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MESSENGER

SUNDAY SERVICE
December 3, 2017
COMMUNION SUNDAY
and THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF ADVENT
10:30 AM

Rev. C. Spencer vanGulick

Scripture readings:

Isaiah 40: 1-5

Matthew 1: 18-25

Sermon: "*Gold, Circumstance
and Mud*"

On Sunday Dr. Verse will be heading back to Hobe Sound from St. Augustine where he will be officiating at and celebrating his daughter's wedding on Saturday evening. Serving our pulpit this week will be guest pastor Rev. C. Spencer van Gulick. Rev. van Gulick and his wife Ginny are good friends of our church, and we always look forward to his leadership and meaningful messages during our worship service.

COMMUNION: 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 to those in need within our own Church, within the immediate Community, and through charitable organizations such as House of Hope. If you wish to make a donation to the Missions program on this December 3rd Mission Sunday, an envelope is provided in your envelope offering box and also in the Church pews.

THANKSGIVING FELLOWSHIP

Thirty five members and friends of HSCPC joined together in the church social hall on Thanksgiving afternoon for feasting and fellowship. Deacons Carla Tinsley and Gail Shriver planned this feast especially for people who did not otherwise have Thanksgiving plans with family or friends. Carla and Gail prepared the turkey and trimmings, and Gail made the traditional pumpkin and pecan pies. Many hands helped them set up and decorate, and all the participants brought their favorite Thanksgiving food to share.



The beautifully arranged and decorated tables were quickly filled with thankful and hungry guests.



The food was plentiful and delicious, with plenty of leftovers for the guests to take home with them.



Dr. Verse led the festivities with a Thanksgiving prayer, and gave a very special thank you to Carla and Gail for organizing this wonderful opportunity for Thanksgiving fellowship.

AND NOW WE BEGIN PREPARATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

With this coming Sunday we begin the celebration of the SEASON OF ADVENT.

“Advent” means “coming” or “arrival. During Advent, we prepare for, and anticipate, the coming of Christ. We remember the longing of Jews for a Messiah and our own longing for, and need of, forgiveness, salvation and a new beginning. Even as we look back and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a humble stable in Bethlehem, we also look forward anticipating the second coming of Christ as the fulfillment of all that was promised by his first coming.

Each Sunday Worship Service during Advent will begin with the Lighting of the Advent candles. The litany accompanying the candle lighting will focus on the hopes of us all as we watch and wait for the coming of our Savior.



Decorating the Sanctuary. Last Sunday, several church members and friends accepted the invitation to help with the annual preparation of the Sanctuary for the Christmas season. While yet an unfinished project, this photo shows the results of some dedicated work by Ingrid Krumdick, Brandon Glick, Dorothea Wiley, Judy Doverspike, Tom Fucigna, Catherine Hilton, Karen Metzger, and Gary Linman.



FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The next concert in our Sanctuary will be **A Christmas Concert** featuring soprano Lorrianna Colozzo, accompanied by Brandon Glick. This concert, scheduled for **Tuesday, December 12, 7:00 PM**, is also offered free of charge, with a free will offering taken at the end of the concert. An artist reception in the courtyard will follow the concert.

Brandon is also planning a **Christmas benefit concert** followed by a **Christmas Caroling party on Sunday, December 17, 4:00pm**.

This informal concert is to benefit missionaries working in the small African country of Lesotho. They run a school for children, work with orphans, and run a clinic which provides all manner of medical help. In addition to **Brandon Glick, pianist**, the concert will feature special guest musicians **Amy Wiseman, vocalist, and Doug Wiseman, cellist**. This concert will be held in our church sanctuary, and a special offering will be collected to help support the work of these missionaries.

Following the concert, all are invited to join together in the fellowship hall to enjoy light refreshments and the singing of their favorite Christmas Carols. The refreshments will be appetizers and small finger foods which all in attendance are invited to bring.

BRANDON'S CONCERT SERIES

This fall Brandon has his own concert series, **GREAT PIANO CLASSICS**, at the **Peter and Julie Cummings Library, 2551 S.W. Matheson Ave. Palm City, FL**.

sponsored by the Friends of the Martin County Library System, Inc.

Besides performing, Brandon offers commentary on the music he has selected. His previous concerts, on October 7 and November 4, were very well attended, and many HSCPC members and friends were among the very appreciative audience members. The final concert for this year is on:

Saturday, December 2 at 2:00 PM
Classics from France, with guitarist Rowdy Carlton
Couperin to Debussy, Ravel to jazz.

THE SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE



This is the 21st year that the **SINGING CHRISTMAS TREE** is presented by the Hobe Sound Ministries. This beautiful Christmas program is held at the Hobe Sound Bible Church, 11295 Gomez Ave. It will be presented at 7:00 PM on Thursday, November 30 through Sunday, December 3. The doors open at 6:00 PM. Admission is free; an offering will be received.

NEW BIBLE STUDY: CHRISTIANITY 101 What is involved being a Christian?

Ask someone “on the street” and they might say “being a good person,” or someone who follows the “golden rule,” or the person who does “the Christian thing,” or one who “follows Jesus teachings.”

Pastor Roger has begun a six week Bible Study. It is being held every **Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., thru the weeks of Advent**. It is designed to answer the question posed above. We might just find that the “person on the street” has no idea what it is to be a Christian. And you might be a little surprised yourself!

CLASS FOR NEW MEMBERS

Dr. Verse is preparing a series of classes for people interested in joining our Church. If you are considering becoming a member of HSCPC please contact Dr. Verse for further details. A time will be determined that is convenient for all.

DR. VERSE'S OFFICE HOURS: Dr. Verse's office hours are **Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9AM until Noon**. He would love to have you drop in for a visit if you are in the area. However, if you have a special need to speak with him it would be best to call ahead to see if he is available; often meetings or pastoral visits will necessitate his being out of the office at times during his scheduled hours.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

If you would like to volunteer to teach Sunday School, please contact Karen Kienzle, (561) 379-7900, or karenkienzle@hotmail.com, or personally at church on Sunday.

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.

<http://www.tfpby.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/2017-Director-of-Christian-Education-2.pdf>

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

December 2 - Blake and Owen Croyle

December 3 - Jane Wiersma

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 12 - Randy and Sylvia Ryan

December 16 - Jim and Jan Norrish

December 16 - Steve and Kimberly Anderson

December 21 - Bob and Diane Atkisson

December 31 - Terry and Judy McCloy

(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

- Jim White
- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Josephine Scricca
- George Mulleneix
- Cimy Bitzer
- Jay Morrison
- George Roberts
- Shanon Killey
- Judy McCloy
- John Middleton
- Pat Livingston
- The Family of Mary Campbell
- Marilyn Garrabrant
- Larry Cone
- Terry McCloy
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Bill Carlson
- Annette O'Shea
- Owen Lovejoy
- Heather Forster
- Joyce Spengler
- Renee Sinksen
- Earlene Thompson
- Hisa Clark
- Julia O'Connor
- Myrna Jubb
- David Cone

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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