



DURBANVILLE
METHODIST
CHURCH

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

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MINISTER'S NOTE

22 JANUARY 2023

The year has begun and as good Methodists, we take time to renew our Covenant with God. The Covenant service invites us to pause and understand more the radical love of God for us. I hope you will take time to reflect on this love that is unconditional and undeserved. It is love that is immeasurable and wide enough to include everyone and it surpasses all understanding.

Life experiences have taught us that the lack of love leads to prejudice, divisions, rivalry, and conflict both in our personal lives and in the world. Sometimes everything seems so complicated, but God is Love. When rooted and grounded in the love of God, one can live with the scarcity of earthly love, and still be full of joy and fruitful because of the deep love of God that enriches our lives. No one escapes the trials of life. It is the unconditional love of God that gives us stability and makes us strong to endure every trial and storm. As we are rooted and grounded in God's love, we grow and bear good fruit, loving God and sharing God's love with others.

As we renew our Covenant with God, may we remember that God has offered us a loving relationship. The Covenant is the means of grace by which we live within this loving relationship. May we not miss the deep personal experience of Christ dwelling within us. Never forget that you are beloved of God. "We love because he (God) first loved us" (1 John 4: 19).

Shalom,
Vuyelwa.

"Abide in my love" (John 15: 9)

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.

This week Sunday School and Sunday Youth are re-opening. The children and their teachers will be starting a new series: Journeys with John. Make sure your children or grandchildren or nephews or nieces or friends don't miss out. They are all welcome.

DMC FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER

Shirley Louw

Mandy Kock and family as they mourn the passing of her dad Ronald Heyns

THE WEEKLY PRAYER LIST will commence 23 January.

FLOWERS

The flowers in the church today are donated by Gottfried & Linda Weber. "The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance" (Ps. 16:6).

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

Erin Chothia-Lakay	22 January
Rosa Coetzee	22 January
Donald Bissett	23 January
Alistair Heuvel	25 January
Joan Dixon	26 January
Barbara Pauw	26 January
Lorraine Adam	26 January
Robert McKinley	27 January
Simon Mofokeng	27 January

SUNDAY SERVICE 22 JANUARY 2023 at 09h00.
HOLY COMMUNION and COVENANT SERVICE
PREACHER REV VUYELWA NTSHINGA

UPCOMING EVENTS

DISCIPLESHIP 3 COURSE will resume on 23 January 2023.

FIA (FAITH IN ACTION) - We meet Wednesday 8 February at 09h00 to celebrate Holy Communion. Morning tea at 09h30. All welcome

SOCIAL CONCERNS - SOUP for MES - We are in **urgent need** of soup. We have been asked to supply 24 litres of soup each Friday to MES. If you could deliver the soup by Thursday latest, we will arrange for it to be sent to MES.

Many thanks to the Congregation for the generous support and many donations received for our Christmas appeal and throughout 2022.

So many people have been touched by your kindness.

OTHER NOTICES

MIDWEEK COMMUNION SERVICES - will recommence Wednesday 1 February at 09h00.

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