
THE HARK

— Table View United Church —
June 2021

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Sunday Worship: online and in person

Including Kid's Ministry,
Teen's Ministry & baby
facilities.

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None at the moment

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Jacqui Cameron – 083 375 1353

Church Secretary:

None at the moment

021 556 2374

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Andrew Snyders – 084 453 8191

Treasurer:

Claudine Batangana – 083 398 0743

Banking Details:

ABSA BANK

Branch Code: 632005

**Account Number: 407 254
2525**



zoom



Instagram

What is happening during the lockdown

Even though you can't attend the services at the church

- Sermon's are being voice recorded
- Sermon's are written up
- The following communication channel is used



WhatsApp

WE ARE OPEN,

**However, should you wish to receive the
online version of the service please**

**WhatsApp your name and number to
Jacqui on 0833751353**

From the Minister's desk...

To my beloved family at Table View United Church



Who are the invisibles in our community? That question has been plaguing me since the third day of my most recent block of class for my Masters course. It's a challenge to everyone, and specifically to Christians, to realise that there are those people in the community around us whose lives are just not seen, who's suffering is never addressed, and whose voices are never heard.

Some people, like myself, are introverts, and we desire an invisible life, one where people will just leave us alone, let us do our own things, and so on. But we treat that desire as if we were Harry Potter with his cloak of invisibility, or Violet Parr or Susan Storm who both have the superpower of invisibility, or Gandalf the Grey who apparently is also able to turn invisible. What do all of these fictional people named above have in common, they are all able to become visible again. Those of us who desire invisibility desire it with the condition that we are able to become visible again.

But imagine your whole life being lived out in public spaces and yet no one notices, and you have no superpower or magical ability to make yourself seen again. Imagine being the old gentleman who was brought to an old-age home by his family, hearing promise after promise about how they will visit, and seeing as the years pass that the visits are becoming less and less frequent. Or the stay-at-home mom who is struggling with depression but is unable to complain because “others have it so much worse” or the constant Capitalistic desire to keep up appearances. Or the homeless person who, as a result of endless misfortune and a worldly economic setup which prevents him from getting back on his feet, sees you at a robot with a McDonald’s packet on your passenger car seat waving him away as his empty stomach growls from lack of food for the last few days.

A. van Niekerk writes this about the church today: “[The missional approach today must be] where congregations are not primarily sending missionaries to some or other mission field, but where the congregation itself is sent to its local context, where its members live and work from day-to-day.” “You see, it is the role of the church to empower it’s people not to be inward-focussed, but outward-focussed in participating in the mission of God by bringing about reconciliation and healing.” - Eugene Baron and Moses Maponya

This is the beauty of contextual ministry, something I am very passionate about and which I recently spoke to the session about. It forces us to ask “What is this context, where are the people, who are the visibles and the invisibles in this community, and how can we minister to everyone in a way that works in their context?” Gone are the days where we as a church can sit back and wait for people to come to us. Also, gone are the days where ministry is in the hands of the few ordained ministers and priests. That left in the 1500s already where the reformers like Martin Luther, John Calvin and Ulrich Zwingly believed in the priesthood of all believers, in other words, we are ALL - young and old, educated and uneducated, rich and poor, employed and unemployed, male and female, introvert and extrovert, seeing and blind, the list is endless - we are ALL ministers, and therefore are ALL called to minister in our communities around us.

“A striking feature of the South African situation is that the churches, pastors and theologians who played a significant role during the struggle for liberation are now disturbingly quiet and apathetic in the midst of pain, suffering, marginalization and dehumanization as a result of poverty. This begs the question that has been posed by MacMaster: ‘Where have all the pastors gone?’” - Olehile Buffel

In light of our context as a church in South Africa, the most economically divided and unequal country in the world, in a community which doesn't struggle with finances but with so much social and cultural poverty, let it not be asked of us, fellow ministers at Table View United Church, “Where have all the pastors gone?” Let it be seen that we see the invisible, uplift the poor, care for the sick, pray for the needy, visit the old man in the retirement home, care for the stay-at-home mom, feed the homeless man on the street. Not because we want to feel good, but because Jesus took me, a sinful, deceitful, prideful, disobedient person and loved me to the point of death, and is calling me to love the world as He loved me. Let us, as a church, live out the actions of the sheep in Matthew 25. And may we truly embody the words of Micah 6:8, that we will be known as people who “...act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our Lord.”

With all the love in my heart for you, my fellow ministers of the Word in this world
Andrew

Kind Regards,
Rev Andrew Snyders | Minister

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Cnr of Waterford Road and Raven Street, Blouberg Rise, Cape Town

The TVUC library

(Sally du Toit)

As a parent, or grandparent, what would you think if you saw a notice on a child's closed door saying "Do not disturb! I am reading!!"?

Some of you might say :-

- Yay! No more playing games on the tablet! Or
- Chip off the old block!! Just like mom/dad". About that - Napoleon Bonaparte once said "Show me a family of readers, and I will show you the people who move the world." Or
- Mmmmm!! Reading what? I hope it's a book.

Is the activity of reading books a diminishing practice? I hope not! Some folk say - I've got a Kindle, or, I can find what I want on the Internet! That's debatable. Just read what Stephen Fry said about a Kindle - "Books are no more threatened by Kindle than stairs by elevators." And to quote James Gleick, "Reading, or even browsing an old book can yield sustenance denied by a data base search".

As a Library teacher, now retired, I used many sayings to encourage reading. Some of the favourites were:-

- “Not all readers are leaders, but all leaders are readers.” (President Harry Truman)
- “I read myself out of poverty.”
- “A room without books is like a body without a soul.” (Cicero)
- “Reading is essential for those who wish to rise above the ordinary.” (Jim Rohan)

I must be honest, the books I read most of my life weren't for my pleasure! I read to my children, I read for my students, I read for research, and I read Primary school library books to see if they were suitable for various sections of the library. Ask me about authors like Julia Donaldson and Roald Dahl and their many well loved books. Also the Nancy Drew series, Where's Wally? and the Guinness book of Records.

But what about reading for me? That was rekindled when I discovered the TVUC library. Jeanette has set up a library that most churches would die for! Fiction and non-fiction, CDs and DVDs are resources available to you. I became an avid adult reader thanks to Jeanette & David. They selflessly make sure this library is in tip top condition with resources for every age, male and female. I introduced Marais to the books in the library initially by finding fiction books written by male authors. (John Grisham books are plentiful.) Then he started looking into non-fiction and has been very satisfied with the number of books available to his interests.

The library has a functional self help system in place. You book out items, and return items. There are members of the library team on call to help you get started. It's worth dropping in and browsing through this wonderful selection. It's there for you.

My conclusion is a quote by Mortimer J Adler - "In the case of good books, the point is not to see how many of them you can get through, but rather how many can get through to you."



See you soon, in the TVUC Library

Congratulations!



Catherine du Plooy on the birth of her son Caleb Alexander du Plooy. He was born on 16 April weighing 3.4kg

Fellowship & Prayer groups

TUESDAY

Ladies Fellowship Group - 9:30 am

Ladies 50 + sharing life and supporting each other, while making use of teaching material & DVDs to study the Bible.

Suzanna Cook - 082 927 3868

WEDNESDAY

Fellowship Group - 7:30 pm

Vast range of ages in the group. We tackle different subjects of Christianity based on the scriptures.

Trevor Alexander - 082 309 7479

Home and Fellowship Group-10:30am

Mixed group studying various subjects at Paul and Win's home, 25 Sundown Terraces, Bishops Bend

Win Forsythe- 082 391 8309

THURSDAY

Ladies Fellowship Group - 10:00 am to 11:30 am

This facilitated group of ladies meet weekly to Fellowship and pray

Mary Logan - 072 049 6570

FRIDAY

PRAYER MEETING - 9:00 am

Prayers of Intercession for our church, members, their families and friends.

New groups

Monday 7pm

Home group

Sheila Amery - 072 424 6954

83 Wood drive. Tableview

Wednesday 7pm

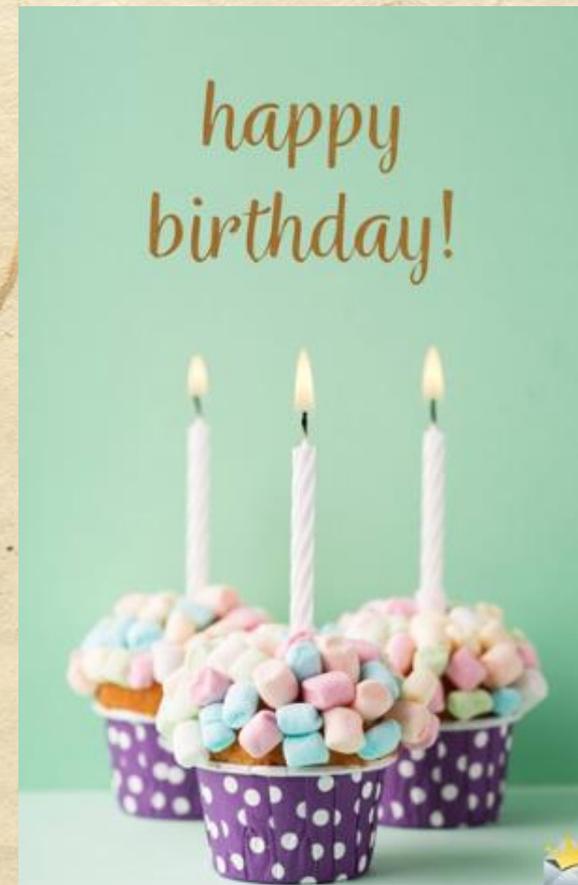
Home group

Ray Nessel - 083 456 1821

31 Cognac Road. Tableview

June Birthdays

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|----|--------------------|----|----------------------|
| 1 | Andy Bennie | | |
| 5 | Candy Taylor | | |
| 7 | Tessa Packer | | |
| 8 | Anne Gibbs | | |
| 9 | Maxine Glanvill | | |
| 12 | Heynrich Augustyne | 20 | Fay Berry |
| 13 | Betsie Lott | 20 | Jessica Basiak |
| 16 | Melanie Visagie | 20 | Mia Muylaert |
| 17 | Debbie Holloway | 21 | Leon Cillie (Chilly) |
| 19 | Stephan Kritzinger | 21 | Carrie Banks |
| 28 | Hannah Cameron | 22 | Di Duggan |
| | | 23 | Andre Kritzinger |
| | | 25 | Patricia Maragelis |
| | | 26 | Denise Schoots |



July Birthdays

- 2 Cheryl Liz Chirwa
- 3 Blake Lok
- 11 Derek Gilham
- 15 Moffat Munkanta
- 15 Jeanette Thomas
- 21 Simon Pfothaur
- 22 Monica Clark
- 23 Dennis Powell
- 26 Tiffany Paterson
- 28 Liz van Zyl
- 30 Daniel Mudenda
- 30 Marina McGregor



**OUR WEBSITE IS UP AND
RUNNING**

WWW.TVUC.CO.ZA

LINKS TO ALL SERMONS ON YOU TUBE

ALL EDITIONS OF THE HARK ARE LOADED

Winter Warmth kicks off again

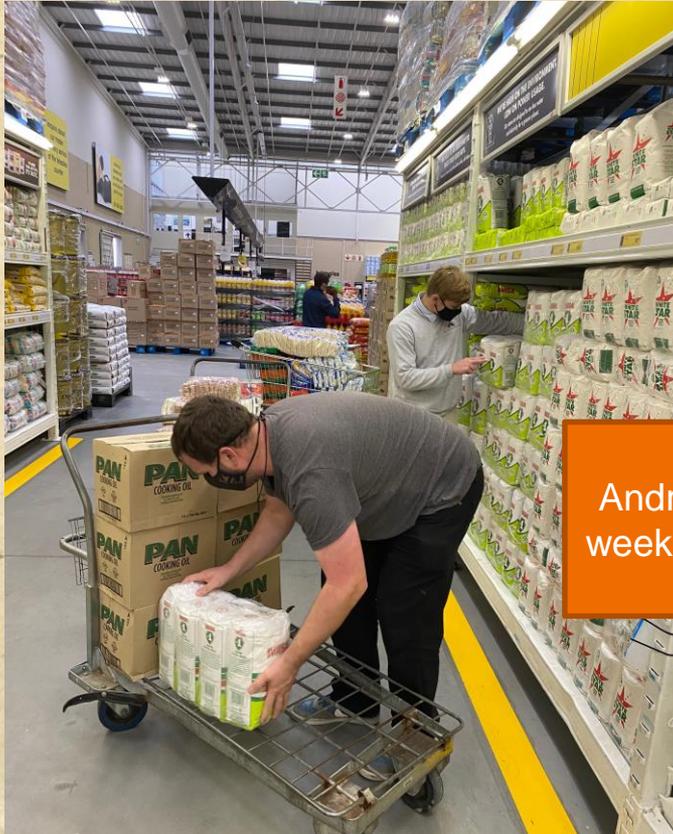
**Our target is to
achieve 4000
items by the end
of 2021**

**We already have
100 items**



Thanks to
Elmarie for
2 bags of
knitted
goods

Weekly purchase of food parcels



Andrew and Ethan purchasing weekly food parcels from Makro



From the Treasurer's desk...



Income & Expenses Year to Date

2021 so far..

Cumulative we are **down**
-R 17538 for this year as at
May 2021

This donation of **R40000**
towards food parcels has
been spent and we have **no**
budget left as at end June

Total Balances:

January -R9751 February -R 10973 March +R36499
April -R4414 May -R21236 June July August
September October November December

YTD Cumulative – R7663 for 2021 so far

For your convenience, below are our banking details for
donations and tithes

Banking Details:

ABSA BANK

Branch Code: 632005

Account Number: 407 254 2525

Ministry...

DEMENTIA SUPPORT GROUP

2nd Saturday of the month - 2:00pm to 4:00p
Rosemary Argyle - 071 895 3221

OPERATION MOBILIZATION (OM)

An international, interdenominational missions' organization, in relationship with churches, sends volunteers from all walks of life into world missions.

Andre + Peggy Kritzinger - 076 782 5107

TRANSFORMED LIVING IN CHRIST

TLC is a personal prayer ministry done in complete confidentiality. You will experience mostly emotional/ psychological healing and also physical healing.

Elmarie Neilson - 082 557 0993

MONTHLY PRAYERS FOR REVIVAL

Praying for the salvation, restoration and spiritual revival of Table View, Cape Town and country.

1st Tue of the month 9:00 - 10:00 am @ TVUC
Sandi Nessel - 082 560 8968

FOOD BASKET

Supports families in need by distributing monthly food parcels. Members are encouraged to donate items. There is a food table at the back of the church

Andrew Snyders - 084 453 8191

SANDWICH MINISTRY

Meets Mondays 7:45 am

Serving our community in a practical way by providing school kids with lunch.

Patricia Maragelis - 084 381 3018

FRIDAY

PRAYER MEETING - 9:00 am

Prayers of Intercession for our church, members, their families and friends

CHURCH LIBRARY

Discover an excellent selection of books & DVDs for all ages!

Open **Sundays** & **Weekdays** (Tues, Thurs, Fri 9 am - 1 pm).

Jeanette Thomas - 082 477 1997

KIDS MINISTRY LIBRARY

Treasure trove of books & DVDs for kids and teens.

Jacqui & Hannah Cameron - 083 375 1353

MENS PRAYER MINISTRY

Monday 19h00 onwards at the Church

Intercessory Prayer with men.

Brian Banks - 083 518 7525

WINTER WARMTH MINISTRY

Collecting items of clothing, knitted babies clothes, blankets, bedding and shoes for various ministries. Please drop off at the allocated area at the back of the church.

Jacqui Cameron - 083 375 1353

Andrew Snyders - 084 453 8191

Pastoral Care...

Please contact an elder or Andrew for emergencies, for prayer requests, for them know about illnesses, needs or any pastoral issues. The minister, the elders, and prayer warriors are available at all times and will respond. When you contact them you can say whether your request is private, for the pastor, for a pastoral team, or whether it can be shared with the congregation. We will find out whether there is a need for a visit or a meal.

