

Notices for June

We encourage all fellowship groups to maintain connection with each other- to watch over each other with love to WhatsApp, call, SMS, and email with support, encouragement and love

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Other Groups			
Sun	Emmaus Accountability Group	on hold	
Tue	Alcohol Support Group	on hold	
Thu	Social Rummicub	on hold	
Thu	Autumn Gold	on hold	
Hope Counselling- If you are in need of counselling this line is serviced by an ecumenical team +27 79 143 8531			

Banking Details:

Methodist Church of SA-Hilton Society
Branch: FNB- 220825
Acc No: 6209 880 5545

2020	Income		Expenses	
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual
April		75 337		77 259
YTD	347 833	357 331	359 163	335 649
Balance 21 682				

WELCOME TO HILTON METHODIST CHURCH

<http://hiltonmethodist.org.za>

7TH JUNE 2020

<http://hiltonmethodist.org.za/Sermons>

Saints Like You and Me, by Rev. Nancy Mills (USA)



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Everyone ALIVE in Christ, Serving Him with Heart, Head & Hands.

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Dear Friends

The world news has reverberated this past week to the horror of seeing a person murdered by police officers by slow strangulation. The reality of this horror is that sadly this is not new. Black people around the world recognised in this moment so many of their own, and their families experiences. Previously conflicting accounts and accusations have so often favoured the police authorities version - but now with smart phones the horror of the violence is indisputable. Not all police officers are murderers of course, and I feel for those shamed by the actions of their colleagues.

I remember visiting the Apartheid museum and reading of how many political detainees 'slipped on soap'. I remember visiting the Constitutional Court and meeting an elderly gentlemen in the old prison. He pointed out the spot where he had slept, after being detained for two weeks for forgetting his 'dompas'. He told of the deprivation, the dehumanisation and degradation of those two weeks. He had come to cleanse the memory.

So this week I am deeply aware that for so many people of colour this is not an American story. It is their story, and the retelling of it evokes pain, and opens wounds. I cannot begin to imagine the impact thereof. I mourn that in our own land the reality of racial persecution remains. Anyone in Hilton knows that if they are on a Whatsapp community group that racial prejudice remains - black males walking down the street are reported. Not once in all the years of Whatsapp groups even beyond Hilton, have I ever seen a white person reported. Not once! A black person in South Africa is more likely to be a victim of police brutality, and of any crime, statistically as a percentage, than a white person. Violence from all sides. I do not wish to undermine the suffering of any person who experiences violence - I am trying to understand and make sense of the reality of black persons experiences - the daily 'looting of their bodies' as Trevor Noah so eloquently spoke of this past week.

I have to confess that prejudice has been instilled in me in so many ways through my childhood, through my education and my context that often I don't always notice it and my part in it. I need faithful friends of colour who have the courage to name it within me with love, help me to heal and discover new ways of being. I also realise I cannot be the rescuer here, because so often I am so deeply embedded in the position of power and all that this means. I have to at times simply get out of the way. I have learnt that listening to the stories of pain of persons of colour helps me to understand a little bit, transform some, and unearth my own complicity in the systems of power that oppress. Please promise me that your children and grandchildren will spend at least one full day at the

Apartheid museum, Hector Peterson museum, or Holocaust museum just listening - whatever their race.

I have to remember that my own Saviour was a victim of accusations that were untrue, an unfair trial, and a murderous execution - that Jesus hangs on the cross in solidarity with each and every person who is the victim of officially state-sanctioned violence. This violence is disproportionately meted out on the least and the voiceless - Jesus' friends. I have to then ask: As a follower of this murdered one, who am I in solidarity with?

May our crucified saviour visit each of us with the words of comfort, and challenge, that we need at this time.

Blessings Paul

KID'S CORNER

- ◆ For security and copyright reasons, the **children's stories** will be unlisted on YouTube. Michelle will place the link on an "admin only" WhatsApp group, or they can be messaged or email to you privately. **Please contact Michelle Hctor.**
- ◆ Junior Youth Zoom programme will now be in remission until the end of July.

Lectionary Reading June 7, 2020 1st Sunday after Pentecost (White)
Trinity Sunday
Genesis 1:1–2:4a; Psalm 8 (UMH743); 2 Cor 13:11–13; Matthew 28:16–20
Peace with Justice Sunday

*Congratulations to Ashleigh, Patrick and Harper Burne on the newest arrival
Logan Huxley, born the 22nd May*

Birthdays next week 12 Derek Braans 0333433261
08 David Elliott 0835641104 14 Kate Janse V Rensburg 0827160078

PRAYER Please let us know if you are ill or going into hospital. Join the 'Prayer Chain' WhatsApp Ruth Lubbe on 082 826 0784.

Pray specially for... Dawn Warber; Oosthuizen Family; Sarel & Doreen Kruger; Megan Tatz; Luyanda Mbense; Mora & George Payne, Theresa Naidoo; Gary de Winnaar's father and cousin; Rick Mattison; Charles, Margeret Matthews- Ann Boshoff's mom, Clare and their new-born boy Theo who is in neonatal ICU; Irene and Clive Rodda's son-in-law Matt in hospital; Joan O'Connors niece Wendy passed away - please remember her family at this time.

Also all those ill at this time both at home and in hospital, and those who face unemployment.