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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

April 8, 2018
THE SECOND SUNDAY OF
EASTER
10:30 AM

Rev. Spencer van Gulick

Scripture readings:
Psalms 122
Matthew 4: 18-25

Sermon: "*Going Fishing*"

(From Posts from Presbytery of Tropical Florida for 04/02/2018) **Easter is not simply a day on the liturgical calendar, it is a season.** The season is fifty days and stretches to the Day of Pentecost, which is May 20. Each Sunday in Eastertide is treated as a Sunday of Easter and is named successively, so this coming Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter... The texts for preaching during the Easter Season are rich with themes that touch the practicalities of what it means to believe and be people of faith.

This week we will welcome **Rev. Spencer van Gulick** as guest pastor at our Sunday worship service. Rev. van Gulick is a long time friend of our church, and has served our pulpit on many occasions over the years. He most recently co-led a 6-week Lenten bible study with Dr. Verse. Dr. Verse and his wife Selma are on a short vacation following the very busy Lenten season and Easter Week.

We will also welcome the Gunter String Trio, **Brooke** and **Ava Gunter** (violin) and **Brandon Gunter** (cello). They most recently participated in one of our 30 Minutes with God concerts during Lent, arranged by Minister of Music Brandon Glick.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SERVICES

Maundy Thursday, March 29.

About 50 people enjoyed some delicious home-made soups at the traditional soup and bread supper on Maundy Thursday. The supper was followed by Worship Service at 7:00 pm. with Celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Thank you to the many people who made this special evening possible.



Just a few of the soup makers and organizers, Connie, Ingrid, Jan, Audrey, Judy D., Holly



A small sample of the many soups

Easter Sunday, April 1.

Even though about 50 people attended the early (8:30) service on Easter Sunday, the Sanctuary was filled to overflowing at 10:30, when about 150 people celebrated Easter at HSCPC.



A special part of the Easter Worship Service was Confirmation of Sabrina Morse, Lilly Rodriguez and Jennifer Kindberg who have been studying with Dr. Verse over the past few weeks.

The choir provided joyous music celebrating the Risen Christ.



The children in Sunday School helped to decorate the Easter cross with beautiful spring flowers.

With Sunday School teachers Karen Kienzle and Kathy Oldham.

Children and adults alike were invited to wear their most festive Easter bonnets at the **fellowship hour between services on Easter Sunday**. They gathered in the church courtyard at 9:30 to display their Easter finery and join in a colorful parade around the property. Refreshments of cookies and punch, prepared and served by the church Deacons, were available for the hungry participants.



Gallery of Easter Bonnets



Tom and Cindy Fucigna



This special Easter Fellowship gathering was organized by **Cindy Fucigna** and a wonderful team of helpers. Many thanks are due to **Cindy** and her team of **Tom Fucigna, Kathy Oldham, Suellen Millroy, Stacey Albrecht, Karen Kienzle, Milla Finchum, and the wonderful church Deacons.**

*As always, there are probably names inadvertently left out of this list, so a very special thanks is directed to all who helped make this such a joyous Easter Fellowship.

Thank you also to **Stacey Albrecht, LeeAnn Kindberg, Holly Pratt, Ingrid**

Krumdick for providing the many photos from which these have been selected.

EASTER OFFERING

Because Easter this year fell on the first Sunday of the month (identified in our church as Mission Sunday), the special Easter Offering was designated toward the “**One Great Hour of Sharing**” mission of the Presbyterian Church. This is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together each year to work for a better world.

Through the generosity of our Easter congregation we are sending a mission donation of \$580.00 to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), joining Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God’s love with our neighbors-in-need around the world. This mission donation is helping to provide relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

The Presbytery and HSCPC thank the congregation on behalf of those who will find hope through the witness of One Great Hour of Sharing.

LOOKING AHEAD

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER OF HSCPC?

There will be a "gathering" in the parlor, with the Session, on **Sunday, April 15, at 9:30AM** for those interested in becoming members of our church. If interested in what it means to be a member, please join us."

LADIES LUNCHEON: The next ladies’ luncheon will be on
Friday, April 6, 12:30 PM, at
Outback Steakhouse
3101 S.E. Federal Hwy, Stuart.

All female members and friends of our Church are welcome. If you plan to attend it is important that you make your reservation with **Dorothea Wiley, 772 546-2719.**

HSCPC Winter/Spring Concert Series



The final concert in the HSCPC Winter/Spring Concert Series, an **Instrumental concert, featuring flute, oboe and piano**, was scheduled for Tuesday, April 10. **Due to a serious illness of one of the musicians, this concert must be postponed until a later date. As soon as it is re-scheduled the date and time will be announced here.**

BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULED

Women of the Bible

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.



Plans have been made for a discussion group on **Women of the Bible** to meet on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM**, beginning on **Wednesday, April 18**. The book "**All the Women of the Bible**" by M.L. delMastro, will be the source of information for discussion, which will be led by Elder **Arline Holloway**, chairman of the Women's Fellowship committee.

IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR A GOOD SPRING CLEANING

At the March Session meeting a date was set for a good **spring cleaning** of the church property, including both the structures and the grounds.

Saturday, May 19, 9:00 AM til? is the date.

This seems like a long way off, but time goes fast and it's never too early to start planning. Please report to the church office, any Elder, or any Deacon, anything you see that needs attention.

OCCASIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School when needed, please contact Karen Kienzle, 561 379-7900, or karenkienzle@hotmail.com, or personally at church on Sunday.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Children's Ministry Director. Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity to work with the children of our church? or, do you know someone who might be interested and qualified to fill this part-time position?. This position would be perfect for a person with a CE or educational background who wants to stay active in CE work but is unable to commit to a full-time position.

Please see the ink below (posted on the Presbytery website) for Job Posting, <http://www.tfpby.org/administration/employment/> and/or send your resume to church@hscpc.org

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 4 - Ruth Jubb
April 10 - Robert Wagner
April 13 - Julie Norrish
April 14 - Marilyn Nyman

April 15 - Linda Byrd
April 22 - Earlene Thompson
April 24 - Retta Galloway
April 27 - Owen Pratt
April 30 - Luke Moore

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

April 6 - Milla and Lennie Finchum
April 16 - Dari and Billy Bowman

(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alex Lopez-Estrada
- George Mulleneix
- Gary Shriver
- Judy McCloy
- Kris Herd
- Josephine Scricca
- Gail Shriver
- Tom Prestegard
- Bill Carlson
- Hisa Clark
- Bob Kehres
- Terry McCloy
- Laurie Updegrave
- Sarah Williams
- Freda Jones
- Clara and Norman Douphinais

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request should be made to Diane Atkisson in the church office. Phone – 772-546-5043, email – church@hscpc.org

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, jannorrish@hotmail.com, To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin and the MESSENGER, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Diane Atkisson in the church office. Phone – 772 546-5043, email - church@hscpc.org

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