DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK **26 SEPTEMBER 2021**

On behalf of Sacredise - By John van de Laar

We love to make faith about who is "in" and who is "out". We love to believe that we know how God works, and that we can easily discern when something is "of God" or not. We like to feel that we are in God's inner circle, and that we are beloved by God while others are not. We may say out loud that we know that God loves everyone, but in our hearts we easily start to feel like we, and those in our group, are God's favourites.

But this week, the Lectionary challenges these exclusive views of God's work. Just when it looks like we have God all worked out, God does something completely unexpected. If we don't keep our hearts and minds open to this surprising work of God, we may just find ourselves missing out on what God is doing. In the Old Testament, the story of Esther reveals how God can use serendipitous events and unexpected people to save those who are being oppressed and persecuted. In the Gospels, the disciples tell Jesus that they found someone casting out demons in his name, and they told him to stop. But Jesus tells them not to stop him because "anyone who is not against us is for us." Certainly God seems to be less worried about credentials and the right connections than we are!

This week, why not try to open yourself a little more to the surprising work of God in your life and your world?

SUNDAY SCHOOL & SUNDAY YOUTH

DMC will be in contact with the Sunday School parents later this week with regard to the holiday arrangements. But don't forget to pray for us all as we restart.

OTHER NOTICES



BIRTHDAYS

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

Kurt Rauch	26 September
Tania Minnie	29 September
Ernest Ostler	29 September
Ntokozo Yokwe	30 September
Adrienne Louw	30 September
Brenda Wright	30 September
Augustina Mensah	30 September
Virginia de la Hunt	30 September
Flo Smith	1 October
Desmond Damster	2 October
Bryony Niemann	2 October

SERVICE & GENEROSITY - SOCIAL CONCERNS

MES - MEAL VOUCHERS - Please help support MES by buying soup kitchen tickets - R50 a booklet or R5 per meal voucher and handing them out to the homeless. Tickets are available at the church office.

MES - SHOPPING BAGS



We are making an appeal for any clean plastic shopping bags. The Centre of Hope staff are going to teach their less privileged folk to crochet shoppers out of plastic strips from the bags. Please deliver to the church office.

PANTRY CUPBOARD

We are making an appeal for non-perishable food items for our pantry cupboard. If you can help please deliver to the church office. **Thank you.**

DMC FAMILY NEWS - PRAYER

Vuyelwa Ntshinga's mother
Betty McMaster, Elise Van Der Spoel

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

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