



# Staying Connected 12 November 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

## Contact Details

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## Bible Readings

### 12 to 18 November 2023

<b>Sunday</b>	Matthew 25 : 1 - 13
<b>Monday</b>	Psalm 78
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Thessalonians 3 : 6 - 13
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jeremiah 31 : 31 - 34
<b>Thursday</b>	Psalm 123
<b>Friday</b>	Revelation 16 : 8 - 21
<b>Saturday</b>	Matthew 12 : 43 - 45

## From the Minister's Desk

Our body language communicates so much about what we think about ourselves. I had a conversation recently with a woman whose job involves important work, but work which has a low status in our society, and her whole demeanour made it clear that she knows this. On this day though, something was different. I needed assistance with a problem beyond my ability or skill to solve and when I asked her for help, something changed in her. She drew herself up to her full height, thought intently about my problem and then confidently suggested a solution. It was a wonderful transformation to witness!

More than anything else, witnessing this kind of sacred moment is what has drawn me into the ministry. Everywhere I have been, I meet people in the church who feel they have nothing to offer, but whom God has clearly gifted and called into ministry in one form or another. Often such people are doubtful as they take their first steps into a new area of service or ministry, but invariably, with enough encouragement, their confidence grows and this new thing becomes deeply life-giving - even life-changing. Many of you are sitting quietly in the pews on Sundays with something bubbling up inside of you that God is longing to release. May God give us all eyes to see each others' gifts and cheer each other on in our respective callings. May you and I be a Barnabas to someone this week!



## Family Movie Night

Bring and Share  
(a basket of supper)

**Date:** Friday 17 November

**Time :** 18:00 for 18:30

**Venue :** WMC

Please bring your camping chairs  
Coffee, Tea and Cake  
will be served.



## Combined Service : Sunday 26 November

Please note : There will be a Combined Service at 09:00 on **Sunday 26 November**. (There will be **NO** 07:30 service and **NO** 18:30 service on this day). We will be gathering in one service at 09:00 and as part of our worship, we will be reflecting on the year that has been and looking ahead with hope to 2024. It will be a great chance to be all together in one place as we give thanks to God for his faithfulness in these challenging times.

## Market Day Helpers needed

If you are able to help sort clothes and household items on Friday 1 December or be available to assist with selling items on the morning of Saturday 2 December, please let Ashley or Laura know. We have received donations of new and used clothing, linen and small household items that need to be sorted and displayed. Thank you.



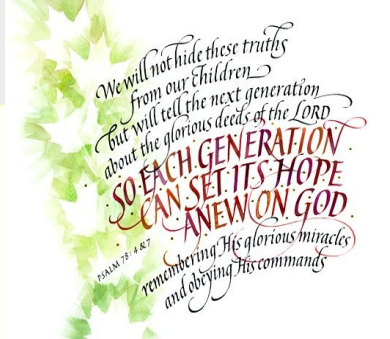
**Knitwits Social**

Please join us on Saturday  
**11 November** for a fun and creative morning, over a cup of tea or coffee and cake, at the next Knitwits Meeting.

**Date : Saturday 11 November**  
**Time : 09:00 - 12:00**  
**Venue : Westville Methodist Church**  
**R.S.V.P. Wendy Theunissen 082 3581593**  
 (Please bring a ball of wool to enter a lucky draw at the December meeting.)

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

- Steve Smith (Lung Infection - In ICU - Seizures)
- Chrissie Smith (Geographic Atrophy)
- Brandon Walker (Effects of Long Covid)
- Gavin Linnett (Recovery from Surgery and Pulmonary Embolism)
- Shirleen Prydderch (Bipolar Treatment)
- Ursula Rohrs Ameen (Pancreatic Cancer)
- Mike Hoole (Frail)
- Dorothy Foster (Colon Cancer - Treatment)
- John Cave (Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted)
- Zayden Govender (Kidney function Improvement)
- Debbie Ivins (Autoimmune Disease)
- Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease / ALS)



YOU'RE INVITED TO MY

**Birthday Party**



JOIN US FOR THE OASIS LADIES' MEETING  
 SATURDAY, 18 NOVEMBER @ 9:30 FOR 9:45  
 WESTVILLE METHODIST CHURCH  
 COST R20  
 R.S.V.P. office@westvillemethodist.co.za

**Ongoing Prayer**

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



**Please pray for all those preparing for and writing exams.**

**Flowers in Church**

Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Service. If you would like to donate towards these displays in memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a milestone birthday or special occasion, please contact the church office.




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

2023 YTD	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income Oct 23 YTD</b>	R1 922 947.08	R1 965 500.00	R 42 552.92 Under Budget
<b>Total Expenses Oct 23 YTD</b>	R1 914 267.26	R1 972 610.00	R 58 342.74 Under Budget
<b>Net Surplus YTD</b>	<b>R 8 679.82</b>		


**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
- School clothes, shoes and Stationery

**Thank you**

**Church Bank Details**

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



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