DMC FAMILY NEWS

Prayers

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

Birthdays

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

Tracy Scott	23 March
David Van Der Merwe	26 March
John Cloete	26 March
Hazel Enslin	27 March
Leonard Coetzee	27 March
Glenn Schooling	27 March
Maryna Lureman	27 March
Mary Grobbelaar	27 March
Nellie Schooling	28 March

NAME TAGS

After service please leave your name tag in the plastic holders provided and not on the board.

A huge thank you to Sean and all DMC friends for their prayers, phone calls, love and concern. Praise God for His love and answer to prayer. To God be the glory. From Ronel Breuninger & Marzelle Rademeyer.

NEXT SUNDAY: 29 March 2020

Preacher

09h00 Rev Vuyelwa Ntshinga
18h30 Fellowship Service

Society Stewards

09h00 Elaine Dawson & Andrew Boake

18h30 Karen Visser

Welcome and Offertory Stewards

09h00 Sandra Fairbairn

18h30

Help Desk Stewards

09h00 Thelda Ekron

Sound Desk Operators

09h00 David Engelke

18h30

Data Projector Operators

09h00 Bill Martin

18h30

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

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Minister's Note **22 March 2020**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

"*The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing*" (Ps. 23:1)
"*I will fear no evil*" (Ps. 23:4b)

My wife, Sarah-Jane, prepares a weekly menu and shops accordingly. That works well most weeks. But recently "panic buying" left the shelves near empty. That's a fear response. Willard[1] observes that the powers of evil at work in the world "*dominate humanity through fear and self-obsession, so that the uppermost thing filling our minds is likely to be ourselves*". He says the "*truth of the matter is that people are obsessed with themselves*"[2]. Satan uses our fear that we won't get what we desire to keep us trapped in self-obsession.

God's people, recently liberated from Egypt, had to learn that people who are free under God lack nothing. God fed them "manna" in the desert. If they collected more than they needed "*it bred worms and stank*" (Ex. 16:20).

If the Lord is our Shepherd, we "*fear no evil*". Why? Because we can say of the Lord "***you are with me***" (Ps. 23:4b). Friends, God is with us! We could view this season of forced "social distancing" as a metaphor for time in the desert with the Lord. Some of us will grow in faith and trust (God will provide). Others will "*die to self*" coming to a place of surrender and openness to God (Mt. 16.25). And those surrendered to God will be led further into a life of loving service (Jn 13:34).

Friends, those who lack nothing, those who fear no evil, are free to serve in love. "*Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds*" (Heb 10:24).

God Bless, Sean.

[1]Dallas Willard, Life without Lack, living in the fullness of Psalm 23.
[2]This is not condemnation of "other" people. This is insight about humanity. If we are not self-obsessed it is because, by God's grace, we've been set free to seek first the Kingdom.

TODAY'S SERVICE

LENT SERIES
David's rage. God's wrath. A prayer you thought you'd never hear in church

Reading: Eph. 5: 8-14, John 9: 1-41

Title:

Preacher
09h00 Rev Sean McGuigan
18h30 Fellowship service

Society Steward
09h00 Karen Visser & Ian Dorrington
18h30 Andrew Boake

Organist
Ian Jefferies

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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.

Sunday School will be closed for the school holidays. Sunday School will reopen *19 April.*
We wish all our children, teachers & parents a blessed holiday.

SERVICE & GENEROSITY

SOCIAL CONCERNS
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.

SOUP KITCHEN - Our stocks are depleted, if you can help please deliver to the church.

EASTER APPEAL - We welcome donations of small marshmallow Easter eggs and hot cross buns for our various outreaches, old age homes, hospitals, hospices, crèches and our soup kitchen.

NEWBORN, TODDLER, KIDDIES & TEENS CLOTHING - donations of quality clothing needed. Please leave at the help desk or office.

SOCIAL CONCERNS - LENT 2020 - Forty Days # Forty Items
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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

W/W LUNCH - will not take place end March. Please watch this space for information.

OTHER NOTICES

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

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.
29 March: Paul prayed in prison. Prayer breaks chains.
05 April: Jesus's grief in Gethsemane

MY PERSONAL PRAYER BOOK - by Bishop Geoff Quinlan, for sale at the help desk at R40.00.

"DMC's COUNSELING and CARE CENTRE" - At some point most of us wonder "*how long must I wrestle with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart*" (Ps. 13:2). Don't suffer alone. DMC's Counseling Care Centre is here to listen, guide and heal. Call (Ian) at 082 645 6683. All calls are dealt with in strict confidence.

OPPORTUNITY for PRAYER - The Presiding Bishop calls on all the People called Methodists to join together in prayer on **Thursday 26 March at 12h00** wherever we are.