



Staying Connected

28 January 2024

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07:30
09:00
18:30

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From the Minister's Desk

A couple of years ago in a Sunday service we read the story of Gideon, where he was hiding from his enemies, the Midianites. An angel came and greeted him with the words, "God is with you, O mighty warrior!" and Gideon was told that God planned to use him to save Israel from their enemy. Eugene Peterson's translation of Gideon's response is lovely: "How and with what could I ever save Israel? Look at me. My clan's the weakest in Manasseh and I'm the runt of the litter" (Judges 6:15, MSG). But, as with Moses, and Mary, and Peter and so many others, God uses ordinary people in surprising ways. We see it again and again in the Bible, but somehow it is hard to believe that it may be true of us too! I can't tell you how many times I have resisted taking something on for fear that I may not be up to it. At such times we need someone in our community to be the angel who says to us "God is with you, O mighty warrior!"

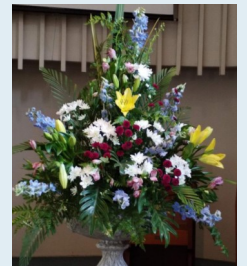
In our leaders meeting last night we reflected on the amazing array of mighty warriors who make up our WMC community. For us to thrive in our life together and our collective calling will require all of us to be serving and using our gifts in some way (even those of us who doubt whether we have something to offer). So, I hope that someone greets you as a mighty warrior this week, and that you do the same for another!

*God is
with you!*



Flowers in the Church

Each week a team of very talented people arrange the flowers that are on display in the church during the Sunday Services. 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.



Ladies Bible Study

A new Wednesday afternoon Ladies' Bible Study group will be commencing on 31 January. Course: Beth Moore: Living beyond yourself - An 11-week study exploring the Fruit of the Spirit. This consists of a weekly DVD-based teaching and discussion session, and a workbook for deeper study. Venue: **WMC - Family Room** Date / Time: **From 31 January - Wednesdays at 14:00** For further information please contact Pam by WhatsApp on 082 4646 379. New participants are welcome.

Bible Readings

28 January to 3 February 2024

Sunday Mark 1 : 21 - 28

Monday Psalm 35 : 1 - 10

Tuesday 1 Corinthians 7 : 32 - 40

Wednesday Mark 5 : 1 - 20

Thursday Galatians 5 : 2 - 15

Friday Psalm 147 : 1 - 11

Saturday Matthew 12 : 9 - 14

Knitwits Social

Date: Saturday 10 February **Time :** 09:00 - 12:00 **Venue :** Westville Methodist Church **R.S.V.P. :** Wendy Theunissen 082 3581593

Double knit wool donations welcome

Please come along and bring a friend

Thank You



CHRISTMAS DAY COLLECTIONS 2023

18 January 2024

Dear Reverend Michael Bishop

On behalf of the entire Ethelbert Child and Youth Care Centre family, I would like to extend a heartfelt Thank You to Westville Methodist Church for the generous contribution made towards the 2023 Christmas Day Collections. We feel extremely blessed by this support from our Westville Methodist family, and know that it certainly would not be possible without your advocacy for our cause.

Whilst the Christmas Day Collection is an annual tradition, it is not one that we take for granted, and with each year bringing new challenges for all, the consideration and support we continue to receive is immensely appreciated. Much of what we do would not be possible without you and your congregation - Thank You!

We ask you to please keep our children in your prayers for 2024, and wish all our Westville Methodist family the very best for the year ahead.

Warm Regards,

Vanessa Theophilus
Director



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



PRAYER REQUESTS

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| <i>Raymond A. Blom</i> | Dementia & Trouble Walking |
| <i>Sue Carter</i> | Ongoing Health Challenges |
| <i>Cameron Smith</i> | Multiple Sclerosis |
| <i>Rujeko Kachisi</i> | Recovering from major Spinal Surgery |
| <i>Steve Smith</i> | Recovering |
| <i>Brandon Walker</i> | Effects of Long Covid |
| <i>Gavin Linnett</i> | Recovery |
| <i>Shirleen Prydderch</i> | Bipolar Treatment |
| <i>Ursula Rohrs Ameen</i> | Pancreatic Cancer |
| <i>Mike Hoole</i> | Frail |
| <i>Dorothy Foster</i> | Recovering from Surgery |
| <i>John Cave</i> | Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted - pneumonia |
| <i>Zayden Govender</i> | Kidney function Improvement |
| <i>Debbie Ivins</i> | Autoimmune Disease |
| <i>Shelley Reed</i> | Motor Neuron Disease / ALS |



Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, 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.



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. 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.