



Staying Connected

20 August 2023

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

We had a tradition in our high school that the final assembly of each year would always include the reading of the same passage from the Bible, namely the exhortation of the apostle Paul at the end of his letter to the church in Philippi, where he urges the Philippians to be very intentional in what they allow into their minds:

"Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about such things." (Philippians 4:8)

I have wondered over the years why this passage in particular was always read. Perhaps our teachers were concerned that teen-aged minds might not be filled with wholesome thoughts during the holidays, given that we would not be exposed to the edifying influence of Maths and English and Afrikaans for the next few weeks ...

In any event, it's an important piece of wisdom from St Paul. Our minds are formed by what we focus on and a conscious turning of the mind toward a good and loving God at the start of each day will give that day a particular shape. Days ultimately determine the shape of a life too, don't they?

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On a different subject altogether, it's been wonderful this week to welcome a new member to our WMC office team. Lauren Bhima has joined us in the office following Valda's retirement. Pop in and meet her if you have a chance or you can mail her at lauren@westvillemethodist.co.za.

Calling all Floral Arrangers

All floral arrangers, and those who would like to learn the art of floral arranging, are invited to a demonstration in the Supper Room at WMC at 09:30 on Saturday 19 August. All welcome.

Stay Connected

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.



Sincere Thanks

To my very special church family for the most generous gift and beautiful orchid which I received on my retirement. Thank you too for the delicious tea which we all shared together on Sunday. It is greatly appreciated. It was such an honour and a privilege to work and serve at Westville Methodist for the past 12 years and I will always treasure these memories.

With love and thanks Valda.

Thank You

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Bible Readings

20 to 26 August 2023

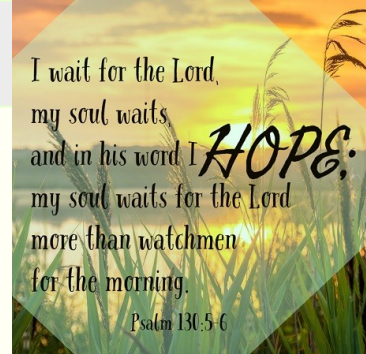
Sunday Matthew 15 : (10 - 20),
21 - 28
Monday Psalm 130
Tuesday Romans 11 : 13 - 29
Wednesday Matthew 8 : 1 - 13
Thursday Genesis 49 : 1 - 33
Friday Psalm 124
Saturday Matthew 16 : 5 - 12



**The Flowers in Church
this week
are in celebration of
the 50th birthday
of Nosipho Makhanya.**

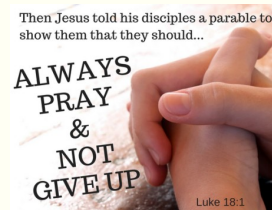
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Janet Thomason (Knee Replacement Surgery - Recovery)
- Mike Hoole (Frail)
- Moira Kolbe (Multiple Sclerosis)
- Dorothy Foster (Colon Cancer - 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)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)



Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Rose Chislett, Florrie David-Sullivan, Janita Downing, Gwen King, Evelyn Kolbe, Shirley Leech, Linda Lodge, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Steve Smith, St John Spoons, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett, Shirley Whelan.



**Help us
Share the Warmth**
This Winter

**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
- Clean 2L Ice Cream Containers

Thank you



Items of Winter Warmth including Blankets, Beanies, Jerseys, Scarves and Socks were distributed this week to the **Imbaliyethu Crèche and Pre-School**. The crèche provides daily classes to young children and orphans, in the Inanda area, during the day when their parents / caregivers are at work. If you have donations of children's clothing in a good, clean condition please place them in the donations box outside the office, marked '**Imbaliyethu**'. Thank you.

The following items are required by the Jes Food Foundation

- A5 Notebooks and Pens / Pencils,
 - Colouring-In Books and Crayons
- These can be placed in the donations box, marked '**Jes Foord**'.



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	
Total Income Jul 23 YTD	R1 324 430.65	R1 375 850.00	R 51 419.35 Under Budget
Total Expenses Jul 23 YTD	R1 324 123.43	R1 387 827.00	R 63 703.57 Under Budget
Net Surplus YTD	R 307.22		