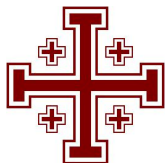


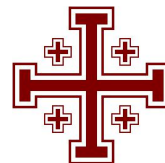
# THE METHODIST CHURCH OF SOUTHERN AFRICA

## EASTVIEW METHODIST CHURCH

***Plot 86 Eastview Street, Zwavelpoort***



***"Put your trust in The Light ...  
that you may become sons and daughters of Light***



### CHRISTMAS 2022

Dear Family and Friends of Eastview,

We find ourselves on the Eve of a new Christmas, or is it the renewal of the Old Celebration? Renewal is a wonderful word because it speaks of restoration and healing. May this be true for you through the unchanged message of the Jesus who comes to your heart and home with the gifts of Faith and Love.

Yes, it has been a year that has exacted every drop of Faith and endurance from us. Perhaps like a living parable of the experience of our Jesus at the hands of deadly forces.

Two Sundays ago I shared a prayer with the congregation composed by Dr Colleen Hanycz. We found it most meaningful and many wanted copies to share with others. Feel free to pass it on.

*Loving Creator,*

*We asked for strength, and you gave us difficulties to make us strong.*

*We asked for wisdom, and you gave us problems to solve.*

*We asked for prosperity, and you gave us purpose and brains to use.*

*We asked for courage, and you gave us fears to overcome.*

*We asked for patience, and you gave us situations where we were forced to wait.*

*We asked for love, and you gave us troubled people to help.*

*We asked for justice, and you called us to be just and to lead with integrity.*

*Lord, we have received nothing that we asked for or wanted.*

*And yet, we received everything that we needed. For this, we give thanks. Amen*

Dr. Colleen Hanycz 35<sup>th</sup> president of Xavier University

Our Christmas service is at 08h00 on Sunday Morning. We share Holy Communion and after the service we have refreshment and the opportunity to wish each other. Your visiting friends and family are warmly welcomed at Eastview. Please introduce them to us.

New Year's Day our service will be combined congregations at the Glen Methodist Church, Keeshond Street, Garsfontein. The time is 09h00.

From 8<sup>th</sup> January our services are 09h00 at Eastview.

We are in a recovery phase and it is a Joy to see the steady growth in worship attendance. Yes it will be a new year, but far more than that, the year 2023 will proclaim a gospel of healed faith and new beginnings. This is our prayer for you dear Friends.

Shalom to you and your loved ones.

Paul and Lesley

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