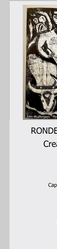

RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH
Creating Circles of Dignity

RUC NEWSLETTER
Cape Town, Sunday 22 February 2026

Sunday Service
9:30am to 10:45am
with Holy Cross (Sung Sung)

Please diarise:

Tuesday 24 February at 7:15pm
Monthly Guild Group "Around & Bout" at the Church
Please speak to the minister if you would like to join.
Quilters are being provided.

Wednesday 25 February at 7pm
Confirmation Class 2026 (age group 13-17)
Please speak to the minister if you would
like to have more information.

Tuesday 3 March at 6:30pm
Monthly RUC Study Group at the Church
Please speak to the minister for more information.

Sunday 15 March at 11am
Bring & Share Lunch at RUC with Canadian Church Delegation

Sunday 22 March at 11am
AGM of RUC and Samaritan Partners Fund Association
Please speak to the minister if you would like
to nominate a deacon/elder for election.

Sunday 29 March at 11am
Bring and Share Lunch at RUC with Canadian Students
(who are hosted by RUC families from 22 to 29 March)

Please click below for this week's online sermon.

"Your Kingdom come!"

Join us for the Cape Town - Pilgrimage for Palestine

We welcome all people of faith and conscience to join us in another powerful journey of solidarity with our Palestinian siblings through the **2026 Cape Town - Pilgrimage for Palestine.** Together we will walk **6 miles, the length of Gaza** (either all or in stretches), **RETIRE** the millions who have been displaced and murdered, Bring their homes and the gardens back.

The Pilgrimage for Palestine will take place on **April 4th, 2026** (Holy Saturday).

Starting at **Simons Town Train Station (7:00)**, journeying along the coast to Muizenberg Presenting our **Rita Rand** and eventually concluding at the **Ezekiel Kotch, Adelaide Street (an 14:00)**, where we will gather for a closing solidarity event **(14:00-15:00)**.

This year we invite all participants to wear black, as we will be carrying or leading the coffins of the ca. 20,000 children who have been killed in Gaza, allowing the pilgrimage to act as a funeral procession (more details to follow).

For the Christian among us, Holy Saturday is a significant day of Remembrance. It is the between the non-sacrificial tombs of Jesus and his resurrection. A day of mourning and hoping and perseverance in the waiting. A fitting day to experience **"Christ as the rubble"** in Palestinian poetry and theologian Mitsuhiko Yamada has said. We welcome people of all faith traditions and those with none to make use of the narrative of Holy Saturday as a means to allow ourselves to grieve the suffering of our Palestinian siblings and to find hopeful solidarity in our steps. We grieve, but not without hope!! *(Mitsuhiko Yamada)*

There will be a lending tea from Lavish Week prior to the pilgrimage (we'll email an invitation). During the lending, we will address safety and practical issues, and provide the final details of the route *(assumed sponsors lined below)*.

Please be assured that this will be a safe, peaceful and inclusive activity. Should you have questions or require clarity please don't hesitate to contact our organising team.

Thank you for walking with us.

ACCOMMODATION FOR ERIKA LENCSES

Hi fellow RUC members! I'm looking for a quiet 1+ bedroom apartment or cottage (not a bachelor) in the Southern Suburbs (Rondebosch, Newlands, Claremont preferred) or CBD from end of March.

As I work from home, a peaceful spot with Fibre, secure parking, and a balcony/garden by my bicycle would be ideal for a long-term lease. I am flexible with furniture. If you have any leads, I'd be so grateful!

Please contact Erika: 078 8365 865

RUC TO HOST HOMESTAYS

We will be hosting an International Learning Trip team visiting Cape Town from Surrey Christian School, BC, Canada from 22 - 29 March 2026. The group is made up of 11 students (10 - 16y / 8 female, 3 male) and 3 adult chaperones (2 female, 1 male).

"The purpose of the trip is 1) to promote more young people with opportunities to enter into mutually enriching relationships with host communities, receiving hospitality and wisdom with humility, and 2) to provide a transformative learning experience that broaders understanding of faith, culture, justice, and global citizenship."

Homestays allow students to move beyond observation into relationship—to listen deeply, experience hospitality, and recognize God's presence in everyday life. We recognize that opening one's home is an act of generosity and trust." Mattie McVicker, Team Leader

What is requested from hosts?
- 7 nights accommodation (for up to 3 persons)
- No breakfast
- Dinner (Sun-Thurs) and lunch (morning)
- South African hospitality as only we know how !

As a global citizen with a heart for justice, and with Canadian-South African children, I am excited to be part of this initiative. If you're interested or need more info, please email us: rbochapel1@gmail.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 Bisman

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

If you join in, please contact Beryl at beryl.bisman3@gmail.com

Yoga Classes at RUC
Mondays at 6:00pm in the Church Hall.

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

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HEAR HOLY LOVE ENFOLD

The Cooke Family, Jennifer Rowlewell, Walter Kolesne, Kenny Holmes, Margaret Reid, Roy and Wendy Cheek, Douglas Bee, and Chris Redwath

Rondebosch Pulse Station, Smiling2me, Vulcano, U-Turn, "Grow Great" Campaign, Mazazane Soup Kitchen, and Thembi's Soup Kitchen.

TABLE OF REMEMBRANCE IN FEBRUARY

1st Russell Pitchery; 2nd Des Adendorff and Gwendolyn Nyathikazi; 5th Wolfgang Steiner; 11th Philip Schmidt and Michael de Kock; 14th Michael van Breda; 19th Margaret Christofides; 19th Thereza van den Heever; 22nd Dave Wentworth; 24th Julian Cooke.

HAPPY RETURNS IN FEBRUARY
Kindly let us know if your birthday is not listed.

1st Pat de Kocker; 2nd Michelle Faulkner, 3rd Kelvin Krauser, 10th Wendy Cheek, 11th Richard Sawyer, 13th Christopher Rossouw, 15th Alyssa Parkinson, 17th Gillian Cooke, 18th Ashleigh Cooke, 20th Lanth, 19th Karen Wentworth, 21st Mary van Selm and Colleen Wilson; 22nd Lisa Swanepoel; 23rd Hanno Du Plessis, 26th Pamela Scott; 28th Michael Krause.

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

25th Chris and Christine Redwath (1991).

LGBT+ NETWORK AT RUC: INQRUC.
Please go to our website for more information
https://www.rondeboschunitedchurch.org/lgbt-network-at-ruc

WEEKLY DISCUSSION GROUPS ON ZOOM
For more information please go to our website:
https://www.rondeboschunitedchurch.org/weekly-bible-study-groups

MONTHLY LEISURE RIVER CLEAN-UPS
For more information please go to our website:
https://www.rondeboschunitedchurch.org/leisure-river-clean-up

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Cheque Account
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Account No: 551 715 58 119
Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ

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