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## MESSENGER

**SUNDAY SERVICE**  
**December 4, 2016**

**10:30 AM**

***Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland***

**Old Testament:**  
*Isaiah 11:1-10*

**New Testament:**  
*Matthew 3:1-12*

**Sermon:**  
*"Repentance Reboot"*

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At the Session meeting on November 29, the Elders welcomed ***Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland*** as Temporary Supply Pastor at Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church. He will serve from December 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, or until an installed Pastor is called by the Pastor Nominating Committee. This covenant can be renewed upon approval of the Session, Dr. Rutland, and the Presbytery Committee on Ministry.

Dr. Rutland was our guest Pastor on November 20, so many of you have already met him. He is Honorably Retired, having served PC(USA) congregations in North Carolina, Georgia, and south Florida. In Florida he was Senior Minister of the Indian River Presbyterian Church, Ft. Pierce for 10 years, and served the Miami Shores Presbyterian Church for 8 years.

He is a previous Moderator of Tropical Florida Presbytery and is currently active in the work of Habitat for Humanity – serving as current president of the St. Lucie County board. He and his wife, Mimi, reside in Port St. Lucie. They have two daughters, both UF “Gators” with studies/careers in journalism and architecture. Dr. Rutland appreciates a good book, a well-tuned guitar, and loves being a pastor to God’s beloved people.

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## SUPPORTING THE SIM (Serving in Mission) MISSIONARY WORK

Through much of this decade, our Church has faithfully supported through our mission donations the work of a young missionary family in Malawi. Now their field work is coming to a close, and the family has returned to the States (Ohio) to begin a new life chapter. However, the Malawi mission continues and **Dean Stocker** has agreed to share his and the family's experience with us at this Sunday's worship service.



The Stocker's service in Malawi was supported by finances routed through SIM USA, and the organization is backing their resettlement in Ohio. SIM has been launching workers into ministry around the world since 1893.

They are committed to cultivating multicultural mission movements that respond to need, proclaim the gospel, and equip the Church. With more than 120 years of ministry experience, their passion is to continue to see the Body of Christ in all places, among all peoples, to the glory of God.

A free-will offering on Sunday will be directed to the SIM account to help the Stockers as they transition from field work abroad to a US-based ministry. Deacon Jan Norrish has kept in close touch with Dean and was instrumental in arranging for this visit

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## LADIES LUNCHEON

Due to a scheduling conflict, the next ladies luncheon has been postponed and re-scheduled to:

***Friday, December 9, 12:30 PM at The Taste Restaurant.***

All female members and friends of our Church are welcome. We always have a wonderful time with good food and Christian fellowship.

If you plan to attend it is important that you make your reservation with *Dorothea Wiley, 772 546-271*

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## AND NOW IT'S TIME TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS

## HANGING OF THE GREENS



When you arrived at Church last Sunday you found the Sanctuary transformed into a visual celebration of the Holy Christmas season. This was not a magic transformation. Several members and friends gathered Friday and Saturday to decorate the sanctuary in preparation for Advent and the coming of our Savior.

On Friday, Kathy Oldham, Karen Metzger, and Brandon Glick brought the Christmas tree and all the ribbons and bows and ornaments and wreaths from the storage room into the Sanctuary in preparation for the Saturday “Hanging of the Greens” gathering.

Under the leadership and direction of Catherine Hilton, on Saturday afternoon Milla Finchum, Ingrid Krumdick, Judy Doverspike, and Karen Metzger, along with help from Carla Tinsley’s nephew, trimmed the tree, hung the wreaths, assembled the crèche, and just generally transformed the Sanctuary into what greeted worshipers on Sunday morning.



Carla Tinsley and Gail Shriver prepared cookies, cupcakes, lemonade and iced tea in the social hall as refreshments for the hard workers. It was a most rewarding afternoon for all.

## DECORATING THE SANCTUARY WITH POINSETTIAS

This year we will once again be including Poinsettias among our Sanctuary Christmas decorations. These poinsettias are available for purchase by members and friends of the church. The cost of each plant is \$8.00. The poinsettias are being donated, so when you buy a plant you will be making a donation to the funding of our Memorial Garden.



An insert will be included in the bulletin for use in ordering your poinsettia(s). It will indicate ways in which you can dedicate your poinsettia if you so choose. The plants will be placed in the Sanctuary prior to the December 11 worship service, and you will be able to take your plant home with you after the service on December 25.

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## THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE

This is the 20th year that the SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE is presented by the Hobe Sound Ministries. The theme this year is “**Come Home This Christmas**”.

This beautiful Christmas program is held on the campus of *Hobe Sound Bible College and Bible Church, 11295 Gomez Ave.* It will be presented at 7:00 PM on December 1 through 4. The doors open at 6:00 PM. Admission is free; an offering will be received.

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## SOUTH FORK HIGH SCHOOL CORAL CONCERT

The South Fork High School Chamber Choir concert at HSCPC on November 20 was extremely well received. In fact, several in attendance have expressed interest in attending additional concerts by these very talented young people. This opportunity arises next week at the South Fork High School Choral Concert

Tuesday, December 6, 7:00 PM, South Fork High School Auditorium  
\$5.00 admission at the door.

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**Election of Elders and Deacons:** The nominating committee is now in the process of selecting nominees for the very important roles of Elders and Deacons. If you know of someone that you believe possesses the gifts of faith and leadership (including yourself) and might be called to be an Elder

of Deacon in the coming year, please make it a point to convey this to **Jan Norrish**, chairman of the Nominating committee.

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**Worship Service Lay Leaders:** We are returning to the custom of including Lay Leaders in our Worship Services. Jan Norrish compiles the schedule and asks that anyone wishing to serve the Church in this capacity contact her to volunteer.

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### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- December 5** - Isabella Fucigna
- December 13** - Bob Atkisson
- December 14** - Mary Wilburn
- December 20** - Tom Fucigna
- December 21** - Katherine Hobson
- December 25** - Audrey Ruggier
- December 27** - Hazel Stackhouse
- December 31** - Victoria Hobson

### DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- December 7** - Jonathan and Holly Pratt
- December 16** - Jim and Jan Norrish
- Steve and Kimberly Anderson
- December 21** - Bob and Diane Atkisson
- December 31** - Terry and Judy McCloy

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On Thursday, November 24, member and good friend **Terry Wagner** passed on to eternal life, and is now in the loving hands of God. Please keep his family and friends in your thoughts and prayers.

His funeral is **Friday, December 2, at 10:30 AM** in the sanctuary of **Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church**. *Rev. Dr. Ben Sorensen will officiate.*



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### PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ric Nichols and family
- Brian Tobin
- Jim White
- The Heimann Family
- Terry McCloy
- Barbara Gaus
- Katie Ide and infant son Jacob
- Deborah Hobson and Family
- Jim and Lori Cox
- Doug Bent
- Joyce Spengler
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Dave Reeves
- Ed Benedict
- John Strudwick and the Altman family
- Alex Lopez-Estrada
- Rita Skojec
- Patrick Corr
- Angel Nichols
- Arline Holloway
- Earlene Thompson
- Meghan Daley
- Roy Kindberg
- Sandy Delagio
- Terry Wagner's family

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request can be made to Pastor Ben or Karen Metzger.

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](mailto:jannorrish@hotmail.com), To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Karen Metzger, 772 220-4678, or [kmmetz@bellsouth.net](mailto:kmmetz@bellsouth.net). As always, Pastor Ben can be contacted at Church, at [ben@hscpc.org](mailto:ben@hscpc.org)., or by phone at 954 802-3311

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