



The Methodist Church of Southern Africa

HEIDELBERG METHODIST CHURCH

Who are we?

The Heidelberg Methodist Church is part of the South East Rand Circuit which in turn is part of the Highveld and Eswatini Synod which in turn is part of the Methodist Church of Southern Africa (MCSA).

HMC has been called to minister into the greater Heidelberg community. We believe in the **Priesthood of All Believers** and therefore acknowledge the calling to ministry of ALL Christ Followers.

HMC sees the Gospel to be God's Word and accept it as Truth in its entirety. We believe that the Gospel is not to be changed or manipulated but taken as the Word of God to us in today's world as it was in the past and will be forever more. It is our aim to encourage all at HMC to enter into a journey of **Sanctification** (Christian Perfection/becoming more Holy), admitting that we will always be sinners but the good news is that we are sinners saved by our Lord Jesus. We are open to the Holy Spirit and invite God to mould and change us in this journey of sanctification.

Community is paramount and we strive to accept all without judgement, loving as Christ loved and caring for the greater Christian family of HMC as well as the community around us. You will be loved and feel loved at HMC. HMC believes that God's Church is called to be a **Missional Church** reaching out to the greater community of Heidelberg.

How we do Church...

HMC seeks to be an Acts 2 Church believing that as Christians we are called to form part of a community of love and caring. In Acts chapter 2 the community of believers offered people a vision of life that was so beautiful, it took their breath away.

“There is nothing like the local church when it's working right. Its beauty is indescribable. Its power is breath-taking. It comforts the grieving and heals the broken in the context of community. It builds bridges to seekers and offers truth to the confused. It provides resources for those in need and opens its arms to the forgotten, the downtrodden, the disillusioned. It breaks the chains of addictions, frees the oppressed, and offers belonging to the marginalized. Whatever the capacity for human suffering, the church has a greater capacity for healing and wholeness.” – Bill Hybels.

With outreached arms Jesus welcomed all and so too we at HMC welcome all into His house. All too often people stay away from the safety and love of a church because they either feel that they are not worthy or have been rejected by other churches. At HMC you will feel welcome and loved, experiencing the love of Jesus as each and every person deserves.

Our Vision:

Heidelberg Methodist Church exists to be like Christ, to live like Christ, to share the exciting message of Christ to all people.

Our Mission Statement:

We do this by...

- Serving others
- Loving and caring for people
- Witnessing to the good news and guiding others to it
- Recognising and using our God given gifts to grow ourselves and to reach out to the broken
- Being passionate about God

Vision 2022: “A Reaffirmation of our Discipleship”.

- 1. Discipleship.** A transforming discipleship movement. A relevant, Christ-centred Community sharing God’s love with the world. A community where every human being is welcome to enter in and be a fully functioning member of the “*house*”. No-one is excluded. See Isaiah 56! It is a recommitment to do what Jesus called the disciples to do – TO FOLLOW JESUS and TO MAKE DISCIPLES.
- 2. Cell Groups** (Small Groups, Life Groups, Growth Groups, Home Groups) ... there are many names for this method of connection within the church. Small Groups are a great way for people to engage in biblical community by intentionally gathering regularly for the purpose of joining in God’s mission together.

Leadership Structure:

The HMC Leadership consists of an **Elder Board** and an **Executive Board**. The Resident Minister is the chairperson of both Boards.

The **Elder Board** bear responsibility for overseeing the **Spiritual** and other **well-being** of the church through its ministries. They also oversee the Executive Board – make certain recommendations on matters discussed at the Elder meeting to the Executive Board and have always got a representative sitting on the Executive Board to make sure that everyone is “on the same page”. There is feedback given to the Elder Board through the representative. They meet once a month on the **last Tuesday** evening.

The **Executive Board** is responsible for the running of the church including the **finances, maintenance** and **fund-raising**. They also form part of our important **decision-making process**. They meet once a month on the **first Tuesday** of each month

Members of the Elder Board:

Richard Gage	082 456 1571
Maggie Gage	082 458 5418
Bernard Kelfkens	079 256 3899
Trudy Kelfkens	082 292 1687
Jan Van Dijk	083 560 4917
Ilse Van Dijk	083 302 9387

Members of the Executive Board:

Hugo de Koningh	083 630 0391
Zama Kunene	082 424 7226
Joe Kosterman	078 586 9141
Vincent Quabe	076 284 5566
Adelle du Plessies	083 946 8418
Sherwyn Lambaatjeen	074 342 5834
Israel Dibate	064 507 3291
Hannes Louw	073 162 5261
Susan Louw	082 431 9966
Bhuti Keswa	076 173 7736

Society Treasurer:

Cherry Ross	084 645 8237
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HMC Church Office Secretary:

Joelene Seymour	079 212 0904
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Summary of Ministries

HMC proudly has Ministries and Mission Groups within the life of our Church. Each has a Ministry Leader and an Elder or Executive member available to supply support and advice if needed.

The responsibility of the leader of a ministry is to keep the ministry active, raise funds where needed and to do all that is necessary to keep the ministry functional. The office is available to do the printing, keeping records of people attending events and collecting finances dropped off at the office.

Please take time to have a look at the ministries available and become involved – we always need new people in the ministries and if you are called to start a new ministry, please make an appointment and come and chat about the ministry.

Ministry/Mission Group	Division	Ministry Leader/Person/s Responsible
Spirituality & Personal Growth		
Baptism Workshop	Course	Minister
Confirmation	Course	Richard Gage
New Member's Orientation (Breakfast)	Course	Minister
Network/Shape Course (Spiritual Gifts)	Course	
Discipleship	Course	Minister
Walk the Bible Course	Course	Ilse Van Dijk
The Alpha Course	Course	
The Prayer Course	Course	Minister
Grief Share	Course	Annatjie Schutte
Cell/Small Groups	Spirituality	
Men's Fellowship	Spirituality	Hugo De Koning
Women's Fellowship	Spirituality	
Walking Ministry	Fellowship & Hosp	
Administration		
Administration	Church Office/Admin	Church Office
Finance		
Society Treasurer	Finance	Cherry Ross
Hospitality		
Sunday Tea after Service/Hungry 4 Him	Hospitality	
Door Stewards	Hospitality	As per Duty Roster
Vestry & Door Stewards	Hospitality	As per Duty Roster
Evangelism		
Mission & Outreach	Outreach	Annatjie Schutte
Soup Kitchen	Outreach	Susan Louw
Prayer Ministry & Pastoral Care		
Weekly (Sacred Space) Prayer Meeting	Prayer	Minister
Prayer (Prayer Chain)	Pastoral Care	Maggie & Richard Gage
Counselling, Healing & Upliftment Ministry	Pastoral Care	Minister
Home & Hospital Visitation	Pastoral Care	Minister
Worship & Sacraments		
Sunday Worship Services	Worship	Minister & Local Preachers
Communion Preparation	Sacrament	Bernard & Trudy Kelfkens
Baptism (Cradle Roll)	Sacrament	Church Office
Sound Desk/Multi-Media/Computer	Worship	Cherry Ross
Music (Worship)	Worship	Worship Team/Musicians
Flower Roster	Worship	Trudy Kelfkens
Social Media	Worship/Online	Risa Cronje
Children's & Youth Ministries		
Sunday School	Children's Ministry	Jann Keswa
Youth	Youth Ministry	Bhuti Keswa

Trust Property & Maintenance		
Gardens (Care & Maintenance)	Maintenance	Garden Services
Maintenance	Maintenance	Hannes Louw
Wall of Remembrance	Maintenance	Church Office
Security	Maintenance	ADT/Church Office
Verger	Verger	Errol Liebenberg

Conclusion.

In conclusion, this document seeks to give you some insight into the valuable ministry that you perform as a lay person, elected and appointed to a particular responsibility within the church of Christ. There is little doubt that as you grow and develop in this ministry you will learn many new things, encounter some challenges and hardships, and at times even question why you do this. Always remember that our ministry is to be agents of healing and transformation for the sake of establishing God's glorious kingdom here on earth.

Shalom,

Rev Michael E Lambaatjeen
(HMC Resident Minister)

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