



Staying Connected

27 August 2023

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

Ronald Rolheiser has encouraging words for any of us who may be concerned that we do not feel more in prayer: *"If we pray only occasionally, we might well experience some pretty deep emotions in our prayer. However, if we pray faithfully every day, year in and year out, we can expect little excitement, lots of boredom, and regular temptations to look at the clock during prayer; but we can also expect through the years an ever deepening intimacy with our God."*

That is not something that is often acknowledged, is it? We live in a world that prizes emotional highs and high energy, so this kind of steady, unexciting experience of prayer seems surprising when it comes to growing a friendship with God.

Rolheiser says that a deepening intimacy with God flows out of faithfully turning up and being present. He goes on to say that in the same way that a regular visit to an elderly parent with Alzheimer's may not seem like an exciting, dramatic moment, yet it undeniably builds intimacy between parent and child. It is the same with prayer.

May we be encouraged to keep on keeping on in prayer, and not be too hard on ourselves when we feel tempted to glance at the clock during prayer :)



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Bible Readings

27 August to 2 September 2023

Sunday Matthew 16 : 13 - 20
Monday Psalm 8
Tuesday Romans 11 : 33 - 36
Wednesday Exodus 2 : 15 - 22
Thursday Psalm 105 : 1 - 6
Friday 2 Thessalonians 2 : 7 - 12
Saturday Matthew 8 : 14 - 17

Vulindlela Meal Vouchers

Vulindlela Meal Vouchers can be purchased at a cost of R10 each. These can be handed out to indigent people and will entitle them to a meal at the soup kitchen. For further information or to purchase vouchers, please contact the church office.



Pastoral Care Flower Ministry

Each Monday morning a member of the Pastoral Care Flower Team arranges the flowers from Sunday into pastoral bowls. These flowers are delivered to our members as part of our pastoral care ministry. If you have **small** ceramic, plastic or glass bowls that can be used for these floral arrangements, please place them in the donations box, marked 'Pastoral Flower Team'. Thank you.



Ladies Fellowship Group

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.

**Condolences to
Amanda, James
and Oliver Kenny
and Family on the
death of
Andrew Kenny
on
Saturday 19 August.**



WITH
Deepest
SYMPATHY



IN LOVING MEMORY

**The Flowers in Church this week are
in loving memory of Andrew Kenny.
"We wish to express our sincere
thanks and appreciation to our
church family for all the support we
have received. Your love and
kindness, flowers, meals, prayers etc.
have been a huge comfort to us."
With love Amanda, James
and Oliver Kenny.**



**Condolences to
the Family and Friends of
Shirley Whelan
who passed away on
22 August 2023**

CHRIST OUR ROCK

MATTHEW 16:13-23

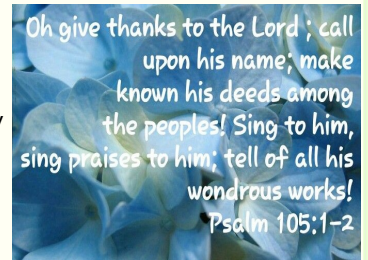
**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

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| Janet Thomason | (Knee Replacement Surgery - Recovery) |
| Mike Hoole | (Frail) |
| Moira Kolbe | (Multiple Sclerosis) |
| Dorothy Foster | (Colon Cancer - Treatment) |
| Shirleen Prydderch | (Sleep Apnoea / Bipolar Treatment) |
| 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 Spoor, Sherwyn Sullivan, Marjorie Tarbett.



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. Last 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 marked "KidzAid".



Hire a Hall



WMC is blessed with having many rooms and halls that we hire out to many community based and ministry groups. The weekday afternoons are quite booked up but we have a few slots available in the weekday mornings. Please contact Laura in the church office for further information with regards pricing and availability.

Church Bank Details

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

