



SONSHINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church June 2011



Message from Rev. Christine | Corinthians 12: 4, 5, 7

Well I've been here a whole month, and I'm still waiting for triple digits in the desert! However, for a former Northwesterner, it's great to have time to get acclimated and, I am really enjoying the sunshine and warm, relaxed evenings. I love to sit and watch the light going over the hills and mountains as the sun rises and sets. The changes and colors are awe-inspiring and create a bold presence of God's spirit in the world.

It has been truly wonderful getting to know everyone, and Sunday worship is such a special time - although I must confess to experiencing some withdrawal with the departure of our winter residents! I can't say I wasn't warned! The upside is I will now have the opportunity to know each of our 'year rounders' better in the coming months. We are ready to take on summer and get ready for the next round as God's presence and people in our community!

Most of my first weeks have been busy getting my 'desert legs' and understanding the traditions, history, and 'workings' of Palm Springs Pres. Everyone has been helpful and the amount of things happening around here is impressive. Your generosity is humbling. I now know why Bill calls this the 'Mighty Mouse Church.' If he doesn't mind, I think I'll borrow that moniker!

Over the next few months, we will be working on our 'mission statement', and ways we can create opportunities for participation in the life of our church. We have so many gifted souls! Regarding gifts and service, I would like to thank Jackie for her work on this edition of the Sonshine, and Margaret Pace for her many years of faithful service to our Lord and the church, with prayers that her life be richly blessed.

As our church family faces the future, let us give thanks for all who serve and have served, and remember each person in our prayers always. As a Denomination, we will continue to be faithful to our Confessions, the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the revelation of the Living Word.

As your pastor, I am excited for all that is to come, including more of those 5:59 dinners. Keeping my weight down may be one of my biggest challenges? Most of all, I look forward to exploring the desert canyons, visiting with new friends, discovering and

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sharing our hopes and dreams for PSPC. For those of you away for the summer, we hold you in our hearts and look forward to your safe return.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand, **CHRISTINE**



**A Message
From Our Minister**

This is the message that went in the Yellow Pages of the weekly bulletin after the passage of Amendment 10-A. We are reprinting it here for those of you who are away.

Brothers & Sisters in Christ;

With the passing of Amendment 10A on May 10, 2011, many will have questions about what this means in the life of our church. I offer these words from General Assembly: "This decision begins with the unequivocal affirmation that ordained office will continue to be rooted in each deacon, elder and minister's 'joyful submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life.'"

This decision confirms the authority of tenets found in our Book of Confession and returns our church to it's roots – The Living Word, a single body with many gifts, called to service, with Christ as it's head.

Palm Springs Presbyterian is a church of "open hearts and open minds", and our focus on God's generous love is a great strength. Let us continue to affirm our belief that all are beloved by God and have much to give in service. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Rev. Christine



This border is to make Rev. Christine feel at home.



Listening Session

The following is an e-mail that was received from The Rev. Dr. Anita Hendrix, Executive Presbyter:

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

The whole Presbyterian Church, USA is grappling with the consequences of the passage of Amendment 10-A. While some of our pastors and members are pleased with its passage, others are deeply grieved by it. Some conversations have been occurring among like-minded people, and some presbytery committees have made time for members to listen to and talk with one another. In coming to terms with our future as a Presbytery, the Council Cabinet believes it would be helpful for folks in the Presbytery to listen to one another and pray together. Two opportunities are planned, in the hopes that as many pastors and members as possible can participate in a listening session. The Rev. Ralph Mueller and I will facilitate the conversations. The information for these listening sessions is as follows:

Wednesday, June 15 at First Fontana Church
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22 at Palm Springs Church
11:30 – 1:30 p.m.

(Please bring a bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.)

Please let Ralph or me know whether or not you will attend and at which location.

Yours, in Service to Christ,
Anita Hendrix



Thoughts on Stewardship:

Stewardship is different than most committees in our church. If it were Music, you could see the looks on everyone's faces as they sing, and hear them humming hymns after church. If it were Mission, you could see or hear results from those you were assisting, and adjust accordingly to your resources. As a Deacon you administer to your flock, prepare communion and many other duties that contribute to the life of our church, and you are appreciated.

In Stewardship it is the church that has to step forward. We as a whole, the body of Christ is what determines the future of our church. I hear continually that God will provide. It is God working through us that will provide for the needs of our church.

He knew we needed a church and when the right opportunity came up, God, working through this church, and some key individuals, made this possible.

God gives blessings and talents to all of us and we are called to use a portion of these, according to our ability, to further His and our plans for PSPC.

As individuals we know there are basic requirements for monthly living expenses. Our church is no different: Mortgage, insurance, repairs, supplies, etc. Mundane but very necessary.

ideas, new directions, joyous and exciting times for us as we are called upon to do our part as the body of Christ in the World. Let us keep on our committed path working with God's help to carry us over and through these coming summer months, till we return to full strength in the fall.

Thank You, Ernie Moore
Stewardship Chairman

INVITATION TO REV. DR. BILL JOHNSON 50 YEAR ORDINATION CELEBRATION

SUNDAY, JUNE 26, 2011

2:30 P.M.

PALM SPRINGS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,
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RECEPTION FOLLOWING SERVICE

RSVP TO Joyce Johnson

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By June 20, 2011

From Jim DeHart's Kitchen
Chewy Pecan Pie Bars

- 1/4 cup melted butter or margarine
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 2/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 4 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups chopped pecans
- confectioners' sugar

Pour butter into a 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking pan; set aside.

In a mixing bowl, combine brown sugar, flour, eggs, vanilla, baking soda and salt; mix well. Stir in pecans. Spread over butter.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Remove from the oven; immediately dust with confectioners' sugar. Cool before cutting.



Birthdays
June

Nancy Spencer	6
Alex Danson	7
Daniel Morgan	9
Harvey Stephens	11
Donna McCullen	15
Virginia Allen	16
Lucille MacEwan	16
Margery Sheehan	18
Barbara Henderson	26
Gail Jones	28

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 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

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Sonshine Deadline

June 21st

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SOMETHING EXCITING IN THE
21ST CENTURY?
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

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What a great gift.

REMEMBER: Our e-mail address is
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Please USE it & tell others!



**Palm Springs Presbyterian
Has Aprons for Sale**

*Have You Hugged
A Presbyterian Today?*

They come in many colors and make great gifts for yourself and others. They are a real bargain at \$16.75 and any profit benefits the church. Please see Morella Larsen, Jim DeHart or Jackie Morgan if you would like to buy an apron.



SESSION MEETING NOTES

Session met on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at 9:35 a.m. Pastor Christine lead us in a devotional related to Psalm 46 followed with prayer. All Session members were present with Elders Harry Henderson, Ernie Moore and Fran Gotenstein being excused. Our guest was Eldler Anne Smith from the Committee on Ministry of Presbytery.

At the recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, Session approved the appointment of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) to act as a support group for Pastor Dickerson. Session also approved home visitations by the Pastor, Blessing of Animals Service and to move forward to a regular pet service in the fall. Mission Committee will again promote school back packs focusing on the 2 local schools here. Session approved March 17, 2012 for next year's women's retreat and February 12, 2012 for their annual bake sale. November 6, 2011 was set for our annual "Welcome Back" Barbeque.

Session adjourned at 12:05 p.m. with prayer lead by Elder Bob Wulf. The next Session meeting is Wednesday, June 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the church.

If you have concerns you wish the Session to consider, please speak tone of our Session members, to Jim DeHart, Clerk of Session, or to Pastor Christine.



BRING YOUR EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES

Our goal for 2011 is to earn \$1000 for the church by recycling cans and bottles. YOU can make a difference by bringing in your cans and bottles to the recycling center. Harvey Stephens is in charge of this project. Your recycling helps the budget and the environment.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join us for Sunday Mornings with Ernie Moore for those of you who want a Sunday Morning Bible Study class, this is the one for you. Ernie Moore leads this class using the Kerygma teachings. Meet in the social hall from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. It is a great time of learning, study, fellowship and growth in our faith. All are welcome.



The Men's Bible Study group is led by Allen Perrier and has just finished studying the Book of Romans. All the men in the church are encouraged to come and grow in the knowledge of God's work. After their meeting we have breakfast at one of the local restaurants. Come and join us.



Please Save Your Used Ink Cartridges

The Palm Springs High School Band is collecting used computer ink cartridges to help finance their trip to England, Scotland & Wales in 2012. The collection jar is on Jackie's desk. 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!

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