



Staying Connected

14 January 2024

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Sunday Service Times:

07:30
09:00
18:30

From the Minister's Desk

I am conscious this week that there are numbers of families in our community who are grieving, mourning the passing of loved ones. These can be impossibly hard times for us - we may long for things which cannot be changed to be different, but we have to deal with the reality that faces us. As Christians we genuinely grieve with hope, but it is still so hard to sit with mystery, ambiguity and unanswered questions.



The words below are written by the Austrian poet, Rainer Maria Rilke, who is trying to become comfortable with not knowing everything:

"Be patient toward all that is unsolved in your heart and try to love the questions themselves, like locked rooms and like books that are now written in a very foreign tongue. Do not now seek the answers, which cannot be given you because you would not be able to live them. And the point is, to live everything. Live the questions now. Perhaps you will then gradually, without noticing it, live along some distant day into the answer." May you be aware this week of the God who holds us in his hand - so tightly that no-one

Ladies' Bible Study Group

A new Thursday afternoon Ladies' Bible Study group will be commencing on 18 January.

Course: Beth Moore : The Patriarchs - An 11 week study of Genesis 12 - 50. This consists of a weekly DVD-based teaching and discussion session, and a workbook for deeper study.

Venue : Westville Methodist Church - Family Room

Date / Time : From 18 January - Thursdays at 14:00

For further information please contact Glenda by WhatsApp on 082 655 7785. New participants are welcome.



Share your news

We would like to make better use of our social media pages to share more of what is going on in our church community. If you are part of a small group, or a service team or a mission project, we'd love for you to share pictures or details of what is happening in your corner of our WMC community. You can do this by emailing Lauren (lauren@westvillemethodist.co.za) and she will post your photos and stories on Facebook and Instagram (and add them to the welcome slides on Sundays when appropriate).



If you have a prayer need, please let the church office know. All prayer needs will be dealt with confidentially and will only be printed in this leaflet if requested by the family.

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. There is a need for helpers to assist with the **delivering** of these flowers on a Monday morning (once a month). If you would like to be a part of this very special ministry please contact the church office.

Contact Details

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Bible Readings

14 to 20 January 2024

Sunday John 1 : 43 - 51

Monday Psalm 86

Tuesday Acts 5 : 1 - 11

Wednesday Luke 18 : 15 - 17

Thursday Jeremiah 19 : 1 - 15

Friday 2 Peter 3 : 1 - 7

Saturday Psalm 62 : 5 - 12

Condolences to
Bill Harms and Family
on the death of Amy
Harms on Monday 8
January.



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Deepest
SYMPATHY

Condolences to
Jean Webber and
Family on the death of
Bill Webber on
Thursday 11 January.



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PRAYER REQUESTS

Sue Carter

Upcoming surgery /
Ongoing health
challenges
Multiple Sclerosis
Recovering from
major Spinal Surgery

Cameron Smith
Rujeko Kachisi

Recovering
Effects of Long Covid
Recovery
Bipolar Treatment
Pancreatic Cancer
Frail

Steve Smith
Brandon Walker
Gavin Linnett
Shirleen Prydderch
Ursula Rohrs Ameen
Mike Hoole
Dorothy Foster
John Cave

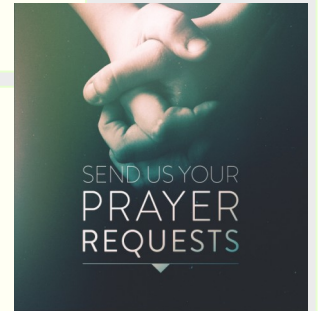
Recovering from Surgery
Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted -
pneumonia
Kidney function Improvement
Autoimmune Disease
Motor Neuron Disease /
ALS

Zayden Govender
Debbie Ivins
Shelley Reed



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.



HEAR MY PRAYER O LORD

Psalm 143:1



Soup Kitchen : Appeal for Funds

A meal is provided to the indigent folk of
Westville five days a week, on the church
premises. This is a ministry of the
Fraternal Churches of Westville.

At present funds are very low.

If you would like to donate to this worthy
ministry, please reference "**Soup Kitchen**"
when making a payment to the
WMC bank account.

W.A. Diary

The 2024 W.A.
Diary is
available from
the church
office at a cost
of R30 each.



Ingwe : As part of our support for the family at Ingwe
we give them R1000 every second month for groceries,
cleaning materials and toiletries. Please look out for the
Ingwe house collection boxes at church services. If you
would like to support the "Ingwe R10 or more" initiative
electronically, please use "**Ingwe Donation**" as a
Reference on your payment. Thank you.



Church Bank Details

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



There are numerous Bible Study Groups that meet throughout the week
in private homes and in the church building. Some groups meet in the
evenings after work, but there are also quite a few that meet during the
day. There is an opportunity and a time to suit everyone. For a full list of
the current groups available, please see the leaflet in the church foyer or
contact the church office for further information.