

Amanzimtoti Uniting Presbyterian Church Newsletter, June 2016

From our Pastor's desk....

My Dear Toti Family,

Every tomorrow has two handles: the handle of anxiety and the handle of faith. Which will you use to get a "handle" on your day?

Second only to the fear of standing before a large audience is the commonly expressed phobia known as "fear of the unknown". In a day when pressing problems greatly outnumber available solutions in matters of national and international concern, where do you turn for stability in an increasingly unstable world?

You turn to the same Refuge the psalmist found.

In Psalm 46 the sons of Korah portray the worst calamities imaginable upon earth: earthquakes, mudslide, turmoil on land and sea (vv 2-3). And when everything seems to be breaking loose, they discover there remains an immovable Refuge: the God of Jacob.

Before you close your Bible today, follow the instructions of verse 10. Remove as many distractions as possible and take a few minutes to be still before the Lord. Turn over to him any fears you may be harbouring; then write down the words of Psalm 46:10 on a three-by-five card and carry them with you throughout the day. When fear, like acid, begins to eat away at your peace of mind, pull out your reminder from the sons of Korah and refresh your memory. Your Refuge is "the same yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8)

PSALM 46

God is our refuge and strength, a tested help in times of trouble. And so we need not fear even if the world blows up and the mountains crumble into the sea. Let the oceans roar and foam; let the mountains tremble! There is a river of joy flowing through the City of our God – the sacred home of the God above all gods. God himself is living in that city; therefore it stands unmoved despite the turmoil everywhere. He will not delay his help. The nations rant and rave in anger – but when God speaks, the earth melts in submission and kingdoms totter into ruin. The Commander of the armies of heaven is here among us. He, the God of Jacob, has come to rescue us.

Come, see the glorious things that our God does, how he brings ruin upon the world and causes wars to end throughout the earth, breaking and burning every weapon. "Stand silent! Know that I am God! I will be honoured by every nation in the world!"

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From our Pastor's desk (Continued)

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win
the battle.*

Martin Luther

*Much love,
As always,*

Boet and Linda.

Prayer List

Please send Prayer Requests to Maureen Jansen van Rensburg, 031 904 1462 or via e-mail to: totipresby@telkomsa.net

Please inform us when your family member is well so that we may Praise the Lord and remove the name from our prayer list.

Robby Vermolen – Thanks for prayers. He is up walking a bit.

Ron (Meg Scott's Brother) passed away Friday, 27th May

Lesley (MacKay) – Hip replacement & Femur bone graph

Arlene Rademan – spider bite

Dinkie Trethewey – had another fall

Fred Bowley, Scottburgh Hospital, remove growth from neck

Lilian Chetty – not well.

Calah Chetty and all students - exams

David Douglas (Cape) Cyst on his spine.

Comrades runners – well done to all

Youth, pray for salvation of the unsaved. Pray that God will bless them spiritually, socially and emotionally. Pray that the youth reach their own generation with the gospel.

Our Town and the unsaved (Rom 5:8)

Country – drought, unity and peace.

S.A. Firefighters - flew to Canada to fight run-away fires.

Name Badges

Please can you wear your name badges weekly to enable new folk to know who they are talking to.

Name badges are placed **alphabetically** as per you're SURNAME.

A – H found on the right hand door coming into Church

J – M found on the left hand door coming into Church

N – Z found on the wall inside the Vestibule.

Please place your name badge back on the correct rail or into the basket at the door when leaving the church.

Thank-you.



Birthdays for June 2016

Birthday cards are placed on the communication table. Should you be a regular visitor, you can fill in your details (forms on back table) and also receive a Birthday Card.

1	Claudine Kozakiewiez
5	Ethan Naidoo
7	Morné Duvenage (Delta School)
8	Lily Glen
10	Gugu Ndlovu
15	Glenda Farr
25	Luché Duvenage (Delta School)
28	Denise Kenton

Future Events

Sun, 19 June 2016, 08:30 service and Father's Day

21 & 22 October 2016

Global Leadership Conference

Venue: Grace Church, Umhlanga Rocks. Cost: T.B.A.

Bookings – please put your name down on the register (on the communication table)

Ongoing Project for Sailor's Society

Should you wish to donate coffee mugs (preferably not pink) for the Seafarers, please keep them wrapped in newspaper to protect them during travelling between Church and the Sailor's Society. Last year, 1200 gifts were packed.

Should you be willing to knit fingerless gloves for the Seafarers on an on-going basis, patterns are available.

A Collection Box is available below the communication table.

Please speak to Linda van Schalkwyk or Denise Kenton.

General Information

Please let us know if we could be of any assistance to you –e.g. If you would like to help in the church, become a member, change your address, going to hospital etc.?

Minister: Rev. J. D. (Boet) van Schalkwyk.

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Women's Fellowship News

Hi folks,

As always we had such a lovely meeting with 20 members attending. Unfortunately 10 of our members were unable to attend for various reasons. Some were ill and others were on holiday.

Good news is that, at last, the fabric for the new white tablecloths has been bought and our kind member, Bev Swales, has beautifully hemmed all 12 cloths. Thank you Bev, you are a star! *

We were privileged to have Chris, a charming gentleman from Martins Funerals, come and give us very important information about us pre-arranging what is required for funerals. This may sound like a depressing subject but it is a reality to all of us and one that is left to our unfortunate families to deal with and sometimes causing much stress and financial losses when it can be avoided by knowing, beforehand, what to arrange. We were all given a gift of a beautiful pen, a few sweets and all the paperwork information needed and the business card to arrange a private visit from Chris, to help and arrange all that is needed for when the time comes.

If any of our congregation needs to know more about this, you may speak to our Secretary, Maureen Jansen van Rensburg, and she will give you the contact details. We can assure you, you will not be sorry. Chris is such a pleasant person and Martins Funerals is well known in our Church and this area.

After a scrumptious tea break and our interesting talk, we closed in prayer, thanking our Lord Jesus and sang the Benediction, "May God's Blessing".

So, once again, we invite our congregation ladies to come and join us on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 09:00 in the Hall.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 21 June 2016 @ 09:00.

Duties for June meeting:

Tea: Glenda Farr & Isobel Newby

Devotions: Esther Drennan

God bless you

Denise Kenton

Secretary, Women's Fellowship



Congratulations!!

Wedding Bells are ringing, everybody's singing . .

Congratulations to Ntathu Fikile Chonco and Smiso Ndlovu who were married on Saturday, 28 May 2016. We wish you a lifetime of love and happiness.

