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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

January 1, 2017

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland

Old Testament Lesson:

Ecclesiastes 3: 1-8

New Testament Lesson:

Luke 13: 6-9

Sermon: *"It's About Time"*

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Christmas Eve Worship Service

With beautiful Christmas hymns accompanying the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, it was a special evening of celebration and fellowship. The

children of our Church participated beautifully in all parts of the service.

If anyone has photos from that service that they would like to share in the *MESSENGER*, please email them to Karen Metzger, kmmetz@bellsouth.net, and they will be included here next week.



The beautiful Nativity figures on the front porch of the Sanctuary were given to our Church by **HAZEL STACKHOUSE**. Thank you, Hazel, for this lovely and meaningful gift. They will remain in place through January 8 in recognition of the visit of the Magi to the Holy Child.

THE PASTOR'S PAGE, Dr. Sam Rutland, Temporary Supply Pastor

Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! What a joyful evening it was on Christmas Eve at Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church. The pews were filled. The light of all our candles and the Christ candle illuminated the sanctuary. Joyful carols rang out to the heavens.

So, who were the “stars” of the evening? Our children and youth, of course. Such a joy it was for me and all of us to have Alexis, Luke, Ethan, Everett, Leia, Aislyn, Lily, Jennifer, (and others behind the scenes) who read the scripture, played piano, sang, and lit our candles. What a blessing our children are to our Church! (Thank you parents for printing texts, music and setting our children up for success). Also, we appreciate the poignant readings by Peter and Catherine, and the question Patti posed in the song: “Mary Did You Know?” It was a beautiful evening, one that, like Mary, we pondered and treasured in our hearts.

The next morning, Christmas Day, a good and joyous group celebrated Christ’s birthday. I so appreciate Brandon’s celebrative and majestic anthems – as well as his masterful sight reading of the carol requests... even “Happy Birthday” sung to Jesus. (What a great request that was!)

Now it is a new year, 2017, and time to re-dedicate ourselves to God’s plans —

for us individually, and collectively as the Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church. So, I warmly invite you to worship this Sunday as we usher in 2017 and receive the Lord's Supper. It is a new year, so if for some reason you've been apart from your church home in 2016, could there be a better time than this to begin anew? (By the way, the blessing of having a brand new pastor is that I have *no idea* who has been here every Sunday, or not at all!) If you have been away, the Lord invites you to come, to worship, and to receive the Lord's Supper on January 1st.

Peace,

Sam

POINSETTIAS



Several poinsettias were left on the Church porch following the Christmas Day worship service.

Thank you to **Milla** for watering them and keeping them fresh. And thank you to **Jan and Jim Norrish** who gathered them up on Wednesday and took them to The Manors, where they were very much appreciated.

UPDATE ON LITTLE ALEX



Over the past couple of years we have been following the progress of little Alex as he puts up a very brave fight against cancer. This photo is from Christmas, 2015.

Ingrid Krumdick first introduced us to Alex and his family. Since so many of you have made donations to him and his family we thought you might be interested in a summary of the latest, quite positive update.

Since the last update, Alex has gone through a long process of antibody immunotherapy, which breaks down his immune system and re-trains it to fight off the cancer cells on its own. Some treatments were in-patient (a few days long) and some were outpatient. He is currently finishing his last cycle of this, which is done right in his home.

In the meantime there has been some good news. Alex's left kidney has become completely obsolete to his body and his right one is doing its job just perfectly by growing and compensating for the left. Also, the cancer is ONLY showing in his legs and pelvic area; meaning it has gone away in the skull and abdominal area.

After he finishes his last treatment in mid January, he will go back for ALL of the scans and testing and find out where his body stands against cancer. Hopefully they hear great news and *"once we get the clearance from the Doctors, we will all be packing our bags and heading to Disney World!!"*

They promise another update when all the testing is completed, and they wish us all here at HSCPC *"a safe and wonderful Christmas and best wishes to all in 2017! God Bless!"*

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE on the Sanctuary porch for you to pick up on Sunday morning. A box of envelopes is provided to each individual, or family, that has used these prepared envelopes for their offering during the past year. If you do not find a box of envelopes with your name on it, and you want one, please see Milla Fincham (Church Treasurer).

The first envelope in your 2017 box is for your **PER CAPITA** payment. This payment is your portion of the Church's financial commitment to the Presbytery. Each year the Church must contribute to the Presbytery a given amount for each *active* member on its rolls. This money goes to support the work and ministry of the larger Presbyterian Church and is divided among the General Assembly, the Synod of South Atlantic and the Presbytery of Tropical Florida.

This year the **PER CAPITA** amount is **\$32.24 per active member**. Our church, with an official active membership as of January 1, 2016 of 115, must pay \$3707.60. It is an individual, not a family, responsibility to pay your share of this amount if you are an active member of our Church. Any **PER CAPITA** payment not made by the active member must be taken out of the Church treasury.

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.

LADIES LUNCHEON:

The next ladies' luncheon will be on
Friday, January 6, 12:30 PM at
Nino's Pizzeria and Cafe.
2500 S.E. Federal Hwy, Stuart

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*, 772 546-2719.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- January 5** - Dick Grady
January 7 - Janet Jones
January 11 - Elora Fucigna
January 13 - Catherine Hilton
January 15 - Lorraine White
- Jean Albrecht
- Ingrid Krumdick
January 24 - Dawn Brown
January 28 - Brayton Bass

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- January 7** - Cam and Becky Boyton
January 14 - Scott and Jenny Nelms
January 16 - Jim and Mary Wigg

(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
- Earlene Thompson
- Family of Larry Liss
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Dave Reeves
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Myrna Jubb
- Mary Wilburn
- Terry McCloy
- Josephine Scricca
- Jim White

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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Create a great offer by adding words like "free" "personalized" "complimentary" or "customized." A sense of urgency often helps readers take an action, so think about inserting phrases like "for a limited time only" or "only 7 remaining!"

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