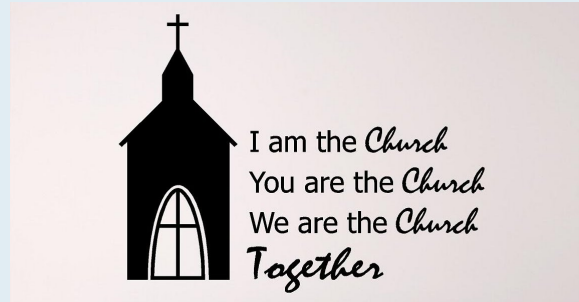




Staying Connected 8 June 2025

From the Minister's Desk

Quaker philosopher Elton Trueblood once said that "*Churchgoer*" is a vulgar, ignorant word. It should never be used. You can't go to church. You are the church, wherever you go." If he's right, the only day of the week when Westville Methodist Church's address is 38 Jan Hofmeyr Road is Sunday. The rest of the time, our church is in the world - caring for families, working, playing, being good neighbours.



This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday and we remember how the church was gathered in one place and then God poured out the Holy Spirit on all of them - young and old, male and female, with their different life stories, educational backgrounds and natural abilities. All of them. This is why we call Pentecost Sunday the church's birthday - because on this day the whole church was set aside, commissioned for ministry and then sent out into the world. That ministry will look different for each of us, but in the words of Paul Stevens "everybody is a person who can touch God on behalf of people and places and can touch people and places on behalf of God. Everybody is a priest".

This has radical implications for the work of the church (and especially my work!) Our task is to prepare believers for ministry and my responsibility is not to get you all to assist me in "my ministry" in the church; my role is to help equip you for your ministry in the world and in the church. The Spirit of God was poured out on us so that we could all be in full-time ministry!



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday 19 July
09h30 to 12h00
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Bible Readings

8 June to 14 June 2025

Sunday John 14:8-17
Monday Psalm 48
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 2:12-16
Wednesday Luke 1:26-38
Thursday Psalm 8
Friday Ephesians 4:1-6
Saturday Luke 2:41-52



There will be a Jumble Sale on **Saturday 5 July**. Pre-loved clothes, shoes, linen and small household items will be available at very reasonable prices in this regard we are currently looking for donations of the following: *Crockery and small kitchen items Clothes and Footwear Linen, Curtains and Blankets* (All items to be *clean and usable*, please). These items can be placed in the black box outside the office. Thank you.



Our
Deepest
Condolences

Sincere condolences on the passing of Jacqui Miller on Tuesday 3 June 2025.

Mum to Alain and mum in law and granny to Linda Lafitte, Catherine, Nicole and Danielle



Condolences to Jenny and Roger Finlayson and family on the death of Jenny's mother Doreen Brimelow.



WMC Prayer Requests



Joshua Geldenhuys
Doff Ponsie
Mo Taylor
Annemarie Cave
Paul Bryan
Russell Untiedt
Derek Gallichan
Bruce Perrow
Michael Mullan
Nick Naidoo
Tienie Dearham
Hane van der Merwe
Haroshen Govender
Lynda Goosen
Sané Ndlovu
Letitia Norris
Horizon Farm
Brandon Walker
Shirleen Prydderch
John Cave
Zayden Govender
Shelley Reed

Heart Surgery
Hip Replacement
Cancer Treatment
Knee Replacement
Health Issues
Cancer Treatment
Atrial Fibrillation
Health Issues
Health Challenges
Cancer Treatment
Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing
At home in rehab therapy and further surgeries
Cancer Treatment
Cancer Treatment
Further treatment - Endometriosis
Strength and Peace
Financial Stability
Effects of Long Covid - Pain and Fatigue
Bipolar Treatment
Cancer
Kidney function Improvement
Motor Neuron Disease / ALS

Ongoing Prayer

Kwashirayi Family, Helene Herbst, The Sullivan Family, Sue Carter, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family, Sherwyn Sullivan.

Special Prayer Request

Susan Holmes - Address on: First/last mile transport at South African Transport Conference at 11:00 on 09 July



Happy
Birthday
To You

Birthdays this coming week

Trevor Webber Wednesday 11 Jun
Mwelase Mbambo Wednesday 11 Jun
Colleen Williams Thursday 12 Jun
Phophi Muribwathoho Friday 13 Jun
Gail Humphries Sunday 15 Jun



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This month at Vulindlela we were able to help five men get their ID documents processed. One of those men was Joseph, a 66 year old man that has been attending since last year. Joseph really brought to light the importance of our support in helping the men get IDs as he had never had an ID before. He had tried to get an ID but because of the frustration with the Department of Home Affairs requirements he gave up trying. Last year we started investigating how it could have been possible for him to go without an ID for so many years. We found out even though he had been issued a Dompas (an apartheid-era document based on racial categories), he had misplaced it and because of his age the Home Affairs officials could not trust he was South African. His parents had passed away and he had no one to help him prove his citizenship.

Just before the elections, the government launched an effort to help people acquire IDs to vote and while this gave Joseph hope, his case was complicated. His last hope was to go back to his primary school and bring proof he had attended school there until Grade 7 in 1977. This time he was accompanied by an official and miraculously they were able to find his school register and he could identify his class teacher.

After four long months of waiting, Joseph attended Vulindlela last week, full of joy and could not wait to show everyone his ID. He has also managed to apply for a social grant and this will help him alot as he has not been able to find permanent work for five years.

Dumiso next to Joseph was also very excited to pass his drivers learner license as he plans to work for a local grocery store looking for motorbike delivery drivers. It's great to see how helping him get his ID earlier in year has motivated him to pursue this opportunity. In the coming weeks we will be helping him learn how to ride a motorbike.

Thank You



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