



SONSHINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church, June 2008

From Pastor Bill's "Powerbook"



One of the important things I want to do as we enter this 6th month of 2008, is to express thanks beyond thanks to this congregation for your commitment to helping others and your generosity in giving to special needs within our Presbyterian Church, our PSPC, the community and the world. We indeed are a most generous congregation!

Time after time I ask someone to help with something special and the response? An immediate "Of course!" That makes my job as Interim Pastor twice as easy! I never have to double check; I never wonder in the middle of the night whether or not something will get done; I never look for a back-up. It gets done and done superbly! Thank you all!

As a number of you have heard, Joyce and I had an incredible trip to Israel, Egypt, and Jordan; 28 days including an 18-hour flight home from Cairo. Fascinating to have armed security with us through all of Egypt including fully automatic machine guns on our boat (on the stern and bow) going north on the Nile from Aswan; going south on the Nile security only with side arms and Uzis or AK-46s. Israel with all its holy places for both Jews and Christians, and in some cases, for Muslims was, as some of you know, a lesson never to be forgotten; Egypt with fascinating historic spots some dating back as least seven thousand years was amazing; and Jordan with Petra and Wadi Rum and all the Lawrence of Arabia memories was a real "blast!" Hopefully, we can show you some photos and talk about it during several **5:59 Gatherings** this summer! Maybe even about Earthquake planning for safety both in church, home and car.

Interestingly, when we were in Israel and went to the Museum of the Book for the Dead Sea Scrolls, all we saw were *facsimiles*; when some of us went to San Diego to see the Dead Sea Scrolls, we saw the "real McCoy!" And we saw the real ones in Jordan at a small but incredible museum near Amman.

A piece of great news: Rev. Dr. Ken McCullen as our Parish Associate and I am delighted as is the Session! When you see him, give him a big right hand of fellowship. He will be helping us particularly with Outreach and Evangelism.

We are all looking forward to a bit of relaxation this summer, but we also have to prepare for the fall and all our activities. In the meantime, don't forget we have worship at PSPC every Sunday at 10:00am. Come, worship and celebrate all God has done for us in Jesus Christ, fellowship with each other, and.. bring a guest to worship with us. We may be small, but we are powerful!

PLEASE READ THIS IF NOTHING ELSE: 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...

We, of course, express our deepest sympathy to Don Howard on the death of Marie on April 20th, and to Barbara and Harvey Stephens on the death of Leanne Sowards on May 16th. We are confident of God's promise of life beyond this life in Jesus Christ.

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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 July 2008 Sonshine is June 26th

Worship Schedule and Sermons for June - July 2008

CONTINUING IN 2008: WATCH AND WATCH OUT!

Here is the schedule of worship and preaching for June and July 2008. I will be doing a series I am calling "Roamin' Today with Jesus Through Matthew & Romans." 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 Pastor Bill present them?"***

JUNE 01 - "The Power of a Word"

Communion by Intinction

Psalm 46; Romans 1:16-17; Matthew 7:21-29


From
Pastor Bill

JUNE 08 - "The Power of a Promise"

Psalm 33:1-12; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

JUNE 15 - "The Power of a Presence" - (Father's Day)

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19; Romans 5:1-8; Matthew 9:35-10:8

JUNE 22 - "The Power that Overcomes Fear"

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17; Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39

JUNE 29 - "The Power of a Welcome"

Psalm 13; Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Potluck luncheon following worship

JULY 06 - "The Power of a Prayerful Life"

Communion by Intinction

Psalm 45:10-17; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

JULY 13 - "The Power of Listening"

Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

JULY 20 - "The Power of Change"

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

JULY 27 - "The Power of Therefore"

Psalm 105: 1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Potluck Luncheon following worship

BENEFITS OF WORSHIP

We go to church to be with others who either know God or wish to know God. The church is a place of acceptance, friendship and fellowship. It's a place to honor and worship our loving Creator who accepts us as family.

In church we pray to God, sing about God, hear God's word for us and find support and direction for whatever challenges face us. In church we find comfort in our sorrow, encouragement in our struggles and the Holy Spirit's assurance that "all things work together for good for those who love God". Romans 8:28



A Challenge for All of Us:

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



**Welcome
Our New
Members**

Welcome New Members

On Sunday, May 18, 2008, the Session received a great class of new members: Genevieve (Jenny) and Paula Newell by Letter of Transfer from the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church; Pauline Gregg as an Affiliate Member; Donna McCullen by Letter of Transfer from Desert Hills Presbyterian Church; Sue Cooper by Reaffirmation of Faith.. They were welcomed by the congregation on May 25th. Welcome and a delight to have you all involved in PSPC.



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.



Pastor Bill's
microphone

**NEW MICROPHONE FOR THE
PASTOR**

We use the cordless mic from the Seventh Day Adventists, Sunday after Sunday and their generosity is greatly appreciated.

But, we have the opportunity to get a new super small mike for the pastor and /or preacher of the day. The present one does not always catch the pastor's voice when he turns his head; picks up sounds when he moves around and something brushes against it, etc. Some in the congregation have mentioned annoying sounds from it. We could do better!

A new small- wire mic, that is almost invisible from a few feet away and that move with any head movement is available. For hygiene reasons the SDA does not want to have others using their new wire-mics and is understandable since they go right over a speaker's mouth.

If anyone would like to contribute to the purchase of a new wire-mic, please speak to either the pastor, Elder Geri Bintliff or Elder Jim DeHart. The total cost for the mic is about \$450.00 - \$500.00 and we already have some money given for this mic. This would be our mic and would not be available to others to use.

Thank you for your consideration



Session Meeting

Session met on Wednesday, May 21st at 9:30 am for it's regular meeting opening with a reading and devotion from II Corinthians 4 and with prayer.

All Session Members were present except for Bob Wulf who is out of the state and excused. All committees reported.

The Evangelism/Outreach committee moved a goal of gaining 2 new members per month and Session adopted that goal unanimously. *(Let's all get on the bandwagon to make this happen.)*

The Session voted to purchase a shredder to shred documents for our members privacy and identity security. We also approved Jackie Morgan not opening the office on Fridays during the summer.

The Worship and Music Committee is moving on making a decision about a permanent Choir Director and will inform the congregation when a decision is finalized.

Session voted to serve the Lord's Supper by Intinction during the months of June, July, August, and September.

The Session appointed a committee of Harvey Stephens, Jim DeHart, and Jackie Morgan to discuss the renewal of the Interim Pastor contract with Pastor Bill. Session also decided to combine our annual B-B-Q in October with a Rally Day inviting new people to our church. Please plan to help with that!!

Session adjourned at 11:05 am with prayer.



Church Budget

A/C, water, paper and all the rest, continue even in the summer. The cost of maintaining the life, and ministry of PSPC, continues throughout all of the summer even when we are away visiting loved ones or escaping the heat. Please keep your pledges up to date. If you are going to be gone for a trip or an escape, please plan on either returning your pledge to God early or send it in from wherever. But, please do not forget PSPC.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

We were sad to have Kay Taylor not continue in the position of Pianist/Director. She is a lovely lady but felt the distance from Joshua Tree was too great and also felt out of her element musically. Special thanks to Ruth Teaford for stepping in and playing for service on the 11th of May.

There is a new applicant, Stefan Molino, and we will be interviewing him on the 25th. Alex Danson will continue to also be an applicant.

I was gone from April 23rd through May 13th so cannot report on those Sundays.

We hope you all will consider bringing a friend or neighbor to church or suggest someone to come to choir on Thursdays at 2pm. WE NEED YOU!!!

Gerri Bintliff, Elder, Worship and Music



PSPC SHOPPING BAGS AVAILABLE

The shopping bags are here! A \$5.00 donation for the larger 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.



CHURCH OFFICE

SUMMER HOURS

PSPC Office hours

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

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

Closed on Friday

65th Anniversary "Card Shower"

for
Harry and Ila Summers
 who were married
 June 12, 1943

We are asking that you send cards the week before their Anniversary. Let's make this a great celebration for them in their new surroundings!

Harry & Ila Summers
 Eskaton Lodge, Brentwood
 450 John Muir Parkway, Apt. 256
 Brentwood, CA 94513
 (925) 634-2765



FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day originated in 1909 when a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd of Spokane, Washington, came up with the idea. Mrs. Dodd's father, William Jackson Smart, had raised her and her five siblings after their mother died in childbirth. While listening to a Mother's Day sermon at a church near her family's home in eastern Washington State, Mrs. Dodd thought about the sacrifices her father had made for his children and the fine job he had done in raising them. Because her father had been born in June, she decided to encourage the churches in her area to honor fathers in June. Through her efforts, the first Father's Day was celebrated in Spokane Washington, in June 1910.

Although Congress passed several resolutions over the years in support of Father's Day, it did not become an official U.S. holiday until 1972, when then President Nixon issued a proclamation declaring the third Sunday in June as Father's Day in the United States

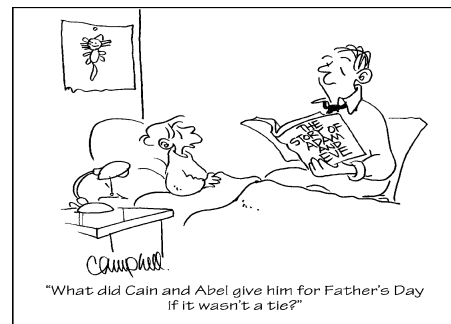


As you may know, we now have a website and you can visit it at:

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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.



Prayer Works



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's 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

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).

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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.

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DEACON'S CORNER

From Jan Perrier's Kitchen

SPECIAL K BARS

1. Butter 13"x 9" pan
2. Melt just to boiling and take off fire:
 - 1c sugar
 - 1c dark Karo
3. Add: 12 oz. crunchy peanut butter
6 c Special K cereal.
Stir well.
4. Spread in buttered 13" x9" pan
5. Melt: 8 oz. Butterscotch chips
8 oz. Chocolate chips
6. Spread over cereal mixture
7. When partially cooled, cut into small squares.



Flower Calendar

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!

Duane Leetzow	1
George Hoover	3
Cleo Ahlstedt	7
Daniel Morgan	9
Judi Leetzow	9
Harvey Stephens	11
Virginia Allen	16
Kim Egan	16
Bob Zenker	22
Barbara Henderson	26
Gail Jones	28

The Deadline for the
Sonshine is June 26th

Please send articles to my home
by

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Thank you





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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!

Interim Pastor:
Dr. Bill Johnson

Pastor Emeritus:
Dr. Harry Summers

Music Director:

Church Secretary:
Jackie Morgan

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