DURBANVILLE METHODIST CHURCH

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

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MINISTER'S NOTE 23 JULY 2023

"How did we get to this point?", is a question that many have asked at some time or another, because the reality is that our lives and our world are a field in which good and evil, life and death, joys and sorrows, that which we want and that which we don't want, co-exist.

As we listen to Jesus' story of the weeds and wheat, we learn that in this field of our lives and our world the separation between the wheat and the weeds is not as clearcut or black and white as our personal opinions would often have us believe. We learn that what may appear to be a lost cause to us isn't necessarily lost to grace. Whilst we are often more aware of our flaws than our strengths, God's never-ending grace surprises us and those we sometimes struggle with.

We are therefore invited to learn to imagine a new reality where even flawed humans can be disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. We heal through acceptance and hope, not exclusion and condemnation. Jesus commands love. Love your enemy. Love your neighbour. Love yourself. Love God.

As we live in the reality of God's surprising grace, may our prayers overflow for our own healing and for the healing of the world.

Every blessing,

Vuyelwa.

LECTIONARY READINGS:
Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24, Genesis 28: 10-19a, Romans 8: 12-25, Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

SUNDAY SCHOOL & YOUTH: 09h00 - 10h00.
We live in an age when our Christine teachings are constantly being challenged. It is more important than ever, therefore, that parents ensure that their children are taught the truths contained in Scripture. Our lesson plan for this term: 'Be brave, but obey' highlights the stories where we see our holy, almighty God at work. Make sure your children and grandchildren do not lose out!

DMC FAMILY NEWS
PRAYER
Don McMaster, Marlene Damster, Marlene Froneman, Avril & Mike Reid, Catherine Rae, Roy Lureman, Phil Smit, Tamzen & Elvin Hendricks and baby daughter.

Kindly inform the office of members who have been admitted to hospital.
Please contact the office if you have any prayer request.
Tel. 021 9760598

UPCOMING EVENTS
BURGER EVENING - Friday 28th July from 6:00pm - 8:00pm.
Please be reminded that this is a sit-down affair & NOT a takeaway. It is intended to be a family affair, so we'd like to see the little ones there as well.
On offer will be a Burger with trimmings and a side accompaniment as well as coffee, tea and juice. Price R45. Tickets will be available after Sunday service in the foyer.

FIA (FAITH in ACTION) - Will be held at the church in the Community Lounge on **Wednesday 2 August** at 09h30. Speaker, Grant Hopkins. Please remember your food items.

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

Nomsa Nkata	23 July
George Lucas	24 July
Christina Kapere	25 July
Marthinus Maritz	25 July
Cynthia Botha	26 July
Elvin Hendricks	27 July
Dylan Dettmer	28 July

SUNDAY SERVICE 23 JULY 2023
PREACHER REV VUYELWA NTSHINGA

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

SERVICE & GENEROSITY
SOCIAL CONCERNS
CLOTHING NEEDED (newborn - 5 years)
Donations of quality clothing needed by our Social Concerns ministry.

SOUP for MES
We are in need of soup. We have been asked to supply 20 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.

Our **grateful thanks** to the congregation for the great response for donations received for the flood victims.

Sacrificial giving can be done via EFT :
MCSA DURBANVILLE SOCIETY - Standard Bank, Tyger Manor, Branch Code 050410, Account Number 27 512 575 0.
Thank you for your generosity. Through your giving we are able to continue our various ministries.

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