DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

Please pray for the following people in their time of need:
Neil Draycott
Piet Olivier
Alta Fraser & family

Flowers

The flowers in the church today are donated by Athol & Lucille Beeforth.

Birthdays

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

Bruce Harper	7 May
Rika Fourie	7 May
Mark Billam	8 May
Terry Moss	8 May
Bev Kokott	9 May
Sarah Mac Mahon	9 May
Buddy Vorster	9 May
Mercia Georghiou	9 May
Nondumiso Mofokeng	9 May
Peter-John D'Aguiar	10 May
Dylan Schell	10 May
Grant January	11 May
Samantha De Kock	11 May
Olga Johnson	11 May
John Whittaker	11 May
Wayne Koral	12 May
Peppa-Rae Jewell	12 May
Kelly Fletcher	12 May
Gregory McNaughton	12 May
Shaun Huysamen	13 May
Doreen Johnson	13 May

"I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep….I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" (Jn. 10:7, 10)

NEXT SUNDAY: 14 May 2017

Preacher

08h00 Rev Geja
09h30 Rev Geja
18h30 Andrew Boake

Society Stewards

08h00 Lauren Fick
09h30 Paige Tremlett
18h30 Fabian Kuhn

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

08h00 Cowan & Marian Cameron
09h30 Liz Harper & Carol Hay
18h30 Nadine Cochrane & Dylan Dettmer

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Thelda Ekron
09h30 Denise Norton

Sound Desk Operators

08h00 Gary Kahts
09h30 Simon Conradie
18h30 Dirk Smit

Data Projector Operators

08h00 Bill Martin
09h30 David Stephen
18h30 Daphne Wordon

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

DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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Minister's Note 7 May 2017

"*I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly*" (Jn. 10:10).

The Christian life is characterised by a constant awareness that we enjoy the abundance of the treasures of heaven! We testify with the Psalmist "*The Lord is my shepherd, I don't need a thing*". This testimony forces the world to pause and take note.

Musawenkosi Saurombe recently became one of the youngest African women to be awarded a PhD. Her journey has not been easy. Indeed her father sold his car to fund her third year studies. But she says: "*I am defined by my African name 'Musawenkosi' which means 'God's grace' and indeed my life continues to be a story of God's Grace. …I am grateful to God for the milestone I have reached …It can only be Him at work in all of this*".[1]

Another article describes shadow minister of Social Development, Bridget Masango's daily 35km barefoot walk to school in the 1970s. Despite being a brilliant scholar financial hardship meant she missed a whole year of school when she was 13. But she now lives a live of intellectual fullfillment, influence and integrity. "*Masango will tell you she did not do it alone. It was God – God and the kindness of countless strangers who got her where she is today*".[2]

Abundant life sometimes overlaps with the common understanding of 'success' (as above), but it is always overwhelmed by God's grace.

God Bless,
Sean

[1] https://www.goodthingsguy.com/people/musawenkosi-saurombe-phd/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter

[2] ttps://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2017-05-05-many-rivers-to-cross-bridget-masango-from-barefoot-schoolgirl-to-parliament/#.WQwftVKB2Rs

TODAY'S SERVICE

Series: The Joy of the Lord is Our Strength: Discovering, through Scripture, how Christianity is a "religion of joy".

Reading: John 10: 1-10

Title: The Gateway to the Joy of Abundant Life

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

Society Steward
08h00 Fabian Kuhn
09h30 Simon Mofokeng
18h30 Andrew Boake

Organist
Ian Jefferies

A Retiring Offering will be taken after all services.

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DMC YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9h30 - 10h30)
All children over the age of 3 are welcome to attend. This is an opportunity for them to discover, through Bible stories, games and crafts, that they too belong to God's family.

YOUTH (19h00 - 21h00)
Friday: There will be **no Junior Youth this term,** but **all high school learners** are invited to join in with **Senior Youth.**

A light supper will be provided each week.
If you are willing to provide supper one Friday this term, please speak to Morag (071485 6699) or Sandra in the office.

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. Social Concerns Outreach Team.

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHURCH EXECUTIVE - SOUL KEEPING - Tuesday 9 May at 19h00 at the church.

FIA (FAITH IN ACTION) - will be held at the church on Wednesday 10 May at 09h30. Please remember your cup-a-soup, 2'noodle, peanut butter, instant coffee & tea. All most welcome.

CHURCH EXECUTIVE MEETING - Tuesday 16 May at 19h00 at the church.

CELL CONNECT - Wednesday 17 May at 10h00 for the morning groups & 19h00 for the evening groups. Details to follow.

CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - Tuesday 23 May at 19h00 at the church.

ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 25 May the office will be closed. ***An evening service will be held at 19h00.***

COME DINE WITH ME - DMC's Mystery Guests - will be held on Saturday 27 May at your DMC Host's house. For futher info please contact: Bradshaw.rochelle@gmail.com or 083 337 9809.

OTHER NOTICES

Sean & Vuyelwa will be away from 11 - 14 May for the Annual District Synod.

MORNING PRAYERS - join us for prayers on a Tuesday morning at the church from 05h45 - 06h45.

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - every Wednesday morning at 09h00. All most welcome.

MONTHLY HEALING SERVICES - first Wednesday evening at 18h30.

Please join us for a cup of coffee/tea after the 18h30 service.