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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE

June 3, 2018
10:30 AM

Pastor Rev. Dr. Roger Verse

Scripture readings:
Mark 2: 23 - 3:6

Sermon: "*Broken Rules*"

In his weekly message in the May 29 **Posts from the Presbytery of Tropical Florida**, General Presbyter Daris Bultena writes about the Gospel Lesson from the book of Mark.

"The Gospel Lesson from Mark carries us back towards the beginning of the Ministry of Jesus. Here we encounter the first prominent clash of Jesus with those who are paying strict attention to Sabbath laws. In Mark it is this early encounter where we hear there are those conspiring against Jesus. (We) might ask how we pursue righteousness in a world of competition and clashing value system. (We might also) look at how our strict and stringent views (and laws, and order) can sometimes prevent us from seeing the new movement of God as witnessed through the Church in our contemporary encounters with the Living Christ.

COMMUNION: At HSCPC We celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of every month. We also designate these Sundays as "Mission Sundays". Donations help provide funds and services for those in need within our own Church, within the immediate Community such as Banner Lake school programs, and through charitable organizations such as House of Hope.



If you wish to make a donation to the Missions program on this **June 3rd**

Mission Sunday, you can use the blue and white envelope found in your envelope offering box, a Mission Envelope located in the back of the pews, or send a donation directly to the church.

MEMORIAL DAY AT HSCPC

The Worship Service on Memorial Day Sunday was primarily devoted to remembering and praying for those in our armed forces who gave their lives in service to our country. Soloist Brandon Mills opened the service with “God Bless America”, requested by one of our oldest veterans, and he performed a beautiful rendition of “Here’s to Our Heroes” as the offertory anthem.

Dr. Verse recognized the veterans seated in the congregation and asked each to identify any of their comrades who had died in one of the many armed conflicts over the years. It was a very touching part of the worship service.



Sabrina Morse, a middle school 6th grader and a member of HSCPC, recently wrote a Memorial Day essay as part of a school assignment and writing contest. From all of the youth in her school, her essay was the second place winner. At the request of Dr. Verse, she read that essay after the veterans had been introduced and honored. It is presented here:

The True Meaning of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day is a holiday to celebrate the men and women who died while fighting for our country in the military. The first Memorial Day was held May 30, 1868 by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the grand Army of the Republic, and was founded to honor veterans of both Union and Confederate armies who gave their lives in service to their beliefs. At the Arlington National Cemetery, General James Garfield made a speech and 5,000 participants worked to help decorate 20,000 of the Union and Confederate's graves who were buried there which was also where the first Memorial Day was held. By 1890 every State of the Union observed this holiday as an official state holiday. At the end of World War I, all states of the North and South began observing a single Memorial Day for men and women who died fighting for our country in all wars.

This holiday was originally called Decoration Day which was officially changed to Memorial Day in 1967. The US Congress through the Uniform Monday Holiday Act of 1968 also changed the observance of Memorial Day from May 30th to the last Monday of May. This went into effect in 1971. However, many have strong sentiments to change Memorial Day back to May 30th to keep attention on the reason for its founding, and separate it from the Memorial Day "Holiday Weekend" event that many see it as. Over two dozen cities and towns

claim to be the birthplace of the holiday, yet in May 1966 Waterloo N.Y. was declared the birthplace by President Lyndon Johnson.

To further honor those who gave their lives in defense of our country the 2000 U.S. Congress passed legislation to encourage all Americans to pause for a National Moment of Remembrance at 3:00PM local time. They also called for the American Flag to be flown at half staff until noon on Memorial Day and then raised to the top of the staff.

In our community it is very important to celebrate Memorial Day. Memorial Day is a patriotic part of our American culture. Every year, on the last Monday in May, we get a day off school or work to get together with our families.

Memorial Day is a very important day in the history of the United States. It is a day of remembrance of our fallen soldiers and loved ones who fought for our country to secure peace and freedom. It is a time for us to pay our respects to those who fought to protect the liberties that our founding fathers proclaimed with certainty in the Declaration of Independence.

Memorial Day always reminds me that summer is almost here. In our small town we usually start with a 10 a.m. parade down East Ocean Blvd. followed by a ceremony and dedication to honor our fallen soldiers. I feel very proud to be an American and so very thankful to all our military for rising their lives to protect our country and citizens.

A VOLUNTEER INVENTORY will be distributed at Church this Sunday. This inventory asks for pertinent contact information, and for you to identify ways in which you would like to participate in our church operations and activities.

If you are attending church on Sunday, please take some time before or after the service to fill in the requested information. If you are unable to attend church this week, the inventory will be available for the next several Sundays, or you can request that one be sent to you via email by contacting the Church.

We all have gifts and skills that we can put to very good use in supporting the work of our church. What are yours? – and - In what ways would you like to share them with your Church?

BIBLE STUDY

Women of the Bible

The bible study, **Women of the Bible**, has concluded. Those attending found the topic very interesting and enlightening. It expanded on the information we find in both the old and new testaments, and gave insight into the lives of women living in those ancient times.

If enough interest is expressed, Part 2 of this bible study can be scheduled later in the year. The group didn't begin to cover all of the 54 women whose stories were told in the text "All the Women of the Bible". Contact **Arline Holloway**, chairman of the Women's Fellowship Committee, for further information.

LADIES LUNCHEON: The next ladies' luncheon will be on
Friday, June 1, 12:30 PM at
Miles Grant Country Club

5101 S.E. Miles Grant Rd., Stuart, Fl.
(left off of Cove Road, east of Dixie Hwy – A1A)

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.](#)

Mark your calendar with these important upcoming dates:

June 10 - Pastor Roger Verse's last Sunday at HSCPC

June 17 - Guest Minister Dennis Bennett, representing Presbytery of Tropical Florida

June 24 - Rev. Paul Bayerl begins his service as Pastor at HSCPC.

ACTIVITIES OF INTEREST BEYOND THE CHURCH



Brandon Glick's next performance in his **Great Piano Classics Series** at the **Cummings Library in Palm City** is on **Saturday, June 2, at 2:00 pm**. He will be joined by **cellist Erick Lora**. They will perform a diverse selection of music by Elgar, Mendelssohn, Liszt and Saint-Saens.

This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Martin County Library System, Inc. It is the last concert in this series for the current season.

A SEARCH IS UNDERWAY FOR A NEW MUSIC DIRECTOR

The Administration and Personnel Committee (Terry McCloy, Jan Norrish, and Becky Boynton) plus Karen Metzger representing the Worship and Music committee, and Catherine Hilton representing the choir, have begun the search for a new music director for HSCPC.

The permanent position of Music Director will be a part time position averaging approximately 15 hours per week spent in preparation for and performance in worship services. Capability at the organ is required. The position includes directing choir, supervising the maintenance of church musical instruments, maintaining the music library, securing guest musicians as approved by the Worship/Music committee and Pastor, securing the service of a substitute organist/pianist as necessary, and being available to provide music for weddings, funerals, etc.

This position will not be filled until after Rev. Paul Bayerl begins his service at

HSCPC, giving him the opportunity to participate in the selection process. However, the search committee will welcome and respond to all inquiries about the position at any time.

Until a permanent music director is hired, it is necessary to secure music coverage for worship services during the summer months. This summer position involves preparing and performing the music for Sunday Worship. While capability on the organ is desirable, proficiency on piano only will certainly be considered. This position pays \$100 per Sunday. The person accepting this position could be considered for the permanent position of Music Director if desired, with starting date negotiable.

If you know of someone who might be interested in either of these positions, please have them contact the church office, 772-546-5043, church@hscpc.org, for further information, and/or submit a resume to the Administration and Personnel Committee.

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

May 30 - Cam Boynton

May 31 - Len Finchum

JUNE

June 4 - Alexix Moore

June 6 - JanNorrish

June 14 - LouAnn Prestegard

June 16 - Terri Ortiz

June 18 - Judy McCloy

June 22 - Kimberly Anderson

ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

June 3 - Tom and Cindy Fucigna

June 18 - Scott and Trish Moore

June 25 - Bill and Gloria Carlson

June 27 - Wesley and Kathy Oldham

(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
- Hisa Clark
- Gary Shriver
- Judy McCloy
- Kris Herd
- Bill Carlson
- Tom Prestegard
- Bob Kehres
- Terry McCloy
- Laurie Updegrave

- Josephine Scricca
- Gail Shriver
- Mitsn Mitchell
- Rita Matz
- Patty Ann Hamre

- Sarah Williams
- Freda Jones
- Earlene Thompson
- Carla Tinsley
- Patricia Novak

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, jannorish@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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