DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

Please pray for the following people in their time of need:
David Talbot-Bowe

Birthdays

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

Duval Barnes	1 March
Elizabeth Robinson	1 March
Hein Oosthuizen	2 March
John Sparkman	2 March
Shaun Jardine	3 March
Normé Jamieson-Luff	4 March
Lloyd Chapman	4 March
Maaike Pietersen	4 March
Matthew Jacoby	4 March
Garth Hendrickse	4 March
Elsie Breet	4 March
Jennifer Whittaker	5 March
Chris Laubscher	5 March
Simon Conradie	5 March
Jaunelle JV Rensburg	6 March
Tanya Gilpin	6 March
Greg Gwenossis	6 March
Christine Ellis	7 March
Neil Munn	7 March
Samantha Fourie	7 March
Steve Knoetze	7 March

In bitterness of soul Hannah wept much and prayed to the LORD (1 Sa 1:10).

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 March 2020

Preacher

08h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
09h30 Rev Sean McGuigan - Baptism
18h30 Andrew Boake

Society Stewards

08h00 Elaine Dawson
09h30 Elaine Dawson
18h30 Pam Chapman

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

08h00 Thelda Ekron & Alta Fraser
09h30 Liz Harper & Sylvia Jensen
18h30 Lyn Boake

Help Desk Stewards

08h00 Margaret Oosthuizen
09h30 Debbie Smith

Sound Desk Operators

08h00 Bill Martin
09h30 David Engelke
18h30 Ethan Visser

Data Projector Operators

08h00 Tippie Wyrley-Birch
09h30 Nicole Barnes
18h30 Val Kemp

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

DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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Minister's Note 1 March 2020

First Sunday in Lent

One of the greatest theologians, Karl Barth, said "*To clasp the hands in prayer is the beginning of an uprising against the disorder of the world*".

This "high" view of prayer believes that when we pray, "*Your Kingdom come*", God's Kingdom invades, overturning all other kingdoms. That idea of prayer is daunting; it seems to expose our lack of competence and enthusiasm in prayer.

We may have much to learn but we are still people of prayer. That's because "*the need to pray is primitive and fundamental. Prayer is built into us, as it were, ready to flow when trouble kicks in*"[1]. I can identify. My most common prayer is a very eloquent, "*Lord, quick, help*". I take comfort in knowing it's a biblical prayer (see Ps. 70:1b)!

The urgent cry for help drives prayer. But there is another, stronger, catalyst that wells up from the depths of our being: the great yearnings of our hearts. In our worship today we hear Hannah earnestly, tearfully praying her deepest longing.

She is one of many in scripture "*who brought their deep natural longings into the presence of God, and found them answered by being taken up within his purposes*"[2].

May God hear the deepest longings of our hearts and answer.
God Bless, Sean

[1]Emile Grtiffin, Doors into Prayer
[2]Tom Wright, The Lord and His Prayer

TODAY'S SERVICE

LENT SERIES
Hearing Hannah's heartfelt prayer. From Barrenness to Birth, Distress to Praise.

Reading: 1 Sam.1:1-20

Title: God's people at Prayer

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

Society Steward
08h00 Karen Visser
09h30 Karen Visser
18h30 Rod Dawson

Organist
Charles Egan

A Retiring Offering will be taken after all services.

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DMC YOUTH

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9H30-10H30)
Sunday School caters for all children from 2 years old upwards. We long to introduce them to the Lord Jesus Christ so that they can build their lives in his loving care. We do this through stories, videos, crafts and games. Please encourage them to come regularly so they don't miss out. And please pray for us in this important task.

Do you know any family which would like to make use of crèche facilities at DMC during the 9h30 morning service? Please leave your details at the help desk or inform Morag Venter or Ingrid Oates so we can contact the families when the crèche starts up.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

MARSH MEMORIAL HOME - calling for volunteers. See information at the help desk/notice board.

SOCIAL CONCERNS
LENT 2020 - Forty Days # Forty Items
Today is the first day of Lent … and we have a challenge for you! Each day of Lent, remove one item from your house that you no longer wear or need, and put it into a plastic bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to Social Concerns. They will be shared with those who can really use them.

SOUP KITCHEN - We urgently need one person to assist with serving soup for 1 hour on a Friday morning once every 7 weeks. Please contact the office.

PANTRY CUPBOARD - our pantry cupboard is running low. We are making an appeal for non-perishable food items. Please deliver to the church office or leave at the help desk. Thank you.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE - we need people to do the Peace & Justice Candle and say a prayer at all services. Wording will be provided. Please contact the office.

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORSHIP MEETING - Monday 9 March at the church in the Community Lounge 18h30 for 19h00.

SOCIETY STEWARD MEETING - Tuesday 10 March at the church at 19h00.

FIA (FELLOWSHIP IN ACTION) - will be held at the church on Wednesday 11 March at 09h30. Please remember your cup-a-soup, 2'noodle, peanut butter, instant coffee, tea & toiletries. All welcome.

OTHER NOTICES

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

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - Friday 6 March at **08h00** at Durbanville Dutch Reformed Church, Weyers Avenue, Durbanville.

LENT 2020
Can prayer change our world? Can prayer change me? Could prayer change God's mind? What do we make of unanswered prayers? Scripture answers, not with trite formulas, but with beautiful stories of real people grappling with God in a broken world. This Lent, as we listen to the heartfelt prayers of God's people, we'll discover that God is able to do more than we could ever ask or imagine.

08 March: Hezekiah was healed! What changed God's mind?

15 March: Jonah's journey from jeopardy to judgement; a story of grace.

22 March: David's rage. God's wrath. A prayer you thought you'd never hear in church

29 March: Paul prayed in prison. Prayer breaks chains.

05 April: Jesus's grief in Gethsemane