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## MESSENGER

### SUNDAY SERVICE

January 22, 2017

10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Sam Rutland

#### Old Testament Lesson:

Psalm 103: 1-18

#### New Testament Lesson:

Mark 5: 21-35

Sermon: *"Pardon the Interruption"*

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

*Dr. Sam Rutland, Temporary Stated Supply Pastor*

Dear Christian Friends,

Joel Barker, whose work on the power of vision has shaped and prospered both business and the church has said:

*"You can and should shape your own future;  
Because, if you don't, somebody else surely will!"*

These are wise words to consider when presented with the gift of a new 2017 year. Joel (the prophet not Barker!) speaks of "old men dreaming dreams and young men seeing visions" (Joel 2:28) We must, with Christ our Lord, shape our future to be a faithful church in 2017.

Let me share with you that your elders and deacons understand this well. They are dreaming dreams. They are not simply in a "holding pattern", but are using this

transitional time at HSCPC to thoughtfully and prayerfully consider and shape the future of the church. To that end, for 2017 the session approved this week in the 2017 budget the adding of a part-time Christian Education Director (10 hours per week) to lead Sunday School, summer Vacation Bible School and children's programming. This is an excellent start, with a bold vision towards our children.

Also, looking to the future the session is asking the question: "What kind of part-time position would facilitate the church's communication?" The church's website, Facebook, marketing and advertising efforts, and preparation of The Messenger and weekly bulletin are all vehicles of communication that tell the "Old, old story of Jesus and His love" to a world in need of a Savior.

Other vision issues focus on the care of members, following up on visitors, mission to the community and maintenance/repair of the buildings. All these are strengths that look toward the calling of a new full-time pastor. And, by the way, your Pastor Nominating committee is working hard and meeting weekly to find God's candidate.

Also, on a small celebrative note, the church's telephones, struck by lightning several months back, will be repaired next week with a gift from an anonymous donor. Yea! Now one can call the church and get the church's voicemail, or me, or Milla. Communication restored. Amen.

And this vision is shared. When you come to worship you see *many* new faces, and many more long-time members' faces. The pews are filling up, the choir and Brandon are leading us in creative, exuberant music, and we've renewed our lay liturgists (who are doing a terrific job on Sundays!). Which tells me, EVERYONE at HSCPC has an eye to the future. Everyone at HSCPC is faithfully shaping the future of the church. That is love in action.

And so let's *all of us* continue setting the church's DNA for the future. Friends, it is so much fun to be your Temporary Supply Pastor!

I'll see you Sunday!

Sam

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

The HSCPC Music Director, Brandon Glick, has put together a very exciting concert series for this winter. While there will be no charge for any of these concerts, volunteer donations will help assure that such a concert program can continue as a gift from our Church to our members, neighbors and friends.

The first concert in the series is this coming Monday. Some of us have attended Lorrianna's concerts at the Kane Center and at the Lyric Theatre and been thoroughly entertained. Don't miss this chance to see and hear one of the area's musical treasures.

## CONCERT SERIES

**Lorrianna Colozzo**

**Monday, January 23 at 7:00pm**

Enjoy an evening of your favorite songs from musical theater to opera and much more by one of our areas most talented and sought after vocalists



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## INTRACOASTAL BOAT CRUISE

Several people who went on the boat cruise last year have asked that we do it again. This is now in the very preliminary planning stage, and will depend on how many people express an interest in participating. It will be open to all, members and friends, men, women and children. There will be a flyer in the Sunday bulletin for people to indicate their interest in this event.

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## WE WELCOME WEDDINGS



Our Church is gradually becoming a sought-after place for weddings. Mostly by word of mouth, inquiries are being made about the availability of not only the Sanctuary but also the courtyard and the Social Hall. Three or four weddings were held here in 2016, and already this year the Church facilities are reserved for weddings in March, July, and two in October. For one of these, the bride-to-be just came across our Church while driving through the area looking for something else.

If you have any family, friends, or acquaintances who might be making wedding plans in the future, suggest that they consider HSCPC. They don't have to be members of the Church, and they can have an officiant of their choice, but they must make a written request and get permission from Session for use of the

facilities. There is a charge for use of our facilities, the amount determined by just what will be involved.

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## IT'S GIRL SCOUTCOOKIE TIME

This Sunday the Girl Scouts who hold their meetings at our Church will be selling cookies after the Sunday worship service. Besides the usual favorites, I understand that there are a couple of new varieties this year. Let's show our support for these young girls by being good "cookie customers" this Sunday.



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**ANNUAL MEETING** The Annual Meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for **Sunday, February 12**, immediately following the worship service.

At this meeting committee chairmen present their yearly reports, the budget for the current year, having been approved by Session, is presented, Ruling Elders and Deacons are elected, and the nominating committee for the current year is selected. It is an opportunity to engage in discussion about current activities and future plans.

All are invited to attend and participate in this meeting, but only active members of HSCPC are eligible to vote.

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**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 Finchum (Church Treasurer).

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**STORAGE ROOM CLEAN-UP** While the Christmas decorations were being taken down and put away it became obvious that a lot of stuff in the storage area needs to be discarded, and the remainder to be re-organized. **Ingrid Krumdick** has offered to organize a "clean-up" project, and is seeking volunteers. Please let her know if you would like to help. This is yet another situation where "many hands make light work", so "the more the merrier".

If there are things in the storage area that you know must be kept, it is **very important** that you identify them before the work begins.

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## 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.)*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- The Altman family
- Alex Lopez - Estrada
- Patrick Corr
- Angel Nichols
- Brian Tobin
- Joyce Spengler
- Earlene Thompson
- Family of Larry Liss
- Werner Jager
- Dawn Brown
- Bobby Bell
- Deborah Hobson and family
- Dave Reeves
- Jennifer Bellintoni
- Myrna Jubb
- Mary Wilburn
- Terry McCloy
- Josephine Scricca
- Jim White
- Barbara Gaus
- Laurie Rausch

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](mailto: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](mailto:kmmetz@bellsouth.net).

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