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The Sunshine News



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DECEMBER 2016

Advent and Christmas

December 4th

Pastor Lee's sermon title for this Sunday is "Mighty God." It is the second in his Advent sermon series entitled 'Jesus the Only.' Isaiah 9:1-7 is the Scripture passage for each of the sermons in the series. The Lord's Supper will be served – and celebrated – during the service. Stay for the congregational meeting following the service.

December 11th

"Everlasting Father" is the third message in the 'Jesus the Only' Advent Series. We will also be celebrating with the youth of our church as we will have the Children's Christmas Pageant during the Worship Service.

December 18th

The final message in Pastor Lee's Advent Sermon Series is called "Prince of Peace." Bring family, friends, and neighbors with you to hear the Good News of the Christ Child.

December 24th

We will have our traditional Christmas Eve Worship Service at 7:00 p.m. This is a special time of celebrating the Messiah's birth.

December 25th

Yes – this is Christmas Day! Yes – we will have a Worship Service this Sunday! We will enjoy getting together informally as a church family and sing a number of Christmas Carols, read about Jesus' birth, and hear the message of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords that was born on this day over 2000 years ago.



December 2016

1	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
3	8:00 AM	Men's Fellowship Group
4	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service/Kid's Sunday School
	11:05 AM	Congregational Meeting
	11:15 AM	All Church Potluck Commission Meetings
6	10:00 AM	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
6	12:00 PM	Head, Heart, Hands Craft Group
7	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study
8	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
10	4:00 PM	HPC MOVIE NIGHT
11	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service Children's Christmas Pageant
	11:15 AM	Deacons' Meeting
13	12:00 PM	Head, Heart, Hands Craft Group
13	6:30 PM	Joint Deacon and Session Meeting
14	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study
15	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
18	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service/Kid's Sunday School Christmas Joy Offering
20	10:00 AM	<i>Women's Bible Study</i>
	12:00 PM	Head, Heart, Hands Craft Group
	7:00 PM	Session Meeting
21	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study
22	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
24	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service
25	Merry Christmas To All!	
25	9:00 AM	Adult Sunday School/Bible Study
	10:00 AM	Worship Service/Kid's Sunday School
27	10:00 AM	☛ ♥ ☜ Craft Group
28	7:00 PM	Adult Bible Study
29	7:00 PM	Choir Practice
31	HAPPY NEW YEAR!	

December Birthdays

1	Michelle Grevich
2	Virginia Jacobs
20	Dan Chandler
21	Savanna Millholland
25	Happy Birthday, Jesus!
28	Karen Fallon
29	Sierra Shepherd



If you don't see your name listed in the birthdays or anniversaries, please let the office know so we can add you to the list!



Celebrating an Anniversary

- 10 Karen & Albert Fallon
- 27 Susie & Marshall Hanson
- 30 Janis & Paul Millholland



SCOUTS THIS MONTH

1st & 3rd Mondays 6:00 PM, Sea Scouts
 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 5:30 PM, Girl Scouts
 Wednesdays 6:00 PM, Cub Scouts
 7:00 PM, Boy Scouts

Answer to Christmas Quotfall on page 6:
 2 Corinthians 9:15 (KJV)

“PASTOR LEE” THOUGHTS

As I sit at my desk this chilly November morning, I think about all the names that Christ was given – especially prior to His birth in Bethlehem of Judea. During the four Sundays of Advent I am preaching on, probably the most famous of these prophecies regarding titles given to the Messiah – that of Isaiah’s in the 9th Chapter of his book: “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

But, the names of Christ don’t stop there. Think about some of the others as printed in the following clipart:

I could go on for a long time discussing the many names listed here. And ... this just a “sampling” of the names we have for our Lord. In the Fireside Room there is a poster that lists other names – with their Scriptural references – hanging on the wall.

During this Advent Season, I encourage all at HPC to take time each day to stop from the business of the season and think about these names. They are all found in the Scriptures – whether they are given to Jesus prior to His birth, spoken to Him or by Him about Himself during His life here on earth, or ascribed to Him after His death, resurrection, and ascension.

As we get closer and closer to Christ-mass – the celebration we call “Christmas” – let us all draw closer to Him in our lives. Reflecting on the multitude of the names of Jesus will bring us closer to Him. Merry Christmas to all at Henderson Presbyterian Church!

*In His Service,
Pastor Lee*

RESTORER OF HOPE Lord of Lords
Jesus THE WORD Holy One
 Bread of Life Master BRANCH
 STAR ALPHA & OMEGA Teacher
 Dayspring Prince of Peace
 Son of Man COMFORTER
 everLASTING SHILOH Anchor
 FATHER The Almighty Light
 Counselor TRUE VINE of the
 MESSIAH THE LIFE HIGH World
 Giver of Life PRIEST & Blessings THE BELOVED
 FAITHFUL & TRUE WITNESS Shield ROCK ONLY BEGOTTEN SON
 Mediator Wonderful Counselor
 The Resurrection King of Kings
 Immanuel The Amen
 LAMB OF GOD Healer I AM LIVING WATER
 Good Shepherd Savior Redeemer
 Advocate The Way, the Truth & the Life



WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES

The Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study will meet each Wednesday of the month of December. The Bible Study meets at 7:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. All are welcome to attend. If you have never come to the Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study we would love to have you join us.

We are continuing a study called “Pondering Proverbs.” This 26 week study takes us through the many spiritual sayings found in this Testament book. There are handouts at the Welcome Center. You don’t have to have been at any of the previous meetings. Each lesson is independent of the others.



NOTICE REGARDING END-OF-YEAR GIVING

Please note that the church financial “books” will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 27th. Please be sure that all “End-of-Year” donations are in the office prior to this time. Thank you.

PLEDGE CARDS NEEDED!

Please fill out your pledge card for the coming year and turn it in as soon as possible to the church office. The pledge cards are used to create the church budget. Without pledges of support for the upcoming year, the session is unable to make a budget. Fill out and clip the form below and either place it in the offering plate at church, send it in the mail, or scan and email the form. Please help as you are able.

Henderson Presbyterian Church
Financial Stewardship Commitment
2016

To support the mission of our church

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

\$ _____ per () week () month () other

Commitment may be increased or decreased due to changing circumstances.



Order Your Poinsettias

Annual Christmas poinsettias will again decorate our sanctuary the weeks before Christmas. Then, after our Christmas Eve Service you may take them home. More information will be given at church services. Or, call Craig Sell at 702-249-1718 for more information.



MEN'S GROUP MEETING

The Men's Group will meet at the church on Saturday, December 3 at 8:00 am. Come join in a great breakfast and good fellowship with the guys!

OPPORTUNITIES AT HPC

Calling all who worship at Henderson Presbyterian Church! We need you to sign up on the clipboards on the end of the hallway leading to the Sanctuary. There are multiple opportunities to be part of your church. Get involved in the life of the church in one of these ways.



You can sign up ...

to be a **Lay Leader** on Sunday morning – it's not as hard as you might think! Check with Craig Sell, our Elder in charge of Worship, for more information.

for **Coffee Fellowship** (sign up with several friends if you like) – our Coffee Fellowship is a great time to introduce ourselves to someone we don't know ... or “touch base” with our friends over something to eat.

Note: On the 1st Sunday of each month there will be a “Pot Luck Coffee Fellowship” in which all are encouraged to bring some item to share. It will be a great time to taste the various food items – from cookies, fruit, vegetables, candies, or other treats – prepared or brought by our congregation. Coffee and punch will be provided.

to be a **Greeter** to welcome those who come to worship with us – a friendly smile is a great way to be met on a Sunday morning. If you have any questions, please contact Marshall Hanson, our elder in charge of Membership & Evangelism.

DEACONS, COMMISSIONS, AND SESSION MEETINGS

The Deacons will meet on December 11th immediately after the Congregational Meeting and Coffee Fellowship.

The Commissions will meet **during** the Coffee Fellowship on December 6th. This will make it easier for all that are interested in participating in the Commissions to do so since the meetings will be immediately after our Sunday morning worship. Fill up your plate and bring it with you to the Commission of your choice. Look for announcements in the bulletin regarding where each Commission will meet.

The annual Joint Session/Deacon Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, December 13th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fireside Room. This is a required meeting – one in which no business can be transacted. All current and newly-elected Ruling Elders and Deacons are to participate in this meeting.

The Session of our church will meet on December 20^h at their regularly scheduled 7:00 p.m. meeting time. All are welcome to attend and give their input at this meeting. The Session meets in the Fireside Room.

SPRING PRESBYTERY MEETING

We'll be hosting the Spring Presbytery Meeting at our church on March 5 through 8, 2017. Connie Knight is the chairperson for the event.

We are looking forward to everyone working together on this, because there will be many jobs to do. More information will be coming soon.

CHURCH OFFICERS 2016

The following have been elected as our church officers:

Ruling Elders (Session)

Barbara Gillaspay – Clerk

Karen Chandler – Christian Education

Marshall Hanson – Membership & Evangelism/
Mission

Phyllis Dougherty - Membership and Evangelism/
Mission

Tom Mack – Stewardship & Finance

Alice Cain – Building & Operations

Craig Sell – Worship

Connie Knight – Personnel

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesdays, December 6th and 20th at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. The women are studying "Who is Jesus?" Copies of the study guide are available in the Women's Bible Study mail box. Contact Barbara Sylvis for more information-(702) 565-0668.

Deacons

Karen Fallon – Moderator

Rob Bumann

Harriet Cox

Richard Frassato

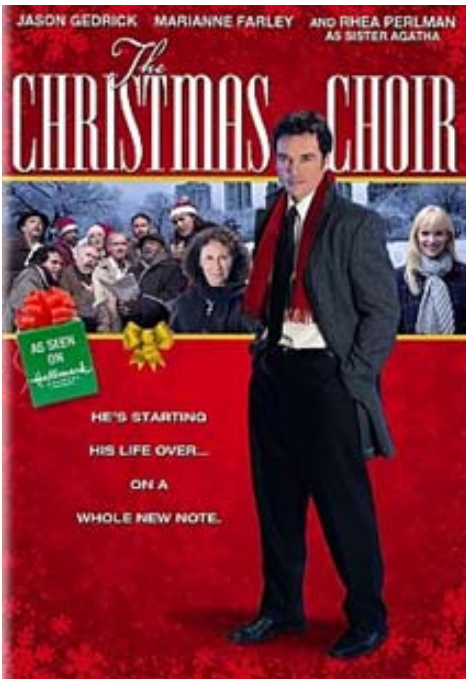
Sue Lednicky

Anne Mack

Toni Purtill

Rita Yeager





HPC MOVIE NIGHT!

We will be having our 5th “HPC Movie Night” on Saturday, December 10th. We will be watching “The Christmas Choir” which is based on a true story. The movie will start at 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. It will be a fun time – and – of course – there will be popcorn and hot dogs for all! As with all of our movie nights ... everything is FREE!!!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

The Sunday morning Adult Sunday School Class meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. They are continuing to watch a video series called “That the World May Know” which features Ray VanderLaan, a biblical teacher and historian. Each lesson takes a tour group to a biblical location, Mr. VanderLaan explains what occurred at the site, and has a “Faith Lesson” at the end of each video segment. After the video (which lasts 20-35 minutes) there are questions for the participants to discuss regarding their faith. Come, one and all, to a wonderful series of lessons!

SAVE THE DATE

December 4	Congregational Meeting to elect Deacons and Ruling Elders Commission Meetings Caroling (sponsored by the choir)
December 10	HPC Movie Night —The Christmas Choir
December 11	Children’s Christmas Pageant
December 13	Joint Deacon’s/Session meeting
December 24	Christmas Eve Service
December 25	Christmas Day Worship Service

WHAT DO THE HALLMARK CHANNEL AND HENDERSON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAVE IN COMMON?

Vern and Pauline Garman’s son, James (Rick) Garman writes movies. And now, some of Rick’s movies are being shown on the Hallmark Movie Channel!!

“Christmas in Homestead” — A movie star goes to a small Iowa town to film a Christmas movie and starts to fall in love with the town’s mayor. The Hallmark Channel (346/1346 on Cox) Debuts November 23, 2016 at 8pm and will re-air multiple times through the holidays.

“The Sound of Christmas” — A piano teacher and operator of a music school begins lessons with the daughter of the man whose company is going to buy the building and close the school.

Hallmark Movies and Mysteries Channel (310/1310 on Cox) Airing December 11.

Congratulations to Vern , Pauline and of course, Rick!

Christmas Quotzfall answer on page 2

Draw from the letters above each column to fill in the spaces in the grid below. Only the letters in each column may be used in that column. Looking at the grid, you see clear squares and solid squares. The clear or white squares indicate missing letters in the grid. The solid squares indicate the end of a word or, looking at it another way, the space between two words. Words can wrap around from one row to the next, so the end of a row DOES NOT mean that is the end of the word. ONLY a solid square indicates the end of a word. Once the puzzle is solved, the message reads horizontally, from left to right, across each row—as if you're reading a book.

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376	3427	24753	93781
418	3491	34159	
436	3571	36179	
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Using the pictures, figure out the names of the Christmas Songs. Answers will be in January's *Sonshine News*.

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CHRISTMAS SONG PICTURE GAME