

DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

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

All the unemployed people in our Congregation

Birthdays

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

Johanna Whittaker	29 November
Sally Visser	29 November
Denis Insley	29 November
Margaret Pietersen	29 November
Marcelle Barthelemy	29 November
Neil Rix	30 November
Jimmy Siewertsen	30 November
Di Schell	30 November
Trafton Poole	1 December
Elise Timm	1 December
Matthieu Pierre	3 December
Robyn Kotzé	4 December
Brenda Dicks	4 December
Bronwyn Botha	4 December
Daphne Wordon	5 December

Margaret Hall wishes to thank her DMC family for all the prayers and concern during her recent illness.

NEXT SUNDAY: 6 December 2015

- Holy Communion will be served at both services
- Welcome of New Members
- A Retiring Offering will be taken at both services

Preacher

09h00 Rev Sean McGuigan

18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Stewards

09h00 Rod Dawson

18h30 Neels Hubinger

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

09h00 Peter & Eileen Holmes

18h30 Elna Marran & Val Kemp

Help Desk Stewards

09h00 Riana Basson

Data Projector Operators

09h00 David Stephen

18h30 Ed Marran

Sound Desk Operators

09h00 Neil Muller

18h30 Chris Van Staden

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



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Minister's Note

29 November

On the first Sunday in Advent our scriptures “come out fighting”. The “festive” season is gathering momentum. Those with means are tempted to over-eat and over-spend. Those without means are tempted to give in to despondency. The Gospel lesson warns: “*Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap*” (Luke 21:34).

Both dissipation and despondency are the fruit of despair. Paul exposes the despair at the heart of overindulgence: “*If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die*” (1 Cor. 32:b). Theologians see despair as the origin of all sins¹.

But, praise God, we have been rescued from sin! Jesus is risen and we are therefore a people of hope!

In the resurrection of Jesus, God commenced the creation of a new heavens and a new earth. This Advent may you and I receive strength to resist despair and inspiration to live as people of hope.

God Bless,

TODAY’S SERVICE

ADVENT SERIES: Unwrapping the True Gifts of Christmas: Hope, Joy, Peace and Love.

Join us this Advent as we allow God’s Spirit to rekindle Hope, Joy, Peace and Love within us

Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16, Luke 21; 25-36
Title: In Hope we are Saved (and why you really do need a Christmas tree)

Preacher
08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan
18h30 Rev Sean McGuigan

Society Steward
08h00 Sandy James
09h30 Andre Nortier
18h30 Louis Louw

Organist
Ian Jefferies

Baptism
Rachel, daughter of Margaret & JF Grobbelaar & Scarlett, daughter of Brumilda & Brandon Londt

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DMC YOUTH

Sunday School (9h30 - 10h30):
An opportunity for all children over the age of 3 to worship and grow in faith through Bible stories and games.
Sunday School will close on 6 December & reopen on 17 January 2016.

Friday Night Youth
Topic: Build a pizza at DMC
Juniors from 18h00 - 19h00 Grade 1 - 7
Seniors from 19h00 - 21h00 Grade 8 - 12
Friday Night Youth will close on 4 December & reopen on 15 January 2016.

Thanks to all who contributed & assisted the Youth. 721 Crackers were made which went on to bless various organizations that we support.

We wish all our children, teachers & parents a blessed & peaceful Christmas & pray God’s continued blessings on all as they enjoy their holidays & those who will be travelling.

For more information contact our Youth Pastor, Taryn Minnie on 0796940419.

CHARITABLE APPEALS

CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERTORY - Will be in aid of the Methodist Homes for Children.

CAR GUARD - We would like to give Patrick a small bonus at the end of the year. If you would like to donate something please speak to Yvonne.

2016 ROSTERS - FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH, TYGERBERG HOSPITAL FLOWER DISTRIBUTION, SOUP KITCHEN - will all those who have volunteered to help with the above duties please collect their new roster for **2016** from the mail boxes.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - We need Data & Sound Operators for all services. Please speak to

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER - is a **COMBINED MORNING SERVICE at 09h00**. Join us for tea and mince pies after the service.

The ABC of High School: SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER (11 - 12noon): Grade 7 learners and their parents are invited to attend a session aimed at bridging the gap between Junior and High School.

CAROLS by CANDLE LIGHT - Saturday 12 December. Picnic from 5:30, Carols at 19:00. Bring a picnic basket, blanket. If you are able bring a basket of gifts that DMC will share with a family in need.

YOUNG FAMILIES/ADULTS ADVENT SMALL GROUP - 19:00 each Thursday at the Manse

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES
Will be at 07h30 and 09h00

OTHER NOTICES
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - Avondale Gardens, 6 December at 17h30. Hosted by the Rotary Club of Tygeberg for the benefit of **FCD**. Adults R50.00, children aged 6 - 12, R30.00. Bring a picnic basket.