



HOBE SOUND COMMUNITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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MESSENGER

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

December 24, 2016

6:00 PM

SUNDAY SERVICE

December 25, 2016

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland



Christmas Eve Worship Service

Hobe Sound Community

Presbyterian Church

6:00 PM

Saturday, December 24.

With beautiful Christmas hymns accompanying the story of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, it will be a special evening of celebration and fellowship. The children of our Church will participate in all parts of the service. Come, and bring a friend.

It only happens once in every few years! CHRISTMAS DAY is on a Sunday!

On Christmas Eve we will gather at Church in joyful anticipation of the birth of our Savior. On the next day, Christmas Day, we will again gather at Church to celebrate that birth.

Pastor Sam is planning a very joyous and yet casual Worship Service this coming Sunday morning, full of our favorite Christmas hymns and stories. He has even suggested that the children might come to Church in their pajamas if they want to, and maybe bring their favorite Christmas gift along with them. He will include a "Blessing of the Toys" in his Children's Message during the service.



Last Sunday the choir welcomed Jennifer Kindberg as a soloist when they sang the beautiful anthem "Welcome To Our World". Jennifer's lovely voice was a very special addition.

It is always a pleasure to feature our talented youth in our Worship Services.

DECORATING THE SANCTUARY WITH POINSETTIAS



If you have purchased one (or more) of the poinsettias surrounding the Communion Table in the Sanctuary, they are available for you to take home any time after the worship service on Christmas Day.

Those not taken on Christmas Day will be left on the front porch of the Church. Any poinsettias that were not purchased will be taken to our Church members and friends who are unable to attend Church at this time.

AN UPDATE ON THE CHRISMONS DECORATING THE "CHRISMON TREE" IN OUR SANCTUARY

Last week we asked if anyone had information about the origin of the Chrismons on our sanctuary "Chrismon Tree".

Apparently Pastor Chip Falcone requested the Chrismons when he first came to our Church, in 2006. Linda Croyle reported that her husband, Todd, "labored over those decorations", spending many hours of tedious cutting with an Xacto knife. Foam board did not cut as easily as one might think. Todd did all of the "prep" work, and then the children added the glitter.



Obviously the work was done carefully and with much love, because the Chrismons have certainly held up well over the years, and we will continue to be blessed with them on our "Chrismon Tree" for years to come.

If you want to delve further into the Chrismon tradition and symbols, the following two websites are excellent sources:

www.umcs.org/chrismons/patterns/index.htm

www.whychristmas.com/customs/chrismons.shtml

CHRISTMAS ANGEL OFFERING

The Christmas mission project this year is the Christmas Angel Offering, which will be used to provide help to local families, and to benefit the *House of Hope* and *LAHIA* (a Martin county program to aid the homeless).

As of last Sunday, \$812.00 had been donated by the very generous members and friends of our Church. Catherine Hilton, Missions Committee Chairman, will report on the distribution of these donations when the collection is completed.



If you still wish to participate in this Mission project, Angel offering donation envelopes can be found in the pew in front of your seat at Church, and your donation can be placed in

the offering plate. Donations can also be mailed to the church office.

A CHRISTMAS POEM

The following verse was distributed at the December HSCPC ladies' luncheon and it was suggested that everyone else might enjoy reading it, too. Thank you, Dorothea Wiley, for sharing it with us.



IF YOU LOOK FOR ME AT CHRISTMAS you won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem, I'm right there where you are.

You may not be aware of Me amid the celebrations
You'll have to look beyond the stores and all the decorations.

But if you take a moment from your list of things to do
and listen to your heart, you'll find I'm waiting there for you.

You're the one I want to be with, you're the reason that I came,
And you'll find Me in the stillness as I'm whispering your name.

Love,

Jesus

2017 OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE and will be placed on the Sanctuary porch for you to pick up starting this Sunday. 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 is called the PER CAPITA. This money goes to support the work and ministry of the larger Presbyterian Church. Each governing body of the Church beyond the local church has staff members and expenses that support the work of the local churches. Your PER CAPITA payment 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.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 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 16 - Jim and Jan Norrish
- Steve and Kimberly Anderson
December 21 - Bob and Diane Atkisson
December 31 - Terry and Judy McCloy

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Ric Nichols and family
- Brian Tobin
- Jim White
- The Heimann Family
- Terry McCloy
- Barbara Gaus
- Ed Benedict
- John Strudwick and the Altman family
- Alex Lopez-Estrada
- Rita Skojec
- Patrick Corr

- Katie Ide and infant son Jacob
- Deborah Hobson and Family
- Jim and Lori Cox
- Doug Bent
- Joyce Spengler
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Dave Reeves
- Angel Nichols
- Arline Holloway
- Earlene Thompson
- Meghan Daley
- Roy Kindberg
- Sandy Delagio

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.

HSCPC WEBSITE: TheMESSENGER is posted on our website each week. If you want to check content from a previous week, just go to www.hscpc.org and click on the Newsletter link.

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Your copy should address 3 key questions: Who am I writing for? (Audience) Why should they care? (Benefit) What do I want them to do here? (Call-to-Action).

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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