



Staying Connected

28 April 2024

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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

Last week I wrote about outward-looking mission projects at WMC and how you can get involved. This week our focus turns inward: we had a meeting during the week of our pastoral care team which focuses on providing care for members of our congregation. This group is growing and there are a number of different aspects to this work:



1. The Samaritans is a group who arrange meals during times of bereavement or illness as a practical support for families;
 2. The pastoral flowers team make up small arrangements from Sunday's flowers and deliver them to members as a gesture of care and support;
 3. Intercessory prayer teams pray weekly for those on the prayer list and others who have shared a need privately but don't want it publicised. Prayer team members are also available for prayer after services on Sundays.
 4. The members of the care team come alongside individuals and families to visit or call regularly during times or seasons of need.
 5. A new area being explored is less about crisis care and more about being friendly and welcoming - possibly a phone call on your birthday, or a follow-up call for new members. We're looking into how to make this happen.
- If you'd like to be involved in one of our caring ministries, please contact the office or speak to the appropriate society steward: Louise Walker (pastoral care) or Sybil Scott-Adams (prayer). Also, please do let the office know if you are aware of pastoral needs.

Vulindlela : 'Open the Way'

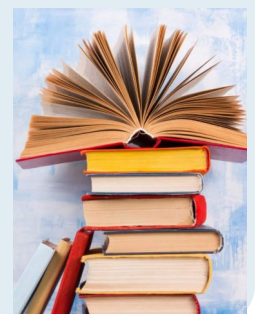
Vulindlela is a ministry of the Westville Churches for job-seekers in our community, held at Westville Methodist Church between 15:00 and 16:00 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. There are various ways of getting involved :

- ♦ Setup, serving and cleaning up after meals
- ♦ Helping participants create their own CV's
- ♦ Volunteering to teach or facilitate a session
- ♦ Connecting participants with work opportunities / experience
- ♦ Donate towards meals provided
- ♦ Teach a skill

Every day men from surrounding communities come to central Westville looking for employment. *Vulindlela* seeks to make a difference in the lives of these men by providing a meal, work experience and training; and skills development. Please contact the church office if you would like to volunteer or if you would like further information.

Book Corner at WMC

Please visit the Book Corner in the church lounge. You can either leave a donation in the honesty box in the church office or swap your books. When swapping books please ensure the books you leave behind are in good condition. We are not able to take big encyclopedias or large study books.



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Bible Readings

28 April to 4 May 2024

Sunday	John 15 : 1 - 8
Monday	Psalms 80
Tuesday	James 3 : 17 - 18
Wednesday	Isaiah 65 : 17 - 25
Thursday	Acts 10 : 1 - 34
Friday	Psalms 98
Saturday	Mark 10 : 42 - 45

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

John 15:1-4

PRAYER REQUESTS

Peter Howard

Joyce Maykin

Horizon Farm
James Dunford
Raymond A. Blom
Sue Carter

Cameron Smith
Rujeko Kachisi
Steve Smith
Brandon Walker
Gavin Linnett
Shirleen Prydderch
Mike Hoole
Dorothy Foster
John Cave

Zayden Govender
Shelley Reed

Recovering from Knee Replacement Surgery
Fall - Recovering from surgery on her arm
Financial Stability
Cancer
End Stage Dementia
Recovering from Surgery
Multiple Sclerosis
Recovering from Spinal Surgery
Recovering
Effects of Long Covid
Recovery
Bipolar Treatment
Frail
Recovering from Surgery
Cancer - Cardiac Stent inserted - pneumonia
Kidney function Improvement
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



Birth Congratulations to Ian and Maureen Bisset on the birth of a grand daughter, Ella Mawande Bisset, born to Grant and Swazi Bisset on 24 April 2024.

Ongoing Prayer

Stephen Adams, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Debbie Ivins, Gwen King, Evelyn Kolbe, Linda Lodge, Megan Moody, Sané Ndlovu, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.



Representatives of the 67 Blankets for Nelson Mandela initiative delivered blankets to LIV (Lungisisa Indlela Village) on Friday 19 April. This delivery included blankets made by the Social Knit Wits group. LIV is a much needed long term foster care facility for orphaned and vulnerable children, north of Durban.



Birthdays this coming week

Pearl Sokhulu Saturday 4 May
Blake Leathern Sunday 5 May
Pam Scott Sunday 5 May

If your name should be listed here, or if there are any errors, please contact the church office.



As the weather starts to cool at this time of year, we collect and distribute items for "Winter Warmth". This includes blankets, jerseys, jackets, socks, beanies, scarves, gloves or bedding.

If you have any of these items in good, clean condition that you would like to donate, please place them in the black box outside the office, marked "Winter Warmth".

Church Bank Details

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



Ladies Fellowship Group

All ladies are invited to join the next WMC Ladies Fellowship group get-together on Friday the 3rd of May at 10:00 in the lounge. There is a time of devotion, sharing and refreshments. The group meets on the first Friday of each month.

