

RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH

Creating Circles of Dignity



RUC NEWSLETTER

Cape Town, Sunday 17 May 2026

Harvest Festival

9:30am to 10:45am

with Holy Circus (Sunday School)

Please support us with bringing any pantry goods: pasta, tinned foods, soups, rice etc.

Our special offering will be taken to the shelter Loaves and Fishes in Observatory after the service.

PLEASE DIARISE

Puppetry Workshop with Jill Joubert
Saturday 23 May, 9am to 1pm

Please support us, also if you cannot join the workshop, with ...
newspapers / pamphlets, empty toilet rolls, egg boxes,
used gift wraps, masking tapes, fabric serviette/scarf, or buttons.

Pentecost Sunday
Sunday 24 May, 9:30am

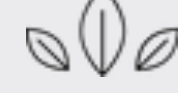
Child Protection Sunday
Sunday 31 May, 9:30am

Workshop on Prayer of Intercession
Saturday 13 June, 9:30am to 11am



Please click below for this week's online sermon.

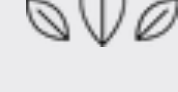
The Shadow of Hunger



Date & time TBC
Rondebosch United Church,
Belmont Road, Rondebosch

Whatsapp Monwabisi on 071 250 0586

Gather in community
Experience your unique voice
Explore our rich local heritage
Everyone is welcome, no experience needed



RUC FUNDRAISER FOR SMILING ONE

(PRISON MINISTRY)

It was very special to have SmilingOne with us at a recent Sunday morning service. As a congregation we continue with our partnership with Karina and her team. We are hoping to raise R40 000 to help cover their petrol costs in 2026.

For more information on SmilingOne please visit their [website](#).

To make a donation please EFT your contribution to the following account:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK (FNB)
The SmilingOne Foundation
Savings (Trust) Account
Branch: 200409

Account: 6225 925 3898
SWIFT: FIRNZAJJ

Reference: RUC Petrol

All donations are eligible for a Section 18A tax certificate. Please email [\[donations@smilingone.com\]](mailto:donations@smilingone.com) after making your contribution, and we'll issue your certificate promptly.

Invitation to SmilingOne's AGM

I would love to have our RUC family with us at our upcoming virtual AGM on May 30th. Come celebrate the journey with us... the growth, the challenges, and the many lives being transformed.

A SmilingOne AGM is a space to step closer into the work - to meet our larger team, feel the heartbeat of what we do, and connect to our vision, in words and imagery, for the next 3 years and beyond.

We've had our biggest year yet... BIG in so many ways. And you are such an integral part of this ❤️ THANK YOU

I'm really looking forward to sharing it with you.
Love, Karina & the SmilingOne team

DATE: Saturday, May 30th 2026

TIME: 9.45am to 1pm (we start 10am sharp)

VENUE: We meet online on Zoom.

RSVP: karina@smilingone.com



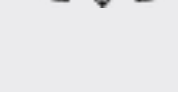
Sermon Discussion Group

Please join us if you enjoy being in conversation with others about Sunday's sermon. Everyone brings their own questions, interests, and stories to the discussion. And together we hope to make meaningful connections to our daily lives.

Every second Tuesday of the month at someone's home.
-Facilitated by Beryl Botman

Every third Sunday of the month after the service in the upstairs room of our church hall.
-Facilitated by Barbara Centurier-Harris.

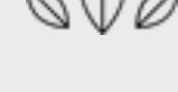
If you wish to join, please contact Beryl at beryl.botman60@gmail.com



Yoga Classes at RUC

Mondays at 6:30pm in the Church Hall.

Please contact Erika, if you would like to join: lencses.e@gmail.com



Works of art by M.C. Escher



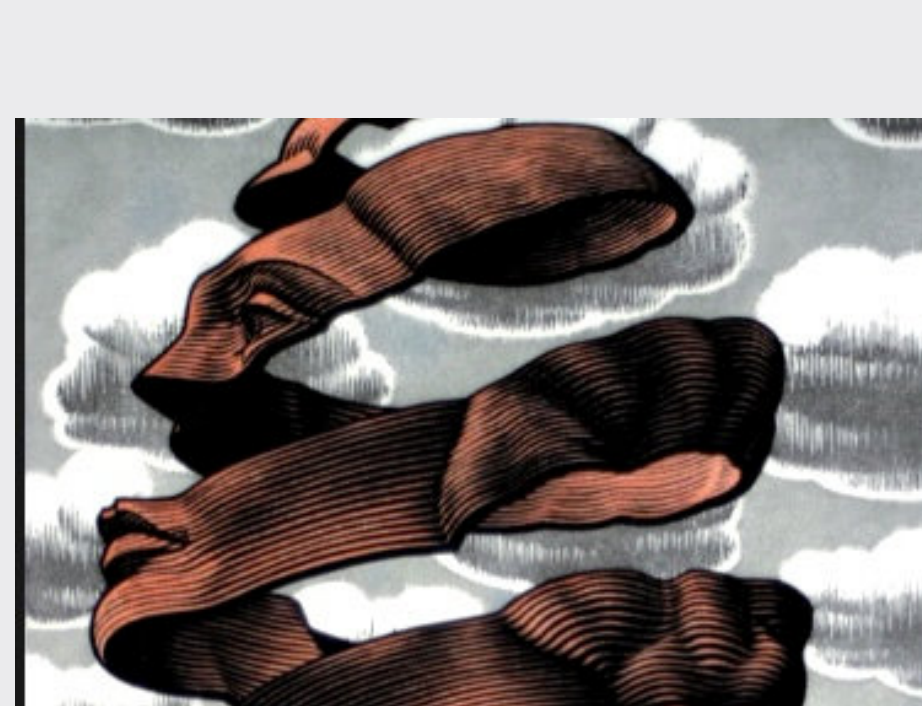
HEAR HOLD LOVE ENFOLD

Alastair Rodger, Margaret Reid, Roy and Wendy Cheek, Douglas Bax, and Chris Rodseth.

Rondebosch Police Station, SmilingOne, Outliers, U-Turn, "Grow Great" Campaign, Masazane Soup Kitchen, and Thembi's Soup Kitchen.

TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE IN MAY

3rd Margaret Keegan; 5th Robyn Bates; 9th Norma Tweedie; 14th Ron Butler and Denise Warner; 16th Willem Saayman; 26th Annchen Ferreira and Brian Davison; 28th Reg Smith and Maria Coetzee; 29th Nancy van Breda; 31st Christopher Foulkes.



HAPPY RETURNS IN MAY

Kindly let us know if your birthday is not listed.

1st Jeanne Pienaar; 2nd Thomas Welz and Micaela Du Plessis; 3rd Emily Shay and Olivia Colvin; 5th Michelle Kempster; 8th Joycelyn Dame; 9th Erika Lencses; 10th Darroch Faught and Glynis Goyns; 12th Pieter le Roux and Palesa Mkgugu; 15th Charlene Nissen and Samuel Love; 17th Roger Falls; 18th Susan Davis; 19th Amy Irlam; 21st Bridget Salonen; 22nd Anika de la Harpe; 24th Daniel Rees; 25th Natalie Duff and Gordon Oliver; 26th Fiona McLennan; 27th James Love; 28th Nici Guiney and Esmeralda Samson; 31st Russell Davies, Claudine Harrison, and Xan Manne.

ANNIVERSARIES IN MAY

Please email us, if you would like to add a special anniversary.



LGBT+ NETWORK AT RUC: IN@RUC

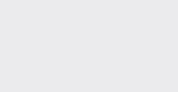
Please go to our website for more information:
<https://www.rondeboschunited.org/lgbt-network-at-ruc>

WEEKLY DISCUSSION GROUPS ON ZOOM

For more information please go to our website:
<https://www.rondeboschunited.org/weekly-bible-studies>

MONTHLY LIESBEEK RIVER CLEAN-UPS

For more information please go to our website:
<https://www.rondeboschunited.org/liesbeek-river-clean-up>



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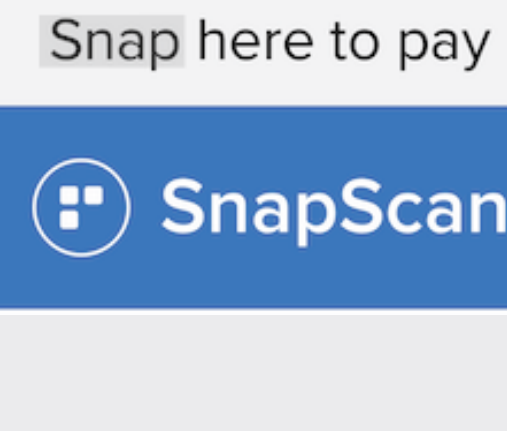
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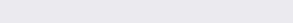
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BANKING DETAILS

Rondebosch United Church
First National Bank
Branch Rondebosch
Branch No: 201 509
Account No: 501 715 56 119
Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ

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