

RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH

Creating Circles of Dignity



RUC NEWSLETTER

Cape Town, Sunday 27 September 2026

Jill Joubert's Saint Francis will be visiting us and
Robert will be in conversation with Rev Pat de Jonge

Sunday Service

Holy Circus (Sunday School)
takes a break during school holidays!
9:30am to 10:45am

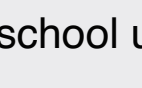
Please diarise:

Saturday 3 October 10am - Memorial Service for Judy Cooke
Sunday 4 October - St Francis Sunday
Sunday 11 October - Thrift Stall
Saturday 14 November - Puppetry Workshop



Please click below for this week's online sermon.

[Listening to the Birds](#)



Update from Donacien and Happiness.

"We have arrived safely in Botswana thanks to your generous support. The UNHCR has provided us with basic shelter. This does not include mattresses or blankets so we are sleeping on the floor. We also need school uniforms and books for the children. "

If you are able to support this family at this very difficult time,
please EFT to SPF using Ref: Family

RUC Samaritan Partners Fund Association
FNB
Gold Business Account
Account Number: 63088640181
Branch Code: 201509

Branch Name: Rondebosch, Cape Town 017
Swift Code: FIRNZAJJ



THE RUC CREATION CARE TEAM INVITES YOU TO A

THRIFT STALL

11 OCTOBER
10:30 - 12:30

RONDEBOSCH UNITED CHURCH HALL

ALL PROCEEDS TO ABALIMI BEZEKHAYA

Join us in rejecting fast fashion by buying items that are pre-loved, gently used and donated by members of our congregation.

Kindly bring your own bag!

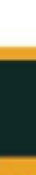
Payment via cash, card and Snapscan.

ABALIMI BEZEKHAYA
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Abalimi Bezekhaya is a development organisation that promotes small-scale urban farming. Their centres in Khayelitsha and Nyanga provide training, resources and support to people in growing organic vegetables. Their goal is boosting employment and maintaining green spaces on the Cape Flats.

Thank you to everyone who has so kindly donated items for the thrift stall.
Kindly note that the last day to donate is Sunday 4 October.

If you would like to be part of the team to help sort clothes beforehand,
or help with sales on the day, please speak to Amy Irlam.
Feel free to invite family and friends!



WORLD FOOD DAY - 16 OCTOBER

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION

Let's take the hunger, El Niño and climate crisis urgency to Parliament.

The Climate Justice Charter Movement and the South African Food Sovereignty Campaign are calling all progressive civil society organisations to act together for earth justice: protecting the Earth commons from harm. We are marching to Parliament to invite government to help build a deep just transition from the ground up, including adoption of the People's Sovereignty Act No. 1 of 2024, the People's Sovereignty Policy, and an immediate ban on pesticides.

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Endorse our call to government

Add your organisation's name to the call inviting government to act now on the hunger crisis and the climate crisis.



Scan to endorse

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Stand with us, wherever you are

Organise a local solidarity action on 16 October and log the details so we can build the national picture.



Scan to log

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In Cape Town? March with us to Parliament

Join the CJCM, SAFSC and allies on the march to Parliament on 16 October.

[Share your contact details](#)

Follow us

Instagram: CJCM_CharterSA
X: @CJCharterSA & @SAFoodSov
Facebook: Climate Justice Charter Movement & South African Food Sovereignty Campaign

On October 16 – World Food Day – National Day of Action, the Climate Justice Charter Movement, South African Food Sovereignty Campaign and allies will march to Parliament inviting the government to put South Africa on a Climate Emergency footing.

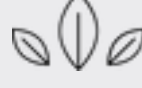
South Africa is not prepared for the severe El Niño conditions now unfolding. We need an immediate, coordinated national response focused on strengthening early-warning systems, protecting water commons, encouraging food sovereignty, a ban on pesticides and an end to worker exploitation. The priority must be proactive risk mitigation, not reactive crisis management. Our march to parliament is for a society-driven Climate Emergency Social Contract to drive a deep transition.

We request that your organisation endorse the call to put this country on a climate emergency footing. You can endorse the call here:
<https://forms.gle/x7p3BrgzEQrZ1M9B9>

In Cape Town? Join our march to parliament, if not join our nationwide solidarity actions; food sovereignty workshops, community gardens, seed exchanges, climate and land justice actions, traditional food sharing, and engagement with ward councillors and local government. You can log solidarity actions here:
<https://forms.gle/JreouuCRMmLhDKBc7>

Attached is the call to the government and poster for further details.

Yours in Solidarity,
Akona Gwiliza
Climate Justice Charter Movement
084 070 9867

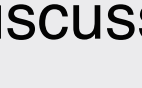


isiXhosa Singing for Joy with Monwabisi

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

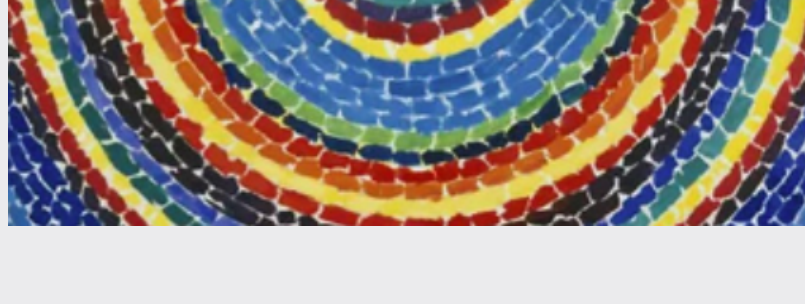
Every third Sunday of the month after the service in the upstairs room of our church hall.
-Facilitated by Barbara Centurier-Harris.

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



With paintings by Alma Thomas:

(1) Resurrection; (2) White Roses Sing and Sing; (3) Red Roses Sonata.



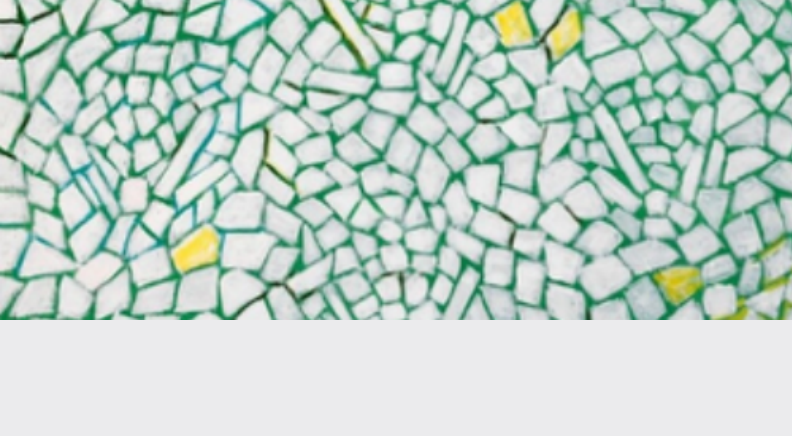
HEAR HOLD LOVE ENFOLD

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 OCTOBER

1st Jeff Williams; 2nd Muriel Mafanya; 5th Michael de Kock; 6th Moragh Paxton 12th Doug Jearey; 18th Shirley Janes.



HAPPY RETURNS IN OCTOBER

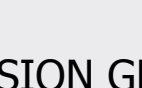
Kindly let us know if your birthday is not listed.

1st Oliver Centurier-Harris; 2nd Cathy Bill, Barbara Centurier-Harris, Louise Cull, Megan Kendall; 3rd Carol Cragg, Nomfundo Moletsane, and Ingrid Curry; 4th Ann-Gail Watson; 5th Kwaku Darkwa, Irene Adeley, Kate Crane-Briggs; 6th Shannon Latimer; 7th Hulisani Manenzhe; 9th Don Shay and Andrew Harthack; 11th Helen Botes; 12th Heleen Vrede; 13th Guy de la Porte and Marshal Gutsche; 14th Viv Gutsche; 15th Olwyn Garratt, Samantha de Kock, Alaster Goyns, and Byron Pretorius; 16th Susan Smith, Tina Steiner, Danielle Shay, and Ronell Jordaan; 17th Thelma Stewart; 19th Jennifer Simpson, Rudzani Mulojwa, and Martin Welz; 20th Nomonde Majija; 22nd Alison Beere; 23rd Jordan Sasman and Carol Williams; 24th Quinton Ockhuys; 26th Norman Osburn; 27th Andrew Kendall; 30th Peter Anders, Barbara Innes, Karin Schmidt, and David Manne; 31st Judy Cooke, David McLennan, Lesedi Magugu, and David Harrison.

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

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

1st Tina and Robert Steiner (1994); 12th Peter Fox's anniversary of ordination to the ministry (1973); 14th Chris and Jeanette Loedolff (1961); 15th Peter and Gail Anders (1993); Suellen and Don Shay (1987).



LGBT+ NETWORK AT RUC: IN@RUC

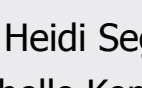
Please go to our website for more information:
<https://www.rondeboschunited.org/lgbt-network-at-ruc>

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:
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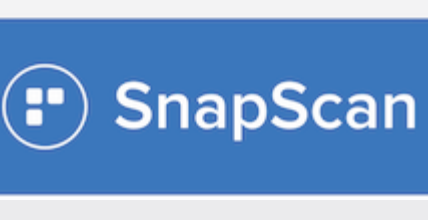


RUC CONTACT DETAILS

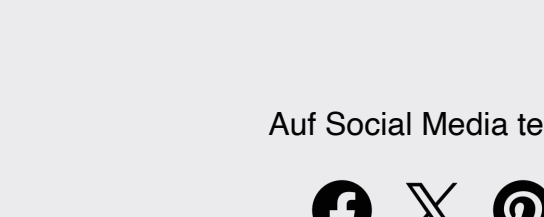
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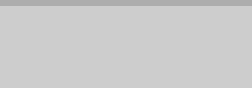
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BANKING DETAILS

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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