

DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

Please pray for the following people in their time of need:

Don McMaster,
Catherine & Scotty Rae

Flowers

In place of flowers today a donation has gone towards the Poor Fund in memory of Liz Boswell. From Trevor, Liza, Ashley & Evan May.

Birthdays

We wish you God's RICHEST blessings as you celebrate your special day.

Filippo Ingoglia	3 May
Barry Dolphin	3 May
Analene De Kock	3 May
Irene Chitter	3 May
Daniel Siddons	3 May
Shelagh Johnston	4 May
Anthony Lockett	4 May
Sheila Dorrington	4 May
Wessel Oosthuizen	4 May
Candice De Jongh	5 May
Karen Swart	5 May
Kristopher Schroeder	5 May
Christopher Van Staden	6 May
Susan Hart	6 May
Martin Minne	7 May
Rika Fourie	7 May
Bruce Harper	7 May
Mark Billam	8 May
Sarah Mac Mahon	9 May
Buddy Vorster	9 May
Bev Kokott	9 May
Mercia Georghiou	9 May
Chad Kleinschmidt	9 May

NEXT SUNDAY: 10 May 2015

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan
18h30 Rev Londiwe Xulu

Society Stewards

08h00 W.P. Van Zyl

09h30 Neels Hubinger

18h30 Louis Louw

Welcome & Offertory Stewards

08h00 Martin & Noreen Minne

09h30 Vida Das Neves & Riana Basson

18h30 Daphne Wordon & Vanessa Louw

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Thelda Ekron

09h30 Carol Hay

Data Projector Operator

08h00 Tippie Wyrley-Birch

09h30 Desiree Muller

18h30 Roeanne Fryer

Sound Operator

08h00 Willem Van Der Vyver

09h30 Neil Muller

18h30 Renier de Jager

Growing A Family Aflame,
Sharing God's Love with All



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Minister's Note

3 May 2015

I am the true vine (John 15:1)

Amongst the first bible verses I memorized were the metaphoric "*I am*" sayings that are unique to John's Gospel. Jesus says: "*I am the bread of Life*" (6:35) after feeding the 5000, "*I am the light of the world*" (8:12) after healing the man born blind, "*I am the gate*" (10: 7) and "*I am the Good Shepherd*" (10:10) during the feast of Hannukah (when the passage about bad shepherds in Ezekiel 34 was read), "*I am the resurrection and the life*" (11:25) before raising Lazarus and "*I am the way the truth and the life*" (14:6) when the disciples are feeling bewildered and lost. Today we read Jesus' final "*I am*" statement "*I am the true vine*".

The "*I am*" sayings are easily remembered because they evoke powerful images. Last week, for example, Benjamin and I were talking about things we fear and he wanted to know what the bible said about fear. I didn't have to drop too many hints for him to remember the image from last week – *the Good Shepherd*. That lead us, of course, to the wonderful assurance of Psalm 23. Something we all fear is living a life devoid of purpose and fruitfulness. The "*True Vine*" provides the "*light*" we need, leading us in the "*Way*" of "*Resurrection Life*"; helping us be true to our purpose: "**Growing a Family Aflame, Sharing God's Love with All**".

TODAY'S SERVICE

Reading: John 15: 1 - 8

Title: God is love, God prunes: Love Hurts

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan

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18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Steward

08h00 Sandy James

09h30 Andre Nortier

18h30 Rod Dawson

Organist:

Ian Jefferies

A Retiring Offering will be taken after all three Communion Services today to assist those who are in need.

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DMC YOUTH

Sunday School (9h30 - 10h30):

An opportunity for all children over 3 to worship and grow in faith through Bible stories and games.

Friday Night Youth

Theme: Christian Atheist

Topic: When you believe in God but aren't sure He loves you.

Juniors from 18h30 - 19h30 Grade 1 - 7

Seniors from 20h00 - 22h00 Grade 8 - 12

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - for Mother's Day, Sunday 10 May the Youth will be having a cake sale after all three services to raise funds.

For more information contact our Youth Pastor,

CHARITABLE APPEALS

In keeping with the Methodist Church tradition, May is known as the **"Blanket & Jersey"** month. All donations of new or good secondhand jerseys, jackets, coats, blankets, knee-rugs, beanies, bedsocks, scarves and double-knitting wool will be greatly appreciated. Thank you. The Social Concerns Outreach Team.

We require air-miles to send Rev Xulu & Mr. Neels Hubinger on a mission visit to support the Alpha Holy Spirit Day at Nkhomo. Please let the office know if you can assist.

DUTY ROSTERS MAY - JULY 2015

Will all those who have offered to do Welcome & Offertory/Help Desk/Sound & Data Projector duties please check the mail boxes for their roster. Thank you.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NEW MEMBERS ORIENTATION

All New Members are asked to attend the New Members Orientation which will be held *every Thursday from 4 - 25 June 2015 at 19h00.*

WORSHIP CENTRAL COURSE - Monday 4 May 2015 at the church at 19h00. Worship team and anyone interested to join the worship team please contact the office for catering purposes.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday 5 May 2015 at the church at 19h00.

CIRCUIT EXECUTIVE MEETING - Tuesday 12 May 2015 at the church at 19h30.

FIA (FAITH IN ACTION) - Wednesday 13 May 2015 at the church at 09h30. All most welcome.

ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 14 May 2015, the office will be closed. *An evening service will be held at 19h00.*

Rev Londiwe Xulu will be away on a Probationer's Retreat in George from 4 - 7 May 2015. We pray that God will continue being with her during this time.

DMC MEMBERS

We are planning to provide name badges for all worshippers. To assist us in this effort please confirm your details on the clipboards in the foyer.