



Staying Connected 19 November 2023

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

Maya Angelou gets right to the point when she says "*what you're supposed to do when you don't like a thing is change it. If you can't change it, change the way you think about it. Don't complain.*"

I was privileged to witness this philosophy in action when I recently attended the annual prize-giving for the Right to Write project that we host in the evenings here at WMC. Right to Write provides literacy and IT skills training for adults and has been running for nearly 25 years here in Westville. It reminds us that we can complain about the lack of education opportunities for many South Africans or we can change the situation as the founders of this project have done. At Right to Write, volunteer teachers and students alike have not settled for accepting the status quo - they have taken action to improve themselves, and to change the way the story ends.

Just a year ago, our sewing project kicked off at WMC with the same determination - to make a difference and change lives. We salute Ashley and her team for having the vision and courage to build something from the ground up and we celebrate the impact this project has already had.

Is there a situation in our community that makes you angry or sad? Could there be an invitation there for you to do something about it?



Combined Service :

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.

ONE SERVICE
SUNDAY

**Sunday 26
November**

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.

Hospital Alert

Please let the church office staff know if you are ill or going into hospital. Your name will only be put on the prayer list with your consent. We would appreciate your co-operation in this regard so that we can visit or offer help. Letting us know helps us to show care! Many thanks

Faith for Daily Living

Copies of the Jan / Feb 2024 issue of Faith for Daily Living are available for collection from the church foyer or from the church office. For digital copies visit : <https://ffdl.co.za/>

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DAILY LIVING**

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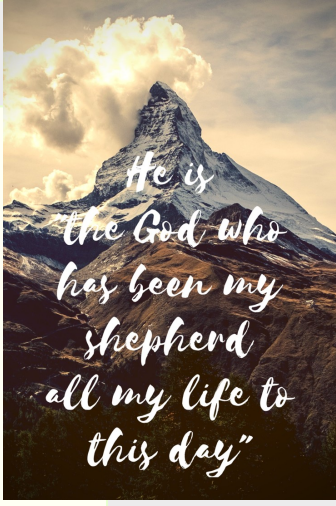
Bible Readings

19 to 25 November 2023

Sunday Matthew 25 : 14 - 30
Monday Psalm 83 : 1 - 4
Tuesday 1 Thessalonians 5 : 12 - 18
Wednesday Esther 7 : 1 - 10
Thursday Genesis 48 : 15 - 22
Friday Psalm 100
Saturday Matthew 12 : 46 - 50

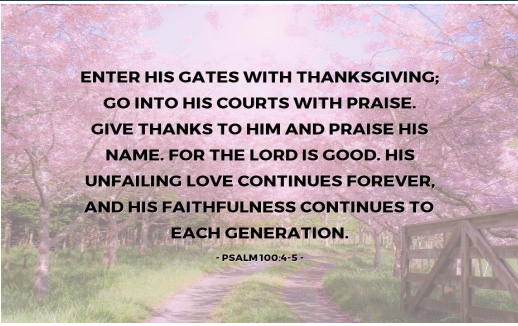
PRAYER REQUESTS

- Rujeko Kachasi (Recovering from major Spinal Surgery)
- Steve Smith (Lung Infection - 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)



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.



Items that can be placed in the green Mpac Recycling Bin:



Any form of paper; Old memos / letters; Flattened cardboard boxes; Photocopying paper; Newspapers; Magazines; Old telephone directories and books; Envelopes; Milk and juice cartons (Tetra Pak) and Paper Cups.



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

2023 Christmas Day COLLECTIONS

To Our Methodist Church Family

The Christmas Day collection is a long-standing tradition of your support, which provides Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre with the invaluable means to continue caring for our 65 beneficiaries.

As you prepare for the Advent season, we ask that you keep our Centre close to your heart. Your generosity during this time, and on Christmas Day, ensures that each of our children benefit from a loving and caring environment that provides for their every need.

~ We wish you a blessed New Year ~

Your Ethelbert CYCC Family

Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre, based in Malvern, specialises in the full-time care, rehabilitation and support of vulnerable, abandoned and abused children within KZN. As a residential place of safety, Ethelbert supports 65 beneficiaries aged 18 months to 18 years. The Centre has been servicing the greater community for over 100 years.

The entire Christmas Day collection goes to Ethelbert. Please bear this in mind when you prepare for this time, and if you would like to give to this worthy cause, even if you are planning to be away over Christmas, let us have your contribution clearly marked 'Ethelbert' before you leave.

Church Bank Details

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