



SONSHINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church, May 2008

From Pastor Bill's "Powerbook"



What a wonderful and gracious and generous celebration we had a few weeks ago for Harry and Ila! They will be missed. My thanks to Ellie and her crew for the delicious food, Don MacEwan for being a MC/Stand-up comedian *par excellent* and to everyone who came to celebrate with Harry and Ila.

As I write this we have four days to go before we leave for Israel, Egypt, and Jordan. And, of course, I am first diagnosed with early onset diabetes and my first meds made me sicker than you can imagine. Then, with all these wind, my lungs became congested and I was subsequently diagnosed with pneumonia. Gasp! Enough, already. So, hopefully when you read this we will be in Egypt and I will be back to my normal, nasty, self.

Session basically decided to do a lot more research on the old Palm Springs Community Church on the corner of Baristo and Cahuilla before we take any definitive action. In fact, we have asked Presbytery to help with both the research and any negotiations.

But, we need to grow. *I am asking each of us as members, following worship on Sundays, to seek out visitors, welcome them, and invite them to coffee **BEFORE** visiting with friends. We are a very friendly church, but visitors do not know this unless we actively show it to them. If we do our job, we will grow; if we don't...well, you know what will happen a la CCCPC.*

As Joyce and I are visiting Israel, Egypt, and Jordan, you have two excellent people filling our pulpit: **the Rev. Dr. Ken McCullen and the Rev. Dr. Art Ihnen**. They are a blessing and you will be blessed. But, please, keep Joyce and me in your prayers as we fly thousands of miles and see wonderful, biblical and historic places. When we return, on Sunday May 11th we will give you a DVD hint of our adventure during worship.

Thank you all and God bless you and your loved ones in 2008.

Yours, in Christ's Service,

Pastor Bill
William N. Johnson
Interim Pastor

REMEMBER: Next Deadline for June 2008 Sonshine is May 22nd

Worship Schedule and Sermons for May 2008

CONTINUING IN 2008: WATCH AND WATCH OUT!

Here is the schedule of worship and preaching for the middle of May 2008. As you prepare to participate in worship, please read the noted Bible passages in preparation and ask yourself this question: "***What do these passages say to me and how will Pastors Bill, Ken or Art, present them?***"

**MAY 04 - The Rev. Dr. Art Ihnen, Guest Worship Leader
Celebrating the Lord's Supper**



MAY 11 - Pastor Bill will be back from Israel, Egypt and Jordan. Tired! Exhausted! Exhilarated!

Sermon: "Our trip to Israel, Egypt, and Jordan in pictures on PowerPoint."

THE FRIENDLY CHURCH

A friendly church is one where worshippers greet one another warmly and sincerely.

A friendly church is one where members seek out newcomers and make them feel welcome and important. Visitors hear that the congregation can help meet various needs: spiritual nourishment, Christian education, fellowship, friendship, service opportunities, support and comfort during difficulties and more.

A friendly church has something for everyone. It becomes a loving home where people desire to return frequently for spiritual, social, physical and emotional support.



Pastor Bill and Joyce's

trip to the Holy Land

A recent e-mail from Pastor Bill

GREETINGS ALL: We are in Cairo and having a good time. Tomorrow down the Nile for a week. Hotel Marriott in Cairo is beautiful. People in Egypt are delightful. Wonderful time riding camels yesterday and seeing pyramids, sphinx, etc. We are well and I am finally feeling better but not up to full strength yet, but getting there. Will have lots of stories to tell when we return and lots and lots of pictures. When we were in Jerusalem, Jimmy Carter had been in the next door hotel, the King David, the day before—WHOOPEE!

Love to all and will send more when able. Bill and Joyce

A Challenge for All of us:

To grow means New People. Bring someone who needs to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.

SESSION NOTES HIGHLIGHTS

The Session meeting for April was cancelled.

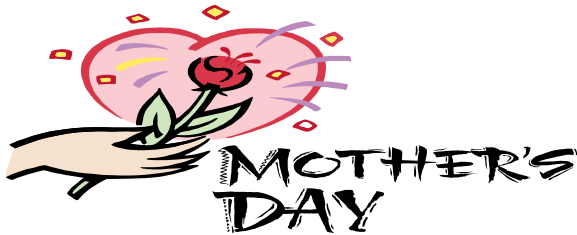


Pentecost

Sunday, May 11th wear **RED**

On Sunday, May 11th, we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit and the Birthday of the Church. Wear something **RED** to worship, to show your celebration.

Pastor Bill and Joyce will be back, and will most likely wear something **RED** to celebrate Pentecost and their safe return. .



The Birth of Mother's Day

Anna M. Jarvis (1864-1948) loved her mother dearly. It was Miss Jarvis who first suggested a national day to honor all mothers. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna gave a carnation, her mother's favorite flower, to each person in attendance. Within a few years, the idea to honor mothers gained popularity, and Mother's Day was soon observed annually in many large cities of the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday of May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for mothers of our country." By then, it had become customary to wear white carnations in honor of departed mothers and red carnations to honor the living. The custom continues to this day.

MEMORIAL DAY



Remember to Remember

One Memorial Day, some children were asked what the holiday meant to them.

"That's the day the swimming pool opens," answered one eager boy. What he didn't realize or appreciate was that he can freely go to the pool because more than one million people have put their lives on the line to preserve America's democracy. Many of them have died so citizens of other countries might also enjoy the privileges of political, social and economic freedom.

Memorial Day is our opportunity to pause and remember the sacrifices of many of America's best citizens. They made the supreme sacrifice on our behalf, so please remember to honor these heroes on May 26.



The Well in the Desert

Food Needed

The **Well in the Desert**, one of our Mission outreaches, continues to need **food**. So, please, as you come to worship on Sundays bring *canned or boxed food supplies or carefully used clothing* for those in need. They are usually picked up first thing Monday morning. Thank you



PSPC SHOPPING BAGS AVAILABLE

The bags are here! We have two sizes. A \$5.00 donation for the large bag and \$3.00 for the small one. We encourage you to take advantage of this to publicize our church and to treat the environment well.

So, get yours now while they last. *Rumor has it that Pastor Bill and Joyce are going to get two each— a total of four. Boy, they must do a lot of shopping!*



Our Heartfelt Thanks

Thanks from Pastor Harry and Ila

Ila and Harry are saying **Thank you!** Once again the Presbyterian people in Palm Springs have shown their true colors. The Summers' want to thank everyone who helped with the "Going Away Party" on April 6th. Pastor Bill, Don MacEwan and assorted friends functioned to be sure that the party was a super success. Even roasted, toasted Pastor Harry had a good time. The refreshments were tasty and abundant. The love gift (money tree) was a great surprise and greatly appreciated. Thank you so much.

We are looking forward to our new Brentwood lives. We are pleased to meet many new friends and neighbors. We will be 5 minutes distance away from our son and his family too. It will be great to visit each of you when you come to visit us at Brentwood (near San Francisco). Call ahead at 1-925-634-2765. Our address will be Eskaton Lodge, 450 John Muir Parkway, Apt. 256, Brentwood, CA 94513. Our own traveling will be limited but we want you to travel to see us.

Our prayers of thanksgiving, prayers for our dear friends at Palm Springs, church and area, our prayers for God's will to be done, prayers for a growing, giving, loving church, prayers for peace and prayers for happy Christians are with you. **Pastor Harry and Ila**



PRAYER COMMITMENT

Every single one of us can do this! To commit some time every week or day, praying for PSPC and God's guidance in the future. How much time? That is between you and God. But, prayer does make a difference! To sign up on the Prayer Calendar, call Jan Perrier at 346-7790 or call the church office, 320-2769 and give day and time

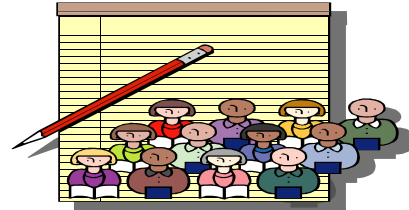


CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

As you may know, we now have a website and you can visit it at palmspringspresbyterian.com

We keep adding to it and it is Session's and Pastor Bill's desire that it will keep all interested, up-to-date on the comings and goings at Palm Springs Presbyterian Church. Potentially, it is a help to anyone *new or visiting* the Palm Springs area and is looking for a Presbyterian Church in which to worship and participate. Any comments or suggestions are welcome.

So, LOOK IT UP! Tell us what you think.



Membership Class

New Members Class

Pastor Bill is having a new member class on May 18th right after worship.

Come and learn about us and join in this wonderful journey of faith. A light lunch will be served.

Please contact Pastor Bill or the Church office if you are interested in attending.



A Loss in the Church Family

We are all deeply saddened by the death of our lovely Marie Howard. She was a faithful member of PSPC for many years and will be deeply missed. We pray for God's blessings, comfort and guidance on Don and their family.

Following is a letter from Laurel Jones, the speaker at the Women's Retreat held in March.

March 25, 2008

Dear Margaret and all our wonderful Friends at the Presbyterian Women's Retreat,

Could we have had better weather or a more beautiful setting? It truly was a day that the Lord had made! The Sanctuary was filled with women who were eager to explore the ways in which we can best love and serve our Lord and Savior. And, there were also very special men who set up, served and cleaned up a delicious luncheon. The luncheon afforded a wonderful fellowship time to meet and greet wonderful women of God! Every single piece of this inspirational retreat fell into place quite beautifully.

As I have said many, many times before, it is a thrill (and a privilege) bringing Katie to so many different congregations and organizations. And, since I believe the message Katie shares with all my heart, I am uplifted and blessed each and every time. I feel honored that God allows me to share His Word in this special way. Thank you for another opportunity to do just that in the company of friends in faith who joyously serve Him and who want to reach out with His great love.

Every single day is the perfect times to hear from Katie Luther as she shares her life filled with joys, sorrows and challenges as the wife of Martin Luther. What an amazing evangelical team they were! They are powerful examples of God having His hand on each of our lives. When we hear a message like Katie's, we are reminded so clearly of the purpose God has for our lives. He has chosen us. We are His. What a privilege and what awesome tasks lie before us. God's purposes and plans were evidenced by many of the women risking boldly to "become" women of the Bible. We were also blessed by the musical talents of Susan McGuire and Frieda Nichols throughout the day. Our incredible retreat was brought to a close by the Reverend Julie Hodges uniting our hearts and lives through Holy Communion. It just doesn't get any better than that!

I thank you again with all my heart for your gracious invitation and your loving welcome. What a future lies ahead for each of us as we continue to serve our Lord and Savior! I pray that God will allow our paths to cross again. I believe with all my heart that He has wonderful, yet challenging, things in store for all of us! May God continue to richly bless you as you continue to serve Him while growing in His love!

In His Love and Service,

Laurel

Laurel Jones



Women's Retreat Ice Cream Social



Many of you came and tickled your taste buds with a yummy sundae, or a root beer float and some even sampled both!!!

We thank you for your wonderful response to the Ice Cream Social. Maybe we'll have another one later in the summer.....

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

PSPC Office hours

M-W-F 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.

Tu - Th 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

We are on the Internet!
So, Give us Your E-mail Address

We are now on the Internet and our email address is
pspresby@verizon.net

That gets us into at *least* the late 20th century if not the 21st!! So...please give us your **email address** so we can email you the latest happenings of PSPC: letters, the **Sonshine**, other important information and activities. We will **NOT** give this to anyone else without your permission!!

Please leave the form below in the offering plate, give to the office, or mail to the church office Thank you!!

Name _____

Member ___ Affiliate Member ___ Friend ___

My/Our email address _____

You have my/our /permission to give others in the church my/our email address:

Yes ___ No ___

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Bible Study: Wednesday—7:00 AM

The Men's Bible Study, under the insightful and dedicated leadership of Allen Perrier, continues on Wednesday mornings at the church in the Lounge, meeting at 7:00 am with a study of the **Book of Matthew**. This is a great way for men to gather together in the middle of the week to renew our spiritual batteries as we study the Bible. Then at 8:00 am, for those who wish, we go to breakfast and continue our fellowship. All men of the church and any other men are welcome. Just show up on Wednesday mornings about 7:00 am. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bible) and GTBT (Go To Breakfast Together).

Women's Bible Study will CONTINUE in the fall of 2008.



5:59 Gatherings

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The last regularly scheduled 5:59 Gathering was held April 3rd. However, we would like to know if you would like to continue through the summer. Maybe only once a month. Maybe the dinners could be very casual, like pizza and salad or frozen lasagna, which is easy to heat, and salad. Please sign-up with Jim DeHart if you would like to continue the 5:59 Gatherings through the summer.

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PLEASE FEEL FREE: to call our **Interim Pastor, Dr. Bill Johnson**, anytime you have an emergency (like going to the hospital) or with

questions, concerns, ideas, etc.

Home phone-(760) 345-2993

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DEACON'S CORNER

From Margaret Pace's Kitchen

MARINATED CARROTS

2 lbs carrots cooked and sliced diagonally

1 large sweet onion, chopped

Make alternate layers of carrots and onions in dish.

DRESSING:

1 can Campbell Tomato Soup

1 c sugar

2/3 c Canola oil

1 tsp salt

1/8 tsp pepper

1 scant tsp dry or prepared mustard

Blend in blender and pour over carrots and onions, stirring a little. Cover and store several hours in refrigerator.



Flower Calendar

NEW FLOWER REGISTRY

If you have a special occasion you would like to celebrate or a loved one to remember, please **SIGN UP for FLOWERS** on the new 2008 Flower Registry, which is located in the Narthex



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Birthdays
This Month!

Elizabeth Morgan	6
Hugh Ash	13
Donna Mead	13
Don MacEwan	20
Sherry Mann	22
Helen Davis	26
David McGuire	29

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The Deadline for the
Sunshine is May 22nd

Please send articles to my home
by

Fax: 329-8084 or e-mail:
maggie1952@roadrunner.com

Thank you

DID YOU KNOW?

You can help fight against hunger, breast cancer, and etc., by going to www.thehungersite.com There is no cost to you as sponsors of the site cover the cost.

We can also support our troops by sending free e-mail cards. The site is www.letssaythanks.com



Brings May flowers



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OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the Good News of God by reaching out to others and inviting them into a new relationship with Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves, therefore, to be a center for spiritual growth and friendship, where the teachings of Jesus Christ are faithfully received and God's grace is celebrated joyfully with Christian friends!

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Dr. Bill Johnson

Pastor Emeritus:
Dr. Harry Summers

Music Director:

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