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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

February 26, 2017

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland

Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 89: 1-18

New Testament Lesson:

Mark 9: 2-9

Sermon: "*Transfigured: A Glimpse of Glory*"

THE PASTOR'S PAGE:

Dr. Sam Rutland, Temporary Stated Supply Pastor

There is a trait of the Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church that I want to highlight. It is a quality in the members and officers of the HSCPC that church consultants consider to be THE essential quality in order to have a vital and growing congregation. You have this quality *in bunches*. What is it?

Permission Giving

Churches that are alive, active, inviting and growing have this common characteristic: *they find it easy to give permission for members to try new ideas, new programs, and new ministries*. And also, the lag time between an idea's conception and the permission to go forward is reasonable. In other words, it doesn't take forever to get something done! Even Presbyterian churches who do everything as we like to say, "decently and in good order", and who run all new programs through the session for approval find ways to speed up the process and

in so doing, encourage new and creative ministries. HSCPC is such a church. The session, deacons, members and staff have what I call a “permission giving spirit”.

In my short tenure you have blessed many new ideas: a musical concert series (with jazz in the courtyard and Broadway in the sanctuary!), the purchase of a new sanctuary piano (made possible by generous individuals who gave permission with their checkbooks!), a renewed mission focus on the Banner Lake After School Time (B.L.A.S.T) in the tutoring of young children, a six-week morning Bible Study to begin on March 22nd, the search for a Christian Ed Director, the cleaning and purging of the storage building (what a blessed difference!) and many other ideas.

At HSCPC new programs are carefully considered... and then we try many of them. Why? It's because we trust one another. All permission is born with trust. Think of Jesus. The disciples trusted Jesus (and *everything* he did and taught was new!) Jesus in turn trusted his disciples. He gave them permission to preach the gospel, to teach, to baptize, to heal, and even to cast out demons. Without permission nothing ever changes. Christ gave them permission, and they changed the world.

Friends, you are thoughtful Presbyterian permission givers. Celebrate this! It's little wonder you are so strong.

Peace,
Sam

STEWARDSHIP

It's never easy to ask for money, but no institutions, not even Churches, can exist without it. Therefore, **Sunday, March 5**, has been designated **STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY** at HSCPC. Having had a chance to review the detailed budget for 2017 in the Annual Report and at the Annual meeting, it is now time for members and friends to make their financial commitment in support of the Church.

If you are a member or an active participant at HSCPC you will receive in the mail next week a pledge card accompanied by a letter from Dr. Rutland summarizing the activities, hopes, dreams and needs of our Church. Please take time to prayerfully consider how much you can generously and realistically contribute financially toward meeting the goals established for our Church for 2017. Then, make a pledge commitment for 2017 and bring the completed pledge card to present to the Church on March 5. If you are unable to attend Church on that Sunday you can mail the pledge card to the Church.

Do not be concerned if you do not feel able to make a financial commitment at this time. But, please submit a pledge card indicating this so that the Church records can be complete. Also, realize that this pledge is not written in stone; it can be changed at any time during the year if circumstances so indicate.

WE HAVE A NEW PIANO!!

A lovely used Yamaha upright piano has been acquired for our sanctuary by music director Brandon Glick. It is a very well maintained piano belonging to long time Martin County piano teacher Lynn Haynes. According to Brandon, she gave

us an incredible deal. Tom Servinsky, probably the best known piano tuner and technician in Martin County, said that it was “the piano find of the year.”

Two very kind benefactors donated the money for the piano, one a member of our church and one a lady who does not attend our church but comes to the concerts.

The old piano served our Church beautifully for many years. It has been purchased by a church member’s daughter, whose own daughter is, coincidentally, taking piano lessons from the piano’s previous owner. Since the piano cost was covered by such generous donations, the money from the sale of the old piano can all be deposited in the music department account.

LAST SUNDAY'S CHILDREN'S MESSAGE



The children got a special treat during the children’s message last week when Dr. Rutland accompanied his message about “Jesus Loves Me” with performance of the well-loved hymn on his guitar. In addition, 2nd grader Ava Holmes bravely got up in front of the whole congregation and performed the lyrics with modified sign language, helped out a bit by Sunday School teacher Cindy Fucigna.



JAZZ IN THE COURTYARD



A large, appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed the Dixieland Jazz concert last Friday evening, performed by the **ROWDY ROOSTERS** and organized by our music director, Brandon Glick. The courtyard was a perfect setting for this concert, and the weather cooperated beautifully.

While the music selections were varied, Louis Armstrong's music was featured, and the flavor of New Orleans ("N'Awrlens" to the natives) was evident throughout the concert. The audience members even joined the band in a march around the courtyard to the familiar strains of "When the Saints Come Marching In".



And refreshments? The Deacons outdid themselves with a super array of goodies that were served during the concert intermission. Even the band members joined the buffet line of hungry jazz lovers.

While evening in the courtyard is not conducive to clear photos taken by even the best cell phones, a bit of the ambience of that wonderful evening is shared in these photos.



The next and final concert in the current series will be on Tuesday, March 7th. Mark your calendars and save the date for a classical guitar and piano concert to be held in our Church sanctuary.

Rowdy Carlton and Brandon Glick
Tuesday, March 7 at 7:00pm

This classical guitar and piano concert will feature solos of music written by the great composers, as well as an exciting, jazz infused guitar concerto by Claude Bolling.

This event is offered free of charge, but guests will have an opportunity after the concert to make a contribution to our music program if they wish to do so.



GIRL SCOUT EVENT AT HSCPC



Each year on February 22nd, **girl scouts** participate in activities and projects with global themes to honor their sister Girl Guides and Girl Scouts in other countries. This special day in the Girl Scout year, designated as **WORLD THINKING DAY**, is a day when they remember they are part of a worldwide movement.



About 8 girl scout troops from Hobe Sound and the surrounding area held a **World Thinking Day** event in our courtyard last Saturday. The purpose of this event was to learn about girl scout activities in other countries, and compare them with scout activities here. Each troop prepared a display featuring a specific country, and food from that country was included in the variety of refreshments served.



BAKE SALE



The Deacons are planning a bake sale for **Sunday February 26th** at the social hour following the worship service. The proceeds will go to the **Deacon's Fund** to help finance the many Deacon services, especially the purchasing of supplies for the social hours.

On this special Sunday you can not only enjoy the delicious refreshments provided by the Deacons during social hour, you will be able to take some of them home with you.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

- February 5** - Kathy Oldham
- Madeline Marx
- Rachael Higginbotham
- February 8** - Emily Albrecht
- February 12** - Mark Altman
- February 14** - George Rausch
- February 19** - Jim Norrish
- February 21** - Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland
- February 24** - Alex Albrecht
- February 25** - Judy Doverspike
- Lloyd Howard
- February 26** - Paul LaPrise

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

February 15 - Steve and Ruth Jubb

February 21 - Todd and Linda Croyle

(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

- The Altman family
- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Patrick Corr
- Angel Nichols
- Brian Tobin
- Joyce Spengler
- Family of Larry Liss
- Werner Jager
- Dawn Brown
- Joyce-Anne Hamlin
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Dave Reeves
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Myrna Jubb
- Terry McCloy
- Josephine Scricca
- Jim White
- Barbara Gaus
- George Mulleneix
- Alicia

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 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, 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.

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