



DURBANVILLE  
METHODIST  
CHURCH

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

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## Minister's Note

**2 May 2021**

One of the important lessons we can learn from the gardener for our journey of faith is the need for pruning, cutting off some parts of the plant at the right time and in the right places. Some of the reasons to prune include improving the plants' overall health, direct new growth, preventing the spread of disease and to increase the number and quality of fruit, flowers and foliage.

The natural things of life often are metaphors for the journey of discipleship. Just as it is important to prune plants, it is also important to participate in God's season of pruning in our walk of faith. Whilst the pruning of persons sounds painful, in God's wisdom, it is necessary to prune the flaws in our character and the distractions out of our lives in order to gain spiritual health and growth, and become purposeful in serving Christ.

Clearly Jesus does have expectations from us. He loves us enough to see that we are given what we need to bear fruit for him. The fruitfulness of the first disciples is visible today as they are the ones who established the Church. May we draw our wisdom and strength from Christ for service in God's kingdom, as we abide in him.

Every blessing,

Vuyelwa.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

**Will resume on 9 May 2021.**

*We encourage families to worship together during this time.*

## DMC FAMILY NEWS

### PRAYER

Tina Olivier, Mike Oates  
The Absalom Family

### OTHER NOTICES

#### MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES

**Will be held in the church from Wednesday 5th May at 09h00. All most welcome.**

**DMC BANKING DETAILS** - MCSA Durbanville Society,  
Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code: 050410,  
Account Number: 275125750.

### BIRTHDAYS

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

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Kayla Janse Van Rensburg | 2 May |
| Aretha Danielsen         | 2 May |
| Nozuko Calana            | 2 May |
| Roeanne Fryer            | 3 May |
| Daniel Siddons           | 3 May |
| Hilary Maxwell           | 3 May |
| Irene Chitter            | 3 May |
| Analene De Kock          | 3 May |
| Wessel Oosthuizen        | 4 May |
| Anthony Lockett          | 4 May |
| Shelagh Johnston         | 4 May |
| Kristopher Schroeder     | 5 May |
| Karen Swart              | 5 May |
| Susan Hart               | 6 May |
| Quintin Jewell           | 6 May |
| Rika Fourie              | 7 May |
| Andrej Vladar            | 7 May |
| Isabella Kriel           | 8 May |
| Terry Moss               | 8 May |
| Mark Billam              | 8 May |

## SERVICE & GENEROSITY

### SOCIAL CONCERNS

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, track suits, beanies, bed-socks, scarves, blankets and knee-rugs will be greatly appreciated.

### THUTHUZELA, CANSA CARE, TYGERBEARS, KARL BREMER & TYGERBERG HOSPITAL

are once again appealing for instant noodles, soup, peanut butter, coffee & tea. Toiletries including roll-on deodorant, face cloth, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, pocket size pack of tissues & feminine hygiene products.

**BABY CLOTHING (birth - 12 months)** donations of quality clothing needed by our Social Concerns ministry.

**SOUP KITCHEN** - Our stocks are depleted. We are making an appeal for frozen soup as we will be serving soup from 7 May at MES Durbanville. 10 Liters needed each week. If you can help please deliver to the church office by Thursday.

### BIRTHDAY & OTHER GREETING CARDS

Available at the office. R5 each.

**THANK YOU.**

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