



21 DECEMBER

Westville Methodist Church STAYING CONNECTED

OFFICE DETAILS

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BIBLE READINGS

21 December to 27 December

Sunday Matthew 1:18-25

Monday Luke 1:46b-55

Tuesday 2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29

Wednesday Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)

Thursday John 1:1-14

Friday Psalm 148

Saturday 1 John 5:1-12

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK IN THE MIDST OF IT ALL

As we prepare for Christmas this year, with everything else on the go, here are some helpful thoughts: a poem by Barbara Doerrer-Peacock:

In the midst of it all... a government tax, a burdened journey, a burgeoned town, no room in the midst of it all. In the midst of it all ... each single life, here and now, walks the hard pavement of ordinary life, wading through the sinking mud or flash flood of waking tasks, worried racks of anxious unknowns.

But, somewhere in this night, the desert night of long ago, or this daily desert of a road— a twinkling here, a shining there, a flower blooms in deepest winter. Love has come and calms the shiver. A warming kiss, a soft embrace, a lighted window, a stable place.

In the midst of it all... a hard won labour, grace is born in fleshly groans. The baby cries his birthday song as angels weep and sweep the heaven-to-earthbound glory. And, love has come, to each and every one of us whether our eyes are open and we perceive, or closed in lonely fear.

We will receive this love come to us – whether open-hearted in abundant waves, or in unsuspected and surprising ways. Love has come. Love has come... Arise and shine – with the sun! Love has come in newborn grace to offer truth and God a face.

May you and yours experience the blessing of the Light who has come into our world this Christmas!



Wishing you all a heartfelt Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. Thank you sincerely for all the love, support, and wonderful efforts you have shared throughout the year. We are truly grateful for everything you have done and for all that you continue to do as we look forward to

2026

May this season be filled with joy, peace, and God's abundant blessings for you and your families.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR





AND SHE SHALL BRING
FORTH A SON, AND THOU SHALT
CALL HIS NAME

Jesus
FOR HE SHALL SAVE
HIS PEOPLE FROM
THEIR SINS.
Matthew 1:21 KJV
Top-BibleVerses.com



As we celebrate the Christmas season, please consider placing food items (including maize meal, sugar etc.) under the Christmas tree. All donations will go to charities & families in need. Thank you for sharing Christ's love through your generosity!



JOY
to the
WORLD
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY

Birthdays this coming week
Thami Ngwenya Thursday 25 Dec
Estelle Hewitt Thursday 25 Dec
Robyn Lapin Friday 26 Dec
Lindsay Tofts Saturday 27 Dec
Nqaba Mancotywa Sunday 28 Dec

CHURCH BANK DETAILS
Acc: Westville Methodist Church
Acc No: 58880668126
Bank: First National Bank
Branch: Westville
Br Code: 223526

WMC Prayer Requests

Doff Ponsie	Discharged from hospital after a week in ICU
Joe Dearham	In hospital for tests
Denise Blevin	(Josi Savage's mom) - Pancreatic cancer- stable with no pain
Margot Smith	Recovering at home
Kurt Munstermann	Cancer
Mike Higgs	Cancer treatment going well
Aubrey Beard	(Megan's Woolridge's twin brother) - Cancer Treatment
Arnie Kerr	Post surgery recovery going well
Giselle Stellenberg	Surgery totally successful. No traces of cancer left.
Chrissie Smith	Macular Degeneration
Joshua Geldenhuys	Doctor is happy with his progress
Russell Untiedt	Cancer Treatment
Bruce Perrow	Health Challenges - There has been an improvement.
Michael Mullan	Health Challenges
Nick Naidoo	Cancer Treatment
Tienie Dearham	Virus in her left ear, affecting balance and hearing
Hane van der Merwe	Recovering from Surgery
Lynda Goosen	Cancer in remission
Sané Ndlovu	Endometriosis - treatment
Letitia Norris	Strength and Peace
Horizon Farm	Financial Stability
Brandon Walker	Effects of long covid - pain, inflammation & fatigue
John Cave	Cancer, pain control
Zayden Govender	Kidney function Improvement
Shelley Reed	Motor Neuron Disease / ALS



Ongoing Prayer

Mo Taylor, Helene Herbst, The Sullivan Family, Sue Carter, Lance Bainbridge, Lorraine Bekker, Janita Downing, Evelyn Kolbe, Megan Moody, Doff Ponsie, Nicky Proctor, Siswana Family



The church office will close at 11:00am on Wednesday, 24 December, for the Christmas and New Year break. We will reopen on Monday, 5 January at 8:30am.

On Sunday, 28 December, we'll be coming together for one combined service at 09h00. We look forward to worshipping together!



MISSION OF THE MONTH Ethelbert
Child and Youth Care Centre

REMINDER
CHRISTMAS DAY
COLLECTION
DONATE

- STATIONARY glue, exam pads, pencils, pens, A4 exercise books, colour pencils, roll-ups
- TOILETRIES bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste
- PANTRY STAPLES cereals, oats, long life milk, peanut butter, jam

