve! Please join us again, and bring a friend, for a creative and fun morning over a cup of tea or coffee and cake.

Date: Saturday, 13 May, 2023

Time: 9:00 - 12:00

Venue: Westville Methodist Church

R.S.V.P. Wendy Theunissen 0823581593



### Young Adults

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

All welcome!

## Joy Pampering Day 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 Centre.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

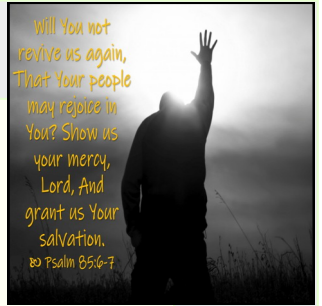
Rob Jamieson (Fall)  
Dorothy Foster (Colon Cancer)  
Mick Wasley (Third Hip Replacement)  
Evelyn Kolbe (ICU - Recovery from Major Surgery)

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)  
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)



*Will You not  
revive us again,  
That Your people  
may rejoice in  
You? Show us  
your mercy,  
Lord, And  
grant us Your  
salvation.  
Psalm 85:4-7*

## HEAR MY PRAYER O LORD



Psalm 143:1

## 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.



Thank you to Ashley Sellwood and the Sewing Empowerment Group for the donation of four sewing machines, fabric and clothing to Margaret Sibiya who runs the *Thembaletu Sewing Centre in Ubombo.*

*thank you*



## FINANCE UPDATE

Please contact the church office if you would like further information about planned giving or would like to sign up.

## Church Bank Details

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church

**Acc No:** 58880668126

**Bank:** First National Bank

**Branch:** Westville **Br Code:** 223526



2023 YTD	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income Apr 23 YTD</b>	R733 799.60	R786 200.00	R 52 400.40 Under Budget
<b>Total Expenses Apr 23 YTD</b>	R748 579.64	R793 044.00	R 44 464.36 Under Budget
<b>Net Deficit YTD</b>	<b>R 14 780.04</b>		