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## MESSENGER

### SUNDAY SERVICE

May 21, 2017

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Roger Verse

**First Reading:** Acts 17: 22-31

**Second Reading:** 1 Peter 3: 13-22

**Third Reading:** John 14: 15-21

Sermon: "*What do You Have to Say for Yourself*"

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### **THE PASTOR'S PAGE:**

Today we welcome **Rev. Dr. Roger Verse** to Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church as Transitional Minister. He will be with us at least through the end of the year or until an installed Pastor is called to our church, whichever comes first.

The Reverend Roger Verse was born in Plainfield, N.J. and grew up in nearby Scotch Plains. As a teen and young adult Roger was affirmed and encouraged to consider a call to ordained ministry both from his home pastor and college professors. His formal education began at Upsala College and continued to Princeton Seminary where he received a M.Div., and Th.M. degrees. He was appointed Master in Residence by President McCord at Princeton for the 1973-74 academic year. He has a certificate in Family Therapy from the New Jersey Center for Family Studies and holds a D.Min., in Marriage and Family Ministry from Eastern Seminary in Philadelphia. Roger has received specialized training in Interim/Transitional Ministry at Montreat Conference Center, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Menucha Conference Center in Portland, Oregon.

Roger was ordained at the Willow Grove Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of Elizabeth on April 9, 1972. He served two pastorates in New Jersey, Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Califon, and First Presbyterian Church, Iselin, before moving to Florida in 1989. He served interim pastorates in Pembroke Pines, DeLand, and Jupiter before being called to be the Pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale in 1997. As a member of the Presbytery of Tropical Florida, Roger has served on the Committee on Ministry as Chair as well as Session Moderator for vacant churches.

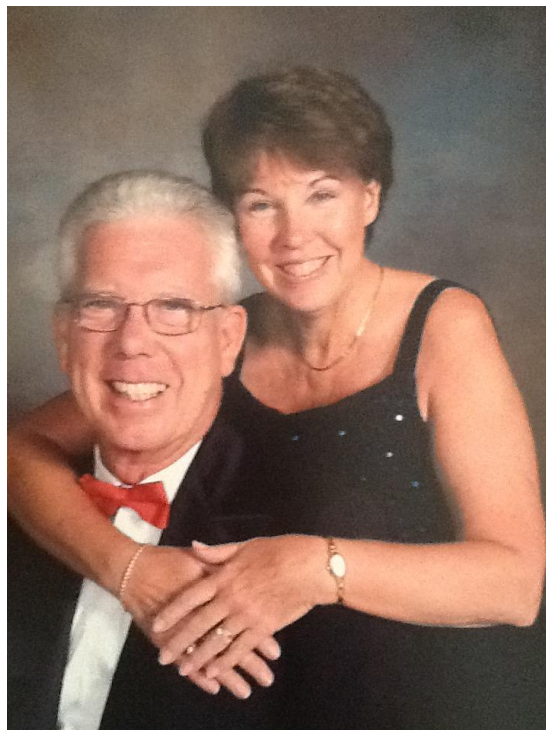
Roger has been married to his wife Selma for 39 years. She is a Nurse Educator and a Certified Parish Nurse with experience in health ministry. Selma's avocation is church music. (They met when Roger was called to the First Presbyterian Church in Iselin where Selma was the Director of Music) They raised four children who are now adults.

Both Roger and Selma took early retirement in 2007 to travel and be with family. One of the blessings: the opportunity to be present at the birth of each of their six grandchildren and provide support for infant and sibling care.

Roger and Selma have traveled through Germany, Switzerland, England, and Scotland visiting sites specific to the Protestant Reformation. In retirement they have gained appreciation for other cultures through visits to Canada, Central and South America, the Baltic States, and Southern Europe. Roger is also qualified to serve as Guest Staff Minister for specific cruises on the Holland America Cruise Line.

On August 1, 2014, Roger interrupted retirement to become Interim Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Boynton Beach, Florida. On March 31, 2017 he successfully concluded this ministry.

After taking a very brief break to enjoy a European cruise vacation, Roger has once again taken on the position of Transitional Minister. We at Hobe Sound Community Presbyterian Church are very fortunate to now benefit from his considerable pastoral and leadership experiences. We welcome you, Dr. Verse.



As a courtesy toward our new Pastor, new members, and new friends, **PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS WHEN ATTENDING CHURCH.** If you don't have one, see Becky Boynton and she will make one for you.

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## SAYING GOODBYE

It was with mixed feelings that we said goodbye to **Pastor Sam Rutland** last Sunday. We will miss him, but we are also very thankful for his leadership of our church over the last six months.

Many members and friends joined in honoring him during the worship service and also at the coffee hour that followed. A sumptuous luncheon spread, a specially decorated cake, an inscribed crystal cross gift, and lots of thank you cards were all part of the celebration. A highlight was the table decorations featuring flowers in vases adored with colorful frisbies. Most of you will immediately understand the symbolism here, dating from a recent "children's message" given by Sam.



The following photos can serve as memories of Sam's time with us. Thanks to the Deacons for arranging and preparing the luncheon, and to Ingrid Krumdick for the photos.



Sam preaching



Children's message



Sumptuous luncheon



Table decorations

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### A NEW MEMBER IS WELCOMED

This past Sunday we welcomed **Jean Eastin** as a new member of our Church. Jean has been attending HSCPC for the past year when in Florida. She has a home in Hobe Sound as well as in New Jersey, where she is very active with her church there.

She has long time familiarity with our Church, as her parents, Ervin and Margaret Peake, joined HSCPC in 1982 and were members here for several years. Her father, age 96, still lives in Stuart.



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**THE BEAUTIFUL SPECIAL MUSIC** Sunday was provided by **Annalisa Taylor**, a violinist and student at Hobe Sound Bible College. Her home is in Alaska. Her talent is exceptional, and we especially thank her for joining us on very short notice, as the scheduled musician called in ill at 9:00 am on Sunday morning.



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### UPDATE MEMBER/FRIEND CHURCH DIRECTORY

The updated church directory is available. Copies will be located on the sanctuary porch table on Sunday. You are welcome to take one if you like (one per family, please). There is also a form to sign if you would like to receive the directory and periodic updates via email.

Many thanks to the Deacons who originated this project, and especially to **Connie Frazee** who collected, organized and prepared the information for print.

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### SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HOUR -- - SUMMER SCHEDULE

During the summer (June, July and August) fellowship hour following the Sunday worship service will be held only on the first Sunday of the month. Birthdays of the month will be highlighted, along with some special celebrations. In June we will celebrate high school graduates, and in July we all look forward to Mary Wilburn's red, white and blue Fourth of July desserts.

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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Christian Education 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 link below for Job Posting, and/or send your resume to [karenkienzle@hotmail.com](mailto:karenkienzle@hotmail.com).

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- May 1** - Connie Frazee  
**May 10** - June O'Donnell  
**May 11** - Chance Wagner  
**May 12** - Trish Moore  
**May 14** - Audrey Sloat  
**May 15** - Peg Layton  
- Milla Finchum  
**May 16** - Dari Bowman  
**May 22** - Grace Altman  
**May 27** - Rose Marie Patterson  
- Marty Albrecht  
**May 30** - Cam Boynton  
**May 31** - Len Finchum

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- May 6** - Roy and Leann Kindberg

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

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Angel Nichols
- Joyce Spengler
- Family of Larry Liss
- Werner Jager
- Joyce-Anne Hamlin
- Jim White
- Sandy Owen
- Cathy Brooks
- Pat Kavanaugh
- Judy McCloy
- Lorraine White
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Myrna Jubb
- Terry McCloy
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Alicia
- Martha Higgins
- Marjorie and Kent Phillips, and Joshua Phillips

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, [jannorish@hotmail.com](mailto:jannorish@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).

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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!"