



Staying Connected 15 October 2023

Office Details

Office Hours:

Mon - Thurs 08:30 to 14:00
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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

There is nothing more wonderful in the local church than seeing someone discover that they have a gift or ability they never suspected was there. Over the years I have seen so many people of all ages literally blossom as they were encouraged to use and develop the gifts God had given them in the safe setting of the church community. I say blossom because it is a life-giving thing, not a heavy duty or burden. Frederick Buechner defines calling as something that emerges from our joy, our passion - "*calling*", he says, "*is where your deep joy meets the deep need of the world*".



Sadly, in the church we have often settled for less. We have persuaded ourselves that ministry is the work of the minister, when in reality we are all invited to exercise ministry in different forms. In the church where I grew up, the printed church notices every Sunday included the following:

"Minister: All members; Assistant Pastor: Rev ... " :)

Where is your deep joy leading you? In the Staying Connected, there is a list of the members of our Exec and each person has a portfolio next to their name (Worship, Youth & Children, Mission, Finance, Fellowship, Communication, Pastoral Care, Property, Discipleship). We want to gather small teams of people around each of these key areas and draw all of our people into ministry in this way. Take the plunge and get in touch with an Exec member or the office - you have a gift to share!

WMC Market Day : Saturday 2 December

There are a few things that we need your help with to ensure the WMC Christmas Market, scheduled for Saturday 2 December, is a success: **Firstly**, we need good quality, clean, gently used clothing; small household items and fiction books in a good condition. These can be brought to the church office.



Secondly, we need you to advertise the market for us and tell all your friends and family to come along and support the many stall holders.

Thirdly, if you know of anyone that would like to hire a table / stall to sell crafts or eats, please let them know to contact the church office. The cost to hire a space is only R100,00 and all proceeds will be allocated to the church mission projects.

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Bible Readings

15 to 21 October 2023

Sunday Matthew 22 : 1 - 14

Monday Psalm 97

Tuesday Philippians 3 : 13 - 4 : 1

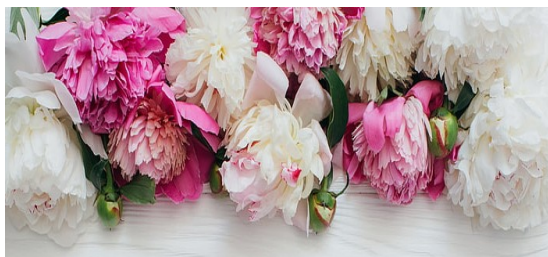
Wednesday John 6 : 25 - 35

Thursday 3 John : 9 - 12

Friday 1 Peter 5 : 1 - 5

Saturday Matthew 14 : 1 - 12

**Ayimpiliso Jidana
son of Asavela Lunika
and Anelisa Jidana
will be baptised
at the 09:00 service
this Sunday 15 October.**



**The Flowers in Church
this week
are in loving memory of
Jenni Bacher's mother,
Eileen
and Kurt Bacher's mother,
Theresa.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

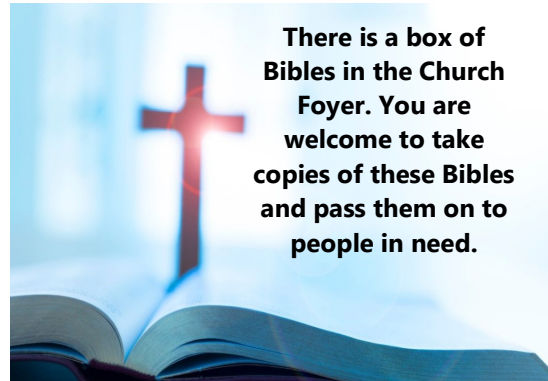
Gavin Linnett	(Surgery on Foot on Friday 13 October)
Shirleen Prydderch	(Bipolar Treatment)
Ursula Rohrs Ameen	(Pancreatic Cancer)
Mike Hoole	(Frail)
Dorothy Foster	(Colon Cancer - Treatment)
Sané Ndlovu	(Endometriosis Treatment)
John Cave	(Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted)
Zayden Govender	(Kidney function - Improvement)
Debbie Ivins	(Autoimmune Disease)
Shelley Reed	(Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)



For you, LORD, are the Most High

over all the earth.

Psalm 97:9



There is a box of Bibles in the Church Foyer. You are welcome to take copies of these Bibles and pass them on to people in need.

Ongoing Prayer

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



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
Small Bowls for Pastoral Flowers

Thank you

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.



WMC Christmas Market Saturday 2nd December 09:00 - 14:00

The market will include a clothes sale, a book sale, a tea garden and many other fun activities. All proceeds will be allocated to WMC mission projects.

If you would like to hire a table at the market to sell eats or crafts, 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 were able to **pass on additional tithes** to the following recipients during October:

- Prialex
- Thembaletu Sewing Centre
- Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre
- KidZAid

"On behalf of Khethiwe, please accept our delighted thanks for the extra donation (and always for your regular contributions) from your tithe this month. God Bless you always for your faithful giving"

Glenys Ross, Khethiwe

"How absolutely wonderful. What a blessing. Thank you so much. We really appreciate it"

Mary-Ann, KidZAid

Church Bank Details

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

