



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church
June 2015

"Rich and Poor have this in common: the Lord is the Maker of them all." Proverbs 22: 2

I am thinking that summer might be a good time to do a sermon series on Proverbs... But then, what of such passages as, 'Better to live in the desert than with a quarrelsome and ill-tempered wife.' (Proverbs 19)? Those of us who live in the desert year 'round know that the heat can make ALL of us somewhat quarrelsome and ill-tempered on occasion without prejudice of gender! We are also familiar with the lovely desert light and magnificent summer nights that calm our fevered hearts.



Life provides occasion for the recognition of the common denominator far more often than we care to admit. Much time is spent in creating reasons for separation, differentiation, and, yes, judgment based on the categories we build. Sometimes it is necessary to create order from chaos; too often it is borne out of prejudice and fear. We actually work pretty hard at creating groups that work against our participating in the fullness of God's creation, don't we?

Summer is a good time to take time, to reflect on our relationship with one another: How do we let differences and fear mold and influence our moral and spiritual character? When we sit on a beach or in a park, we can be aware of how perfect God's world can be, and see it demonstrated in the myriad of ways nature weaves life together. From bees and flowers to birds and fishes to grasses and grazers to pinecones and the welcoming earth. We might spend time in thought alone, letting our awareness fall into rhythm with the passing of time and the meaning of a sunrise and sunset in the grander scheme and our fleeting place in it. Who are we, that we think we are so important as to change the will of our Maker to suit our fancy, that we take for granted the victory of the Cross for all, or neglect the impressive presence of the Holy Spirit working in us and through us and for us?

Rich and poor, God made us all. Summer is a good time, too, to forgive ourselves and recognize that new life is being offered to us every second of every day. What would it mean if we truly loved ourselves as God does? Gave ourselves a second chance and even a little Grace? Turning to others, we can explore that caring for the less fortunate or accepting the more fortunate is a good thing, but that treating *everyone* with respect and looking another in the eye as an expression of love and equality, may be life changing? Maybe own up that spending time judging, fixing, dismissing or condemning is time wasted? If summer is the time before the leaves of fall, what a perfect season to dwell on the wonder of our lives and allow ourselves - because our Creator already desires it - to slip into the flow of more than the 'I' and, even if we aren't completely successful in the effort, contemplate the Truth in the authentic 'we.'

This sounds like a lot of homework for a carefree summer! I would suggest that life in itself is homework as we negotiate it in general, making as we can headway towards reaching the lovely, magnificent light that waits to calm our fevered hearts. So the message, or the greater gift I hope, is that each of us makes the time to sit still, be quiet, listen, think and dream. To be filled with wonder, apart from our selves and our egos. That, whether we are on a journey or in a back yard or simply looking out a window, something new or renewing will replace the stuff of

our lives that keep us from experiencing joy or *being* joy. Look for the common denominator, and break down the walls that alienate and separate. Take a chance on love.

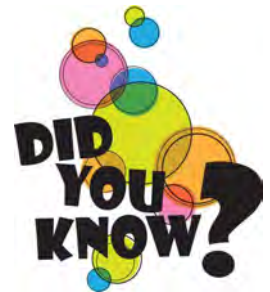
Every summer is special, but why not make this one *really* special! The Spirit is afoot in the world; don't let it blow around you, open your arms and let it go through you, dear child of God. Oh. And read the book Proverbs, it's really something! Happy Summer!

In Christ, *Rev. Christine*



The summer office hours for June through August will be Tuesday through Thursday 8 AM to noon. The office will be closed Monday and Friday. That will save the church a little money over the summer as I will only be working 12 hours a week and I'll have a chance to get some stuff done at home. Because of this, the Sonshine will be dark for July and August. I'll continue to print our event calendar through the summer for those who like to have them. You can pick them up in the Narthex or call the office if you want me to mail you one.

Ralph's Grocery Stores will rebate back to our church 1% of our eligible purchases up to \$200 a month, 2% for purchases between 200.01 and 350, 3% between 350.01 and \$500 and 4% over \$500 a month. In order to take advantage of this offer, those who shop at Ralph's have to register their Rewards Card and swipe it every time you buy from Ralph's. They will send us a check quarterly up to \$150 a quarter. Every penny helps. The instructions on how to register your card are available in the Narthex. If you would like me to send the instructions, just call the office.



Sessions Notes from May 20, 2015 Session Meeting

SESSION APPROVED: the event request of the Women's Retreat Committee to have Dessa Reed speak on her life experiences and creativity on Saturday, Nov 14, 2015 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

Steve Lutke offered to install security cameras at no charge if we buy the cameras. Session wants more info re: placement of cameras, number of cameras. Also Rev Christine would like a camera in her office. Jody Allen will follow-up with Steve and report back to session.

SESSION APPROVED: to proceed with the Ralph's reward card. Ralph's will rebate back to PSPC quarterly a percentage of the total purchases made when this card is used.

SESSION APPROVED: for Jackie to reduce her hours beginning June, 2015, to Tues - Thurs, 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM. for June, July and August and she will have a reduction in pay to reflect fewer hours worked.

Discussion re: adding rails at the curb at the front walk way that was approved by session last month. Donna and Kathy will research the cost, find the needed materials and do the installation.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: Thanks to Steve for fixing the PSPC lighted sign. Jackie is working on getting bids to have stained glass windows fixed.

SESSION APPROVED: amend the Sexual Abuse Mandate to expand the definition of abuse to include Elder emotional and financial abuse as requested by Pastor Christine.

Meeting adjourned with prayer. Jackie Morgan, Acting for Clerk of Session

ONGOING PROJECTS

We recycle! Bring your empty aluminum cans and glass and plastic bottles to the church office. Thank you for helping our budget and the environment.

PSPC Aprons for sale "Have You Hugged a Presbyterian Today" - \$20. – See Morella, Jim or Jackie

PSPC cookbook, Love Feast, is for sale for \$5. See Jim or Jackie.

Save used ink cartridges for Palm Springs High School Band fundraiser. Collection jar is on Jackie's desk.

Save Box Tops for Education for Sabella's school. You can leave them in the office.

Bring a package, can or box of food for The Well in the Desert. Leave it in the bin by the front door. They can also use warm clothing.

Save used stamps and Campbell's soup Labels for The Tecate Mission. Leave a 1/4 inch border around the stamp when you cut them out. Leave them with Jackie.

Bring in your gently used women's clothing for Hacienda Valdez. You can leave it in the office with a note on it.

Sunday Morning Kerygma class with Ernie Moore – Fellowship Hall 8:30 AM.

Men's Bible Study with Allen Perrier – Fellowship Hall Wed 7:00 AM Breakfast after Bible Study.

Women's Bible Study meets on Tuesday at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Yoga Classes Tuesday, 11:00 AM and Thursday at 5:30 PM (except on 5:59 Gathering Thursdays). \$10

Ukulele Practice is Friday at 1:00 PM.

Attention: All Seasonal Friends, Visitors or if you just miss a Sunday

You can listen to the Sunday worship services on PSPC's website, pspresby.org. Alex has the current Sunday Service available by Tuesday of the following week. Even if you are away you can still enjoy Rev Christine's sermons, hear our great choir and keep up with what's going on here.



Online giving is now up and running. Just get on our website, and click on the button in the upper right hand corner. The website will guide you through the steps to take advantage of online giving. It can be used to make regular tithes to the general fund or the piano fund. You can use this option weekly, every two weeks, monthly, quarterly or a one time basis.



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Randy Bruno	1
Nancy Spencer	6
Alex Danson	7
Daniel Morgan	9
Bonnie Koster	9
Harvey Stephens	11
Virginia Allen	16
Bob McCoy	16
Barbara Henderson	26
Gail Jones	28
Jody Allen	28

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Carole Rogers	11
Emilie Warren	15
Kathryn Summers	18
Paula Newell	20
Jackie Morgan	21
Gene Hempy	22
Joyce Johnson	22
Mary Ruth Erickson	22
Sabella Trujillo	23
Suzanne Swartz	23
Jim Hamilton	27

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Brenda Erickson	4
Beverly Pillow	6
Ruth Hunter	8
Marjorie Carlson	9
Marilyn Walker	18
Evelyn Wulf	27



June 21st

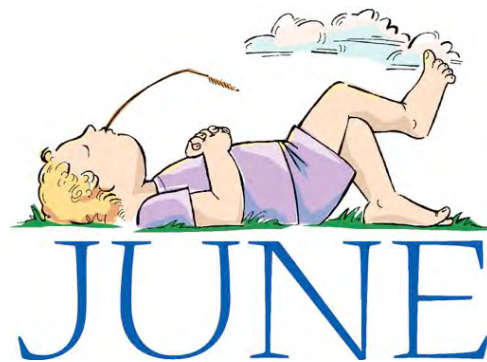


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OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of 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 to be a center for spiritual growth and friendship, where the teachings of Jesus are faithfully received and God's grace is joyfully celebrated.

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