

Notices for July

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
June		70 314		81081
YTD	521 750	507 269	538 745	486 527
Balance 20 742				

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Artwork by Sr. Mary Stephen "Open to God"



OUR MISSION STATEMENT

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

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Dear Friends

As we continue to wrestle with the Corona Virus I find the following quote from CS Lewis inspiring:

'In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. "How are we to live in an atomic age?" I am tempted to reply: "Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents."

In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—anaesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

*This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is **to pull ourselves together**. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb **when it comes find us doing sensible and human things**—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.— "On Living in an Atomic Age" (1948) in *Present Concerns: Journalistic Essays* CS Lewis*

Let the Corona Virus, if it does, find me doing sensible and human things- the things that matter. Taking 'sensible' precautions (so probably no pint at this point, but masks and social distancing etc.), but also throwing myself in life as a human being in the best ways that are still possible- work, play, laughing, loving and working for the greater good.

'Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.' Colossians 3:1-4

Blessings Paul

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

KID'S CORNER

- ⇒ The Story of the Prophet Ezekiel (Hope Room)
<https://youtu.be/pGAGktecWVo>
- ⇒ The Ark and the Temple (Faith Room)
<https://youtu.be/HuzObIBLhWI>
- ⇒ **Junior Youth Zoom** program in remission until the end of July.

Lectionary Reading for the coming week

Read Matthew 13 verses 31 to 33 and 45 to 52

Situation - The parables of the mustard seed, the pearl merchant and the fishing net.

Question - Is your faith journey an ongoing tapestry of important new and old experiences? Which of these have been important in shaping your faith?

Prayer - Gracious God please grant me the perseverance to plant the seed and cast the net for your name sake. I do this in the sure knowledge that you are faithful and will in due time, come to reign.

Birthdays in July

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17 Michelle Hctor

17 Sally Shaw

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22 Judith Robertson +27333305241

26 Lloyd Bisschoff

28 David Bishop

28 Namisa Zulu

29 Jenny Eshmade

31 Tony Boreham

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...

little Theo and Serfontein family; Doreen Kruger; Megan Tatz; Luyanda Mbense; Mora & George Payne; Theresa Naidoo; Oosthuizen Family; Gary de Winnaar's father and cousin; Rick Mattison; Margaret Matthews- Ann Boshoff's mom; Irene and Clive Rodda's family, Dunbar family, Rita Meiring, Gilfilian family

Pray for all who work to provide care, resources and support for those affected by COVID-19 and all those ill at home and in hospital, and those who face unemployment.