



# Staying Connected

15 May 2022

## Office Details

### Office Hours:

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

This week we are hosting ministers and lay leaders from around the greater Durban area for our annual District synod. If you're unfamiliar with Methodist-speak, in our language Westville Methodist Church is a **SOCIETY** which belongs to a **CIRCUIT** (the Durban Metro Circuit) in a **DISTRICT** (the Natal Coastal District) all of which is part of a **CONNEXION** (the Methodist Church of Southern Africa). In pre-Covid days, synod was a large gathering in one place, but this year our meetings take place at several decentralised hubs up and down the KZN coast, all connected via Zoom. The largest of those hubs will be here in Westville, so if you pop in to the church between Wednesday and Saturday this next week, the presence of our visitors will be reminder to us all that we are part a big family! We would be grateful for your prayers this week as our synod wrestles with some of the challenges and complexities of ministry in our province right now.



## Thank You from Khethiwe

*"On behalf of all at Khethiwe, our kiddies and their families; my colleagues Andi, Mavis Sli and myself, I would like to express our delighted thanks for your delightful donation of Easter bags for our kiddies. Isn't God's timing just amazing. You had no idea that we would be handing out these bags just after the floods, but what a wonderful gesture it was to be able to bless our kiddies this way at such a challenging and traumatic time. It was such a blessing to receive the beautiful handmade garments. PJ's that can double up as tracksuits are just the perfect all-purpose garment for our special kids. The little teddies are so cute with their bright colours and the beanies keep cold little heads warm. The jerseys are so lovely and were so appreciated.*

*God has truly had His hand on our families and we Praise Him for that. This comes with our sincere gratitude from the children and their mums."*

**Gleny Ross and Andiswa Tshude, Khethiwe Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Disabilities** (letter edited).

## Winter Warmth

We have received a generous donation of wool. If you would like to knit / crochet items for Winter Warmth, please collect balls of wool from the church office. Items of winter warmth that we distribute on a weekly basis include blankets, bedding, socks, beanies, gloves and jerseys.



## 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.



## Contact Details

### Minister

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### Society Stewards

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Natalie Moolman 073 438 8153  
Louise Walker 084 580 3471

## Bible Readings

### 15 to 21 May 2022

**Sunday** Acts 11 : 1 - 18  
**Monday** Psalm 133  
**Tuesday** 2 Samuel 1 : 4 - 27  
**Wednesday** Luke 10 : 25 - 28  
**Thursday** Acts 15 : 36 - 41  
**Friday** Proverbs 2 : 6 - 8  
**Saturday** Luke 19 : 1 - 10

## Church Diary :

Westville Methodist Church is blessed with having many halls and rooms of various sizes. These venues are hired out on a regular basis, with the afternoon slots presently occupied by many community based activities. We currently have a few slots available to hire, on weekday mornings. Please contact Laura in the church office for further information.



## Hall Bookings



Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**Psalms 133:1**



*Stay Connected with Us.*

## FOOD BANK



The food bank is very low on **Oil** and **Mealie Meal**.

Any donations will be gratefully received.

Kindly place in donations box outside Church Office.

**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

*Thank you*

## Church Bank Details

**Acc:** Westville Methodist Church

**Acc No:** 58880668126

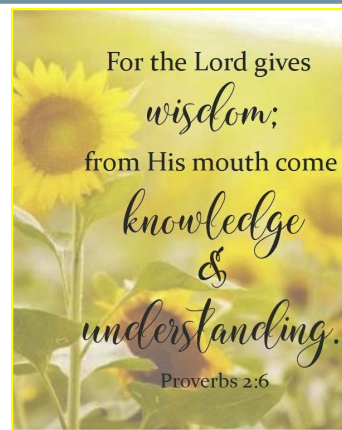
**Bank:** First National Bank

**Branch:** Westville **Br Code:** 223526



## Please Pray for

Jenny Cave (Cancer - Treatment)  
 John Cave (Cancer / back pain)  
 Janita Downing (Macular Degeneration)  
 Sieggy Hanelt (AML - Leukemia)  
 Mike Hoole (Cellulitis)  
 Mary Irving (Idiopathic Pulmonary Disease)  
 Debbie Ivins (Tests - waiting for results)  
 Linda Lodge (Recuperating)  
 Dave and Cheryl McDougall (Business concerns)  
 Wendy McGregor (Thymic Carcinoma - Finished radiation)  
 Megan Moody (Endometrial Cancer)  
 Ria Munroe (Cancer)  
 Doff Ponsie (Care Facility)  
 Rob Pooley (Cancer - Radiation and Chemotherapy)  
 Shelley Reed (Motor Neuron Disease/ALS)  
 Dorothea Reynolds (At home - further surgery pending)  
 Siswana Family (Employment needs)  
 Steve Smith (Strength to walk)  
 Marjorie Tarbett (Regaining strength at home)  
 Shirley Whelan (Convalescing after Stroke)



## Ongoing Prayer

Luca Anderson, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Andrew Kenny, Evelyn Kolbe, Letitia Norris, Judy Odendaal, Nicky Proctor, Sherwyn Sullivan, Geoff Taylor.

## Giving

### Rainbows and Smiles

Children fighting cancer spend a lot of time in cold hospital wards. Many of the children come from far, outlying rural areas where the winters are extremely cold. Children that have weekly / bi-weekly or even monthly check-ups, sometimes leave home at 3am to get to the hospital and it is really cold at 3am. Please help us keep them warm inside and out by donating any one of the items listed. These can be placed in the black box outside the office, marked "Rainbows and Smiles"



**Blankets, socks, gloves, scarves, beanies (these items need to be new) Cup A Soup / Packet Soups and 2 Minute Noodles.**



*Thank you for all the donations : Items of Winter Warmth are distributed on a weekly basis to numerous outreach and ministry groups.*

## Finances

Your faithful giving to the work of your church is really appreciated.



2022 YTD	Actual	Budget	
<b>Total Income Apr 22 YTD</b>	R 693 442.42	R727 200.00	R 33 757.58 Under Budget
<b>Total Expenses Mar 22 YTD</b>	R690 177.88	R719 180.00	R 29 002.12 Under Budget
<b>Net Surplus YTD</b>			<b>R3 264.54</b>