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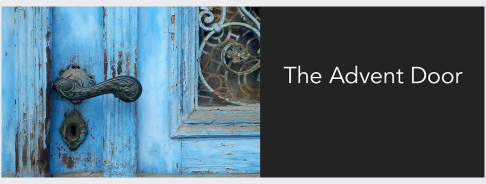
Creating Circles of Dignity



RUC NEWSLETTER
Cape Town, Sunday 22 November 2026

"I was searching for truth in movement." - Alvin Ailey

Prepare the way for the Lord,
make straight paths for him.
Every valley shall be filled in,
every mountain and hill made low.
-from Luke 3

Sunday Service
9:30am to 10:45am
with Holy Circus (Sunday School)

CHURCH MEETING
11:00am to 11:30am

COMMUNITY FORUM

Ingrid and Karen Mostert will be sharing their story of hope and healing, reflecting on the unexpected journey they have been on following Ingrid's car accident in 2020. They will touch on what has been helpful in this journey, highlighting especially the importance of art, music and mischief.

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Please click below for this week's online sermon.

The Advent Door

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Please diarise (for more details see below):

Saturday 28 November - An Interactive Coffee Experience with Nicole
Sunday 6 December - Christmas Market

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2027 CP
THE CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL PIANO COMPETITION
CAPE PIANO

The Cape Town International Piano Competition
6 -17 March 2027

This event is ground breaking for the South African music scene and the first of its kind to be held in Africa.

Justine Gevisser, Sue Smith"s daughter, is organising the event in collaboration with Prof Nina Schumann from Stellenbosch University

There have been over 210 applications from the most gifted pianist from all over the world and the 30 finalists have now been chosen by the international panel of judges

The prize money is 70 000 US dollars!

But there is an important community aspect to this competition which is called the "Piano Graveyard Revival " where the organisers have called for donations of old pianos, which are then totally restored to perfect working order, painted in bright colours, and donated to less privileged schools or community halls .

On Thursday night Justine spoke at the concert at the Linden auditorium at Wits and received a further donations of 12 pianos with the total donated now standing at 40 !!

Attached is a picture of one of the painted pianos and if anyone knows of other pianos which could be collected, reconditioned and donated to this worthy cause. please speak to Sue in this connection: ssmith@shuttlelighting.com

Booking for the Piano Competition has already opened on Webticket with two finals to be held at the City Hall on 16 &17 March.

www.capepiano.com
Instagram: @capepianocompetition and @pianograveyardrevival
contact us at : info@capepiano.com

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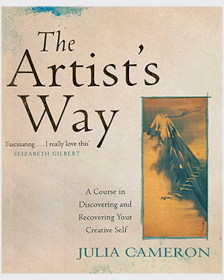
The Artist's Way
'Fascinating . . . I really love this'
ELIZABETH GILBERT
A Course in Discovering and Recovering Your Creative Self
JULIA CAMERON

THE ARTIST'S WAY (AT WORK)

Be part of our Artist's Way community (it's for everyone, not just artists!) for twelve 2 hour sessions of intensive experience as we dig deeply into the Artist's Way and the Artist's Way at Work. Past RUC members have appreciated how powerful the community building element of the course was for them. **We will meet Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in the RUC hall, from 18 January to 3 May** (skipping nights during public and school holidays).

Course fees are whatever you can afford, with a proposed reduced course fee of R2,200 including the book or R1,800 without the book (Kindle version available for USD$10). Talk to Don about reduced fees. Download a 4 page course summary at https://www.artesianlife.org/artists-way or contact Don for more information at don@artesianlife.org or 072 160-0277. Feel free to invite friends or family.

Warm regards, Don Shay

Integral Life Coach, Artist's Way at Work Facilitator, SoulCollage® Facilitator, CEFE Entrepreneurship Trainer

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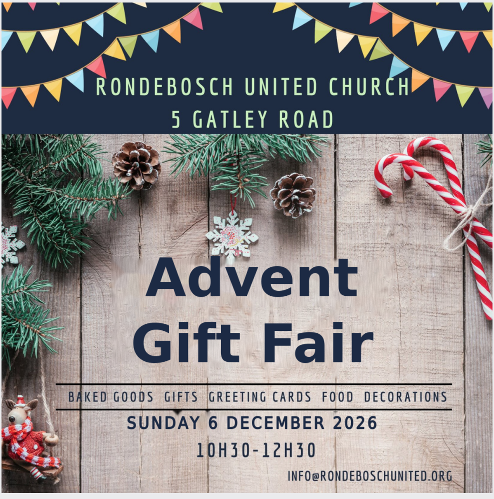

RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH
5 GATLEY ROAD

Advent Gift Fair

BAKED GOODS GIFTS GREETING CARDS FOOD DECORATIONS

SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2026
10H30-12H30

INFO@RONDEBOSCHUNITED.ORG

Book your table: R250 per table
Email info@rondeboschunited.org to reserve your spot.
Payment by cash or card on the day.

Hi everyone!

We are a family of 4 (3 adults and a baby)
looking for a 2 to 3-bedroom home to rent.

- 📍 Preferred Areas: Southern Suburbs, Pinelands, City Bowl and other surrounding areas.

- 📅 Move-in Date: 01 February 2027 (Flexible to start in January 2027)

We are responsible tenants
looking for a great space to settle into long term.
If you have a listing opening up
or know of any good contacts, please reach out!

📞 Contact Kume: 081 722 5109 (Including WhatsApp)
✉️ Email: kumedzani@live.com

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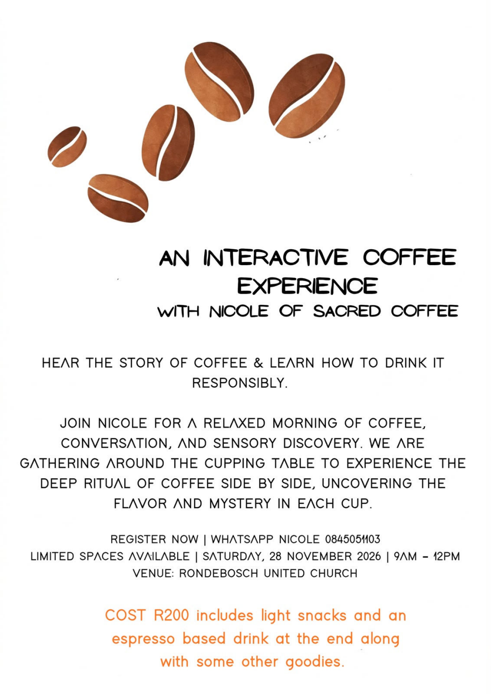

AN INTERACTIVE COFFEE EXPERIENCE

WITH NICOLE OF SACRED COFFEE

HEAR THE STORY OF COFFEE & LEARN HOW TO DRINK IT RESPONSIBLY.

JOIN NICOLE FOR A RELAXED MORNING OF COFFEE, CONVERSATION, AND SENSORY DISCOVERY. WE ARE GATHERING AROUND THE CUPPING TABLE TO EXPERIENCE THE DEEP RITUAL OF COFFEE SIDE BY SIDE, UNCOVERING THE FLAVOR AND MYSTERY IN EACH CUP.

REGISTER NOW | WHATSAPP NICOLE 0845051103
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE | SATURDAY, 28 NOVEMBER 2026 | 9AM – 12PM
VENUE: RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH

COST R200 includes light snacks and an espresso based drink at the end along with some other goodies.

isiXhosa Singing for Joy with Monwabisi

Please join us every first and third
Wednesday of the month
from 7pm to 8pm in our church sanctuary.

We start in August.

Fees are R200 per month, or R120 per session. Please message Monwabisi if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp group: 071 250 0586

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

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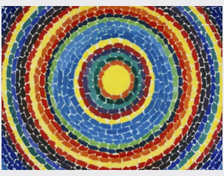
With paintings by Alma Thomas:
(1) Resurrection; (2) White Roses Sing and Sing; (3) Red Roses Sonata.



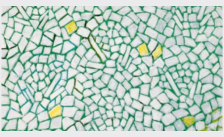
HEAR HOLD LOVE ENFOLD

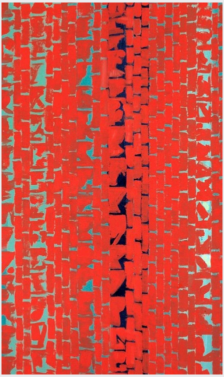
Alastair Rodger, Lyne McLennan, Wendy Cheek, Jennifer Roeleveld, Christine Snyders, Margaret Reid, Douglas Bax, and Chris Rodseth.

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

TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE IN NOVEMBER

9th Jim Ellinghouse and Peter Krummeck; 14th Ernest Bartlett; 18th Marianne Le Roux; 20th Johan Straus, Fiona Datlin, and Arthur Robert Newton; 22nd Maureen McLennan; 24th Brenda Kramer; 25th Douglas Metcalfe; 30th Radha Murugen.





HAPPY RETURNS IN NOVEMBER

Kindly let us know if your birthday is not listed.

1st Abigail De Kokerand and Sunny Gaunt; 3rd Nicole Terblanche; 4th Annette Spykerman; 6th Omar Mtabala Tembela and Connor Robertson; 7th Francis Barnett; 8th Alton Jooste and Meagan Jooste; 11th Ora Levitt and Marie Iversen; 15th Susan Michelle Grace Tembela and Teneale Basset; 16th Ingrid Baigrie; 17th Eily Bates; 18th Tessa Kennedy, Afia Darkwa, and Warda Wanamaker; 20th Jimmy Baigrie and Michel N'dlandla Tembela; 25th Lee Olivier; 30th Chris George and David Ockhuys.

ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

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

30th Chuck and Heleen Wanamaker (1985).

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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Branch Rondebosch
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Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ

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