

Amanzimtoti Uniting Presbyterian Church Newsletter, August 2016

From our Pastor's desk....

Dear 'Toti Heaven Train Team',
After spending a while reading and listening to Dr David Jeremiah, I would love to share some of that with you here in our newsletter over the next 3 months (August, September, October).

According to National Geographic, the most mind-boggling thing we can do is gaze into the starry night. On a clear night we might see 3,000 stars with the naked eye, but no one knows how many stars exist. Our universe probably contains more than 100 billion galaxies, and each galaxy may have more than 100 billion stars. What is 100 billion times 100 billion? We don't really have a word for a number that large. We simply say ten billion trillion.

Psalm 8

The Glory of the Lord in Creation. A Psalm of David.

1 O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained [established] strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained [set in place], 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit [care for] him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet, 7 all sheep and oxen— even the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea that pass through the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord, our Lord, How excellent [majestic] is Your name in all the earth!

The Bible frequently tells us to stargaze. The Lord told Abraham, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them" (Genesis 15:5). He told Job, "See the highest stars, how lofty they are!" (Job 22:12) The psalmist praised God when he considered the moon and the stars, which God ordained (Psalm 8:3).

It's harder than ever now to see the stars—we have too much light in our cities. But sometime during this summer, find a dark place, look up, count the stars, and praise the God who created them and who calls each of them by name – "Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of His might, and because He is strong in power ... not one is missing." (Isaiah 40:26).

Words extracted from part of LP173

I see the stars; I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. (Stuart Hine)

PART TWO NEXT MONTH

With Much Christian love,

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 OR totipresby@gmail.com

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

Nell Tissink – Not well. Kingsway Hospital

Esme Bowley – Hernia operation on Wednesday

Thanksgiving for rain. Pray for people affected by damage after rains. Those in shelters, makeshift homes, the homeless; the ill and the poor.

The elections – violence with run-up to election day

Tourists' safety. Bless the Simpsons travelling in the U.K.

Turkey

Junior Doctors and Professionals who work unregulated hours.

People viewing wildlife – fail to follow safety instructions

Fires, shootings and floods all around the world

Continue praying for our Government

Family; Congregation, Friends / Relatives. We all need prayer.

Please be the one who cares enough to pray for others.

Thanks from Sailor's Society

A huge thank you to all the "Mums" who are knitting mittens for the seafarers! What a wonderful job you are doing – we currently have 527 pairs of which about 450 have come from Toti! Isn't that wonderful! Thank you, Thank you and Thank you again.

And now for a challenge to our men (and ladies if you are not a knitter) how about supporting the "MUG"

parade!!! The International Sailors Society's mandate for the "Share Your Christmas With a Seafarer" project is to supply mittens and mugs to the Seafarers.

At the moment we have 30 mugs, so we have a long way to go.

Another suggestion has been made that if you would prefer to give a donation, we would be more than happy to purchase mugs on your behalf.

Please mark your donations clearly as "MUGS" so that it doesn't get mixed up with the offering and other church projects.

Bless you and thank you in advance.

Boet and Linda

Birthdays for August 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.

<u>AUGUST</u>	<u>NAME</u>
6	Linda Weldon-Church
7	Carmen Lithgow
9	Andrew du Toit Jnr
10	Veronica Simpson
16	David Brady Naicker
25	Warren Gibson

Future Dates

Fri, Sat, Sun 12,13,14 August 2016 – Elders Retreat
Tues/Wed, 21 & 22 October 2016

Global Leadership Conference

Venue: Grace Church, Umhlanga Rocks. Cost: R650 p.p.
(includes teas and lunch for both days)

Bookings – please put your name down on the clipboard (on the communication table – back of Church)

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

Dear Friends,

Last month was a busy meeting because we had to attend to all our next 4 meeting's arrangements. Next month we visit Good Shepherd Anglican Church on 16 August 2016 @ 09:00. Their meetings fall on the same 3rd Tuesday of each month so when we receive their invitation to go to their Corporate Communion Service, we go there and then when it's our Birthday Party on 20 September, they are invited to join us. We have been doing this swop for several years and thoroughly enjoy it and they love coming to our parties.

For our Birthday part in September, can each member please bring

Sat, 1 October 2016, Flower Show at St Mary's
(More details to follow)

Tues, 18 October is our normal meeting and we will be having our Minister's lovely wife, Linda, as our speaker, so ladies, if you want to enjoy sharing our meeting, please join us.

Sat, 26 November is our AGM and thereafter we enjoy our Christmas Luncheon with the famous caterer Terrance Cook serving us with his delicious menu. Members R75, and Non- members R85. Please pay your monies to Denise Siegel a.s.a.p. (List on back table).

So you see, we had a lot to organize but to add some entertainment, we had another Word Search Puzzle where our members had to find all the member's Christian names all mixed up in the puzzle – 30 names! Our superstar winner was our dearest Maureen Jansen van Rensburg and Sheila Fraser came second. Unfortunately we only had 17 members present, 13 were absent for different reasons.

As always, we were all truly Blessed with Glenda Farr's Devotions and then enjoying our tea/coffee break with our tea hostesses supplying delicious eats. Thanks ladies.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the love shared at our Women's Fellowship meetings.

Ladies please remember Rev Boet's request to choose one of your favourite hymns/praise songs, for Sunday, 11 September, Women's Fellowship Service, and to give the words to Maureen Jansen van Rensburg so she may put them on the overhead screen.

Duties for October meeting:

Tea: Ivers Oldfield & Linda Clark

Devotions: Shirley Forrester-Smith

May God Bless you.

Denise Kenton

Secretary, Women's Fellowship