



# SONSHINE



The Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church, July 2009

## From Pastor Bill's "Powerbook"



### **Can anything Stop us if we are following God's guidance for us? Absolutely Not!**

I see so much energy, so much excitement, so many good things happening at PSPC in our new church that I am excited and energized as well - and I probably talk and write too much, but that is because of my excitement and thankfulness for what is already happening here in anticipation of what will happen, and for the privilege and blessing of being your interim pastor and getting to know and love all of you - permanent residents and winter residents alike and new guests!

As we move into our long-hot desert summer days many plans are being made for the Fall/Winter/Spring of this coming year from remodeling the kitchen to making the Chancel (stage) more viable for our use to plans for Sunday School for kids to a Vacation Bible School for next summer and on and on. In my mind there are four keys for making this coming year, and the following ones, a success:

1. **Prayer.** *Constant prayer.* Pray without ceasing for God's guidance in the decisions that are and will be made. Unless we listen to God as he guides us we will fall flat on our faces; if we listen and obey then we will see "success" beyond our wildest dreams. So, please covenant with me, whether you live here year - round or are Winter Residents (aka Snow Birds) to join us in daily prayer for the future of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church. God has given us a great opportunity. Remember: in Chinese the character for "*opportunity*" is the same "*danger*." Good things for God and God's creation (our neighbors) seldom happen without some risks. Not living in the past, but moving into God's future.

2. **Participation.** *Time and Talents.* You and I are needed, along with others, to jump in with both feet as well as hearts and minds, to get the job done. We need people willing to serve on Session Committees, Deacon Committees, Mission Committees, as Sunday School teachers, choir members (isn't it great the see the choir [Praise Singers] growing?), websites helpers, community involvement, visitors, bakers and bread makers, as well as people willing to fold the Order for Worship for Sundays and other mailings and materials or vacuum or rake leaves or paint or pour cement or lay bricks or ...

3. **Support.** *Treasures.* We are still in an economic downturn, oh boy, are we! And a number of us are on fixed or somewhat fixed incomes; some of our financial portfolios have declined and we are more carefully counting our pennies than we have for a long time; Joyce and I are also. But, your church continues and it continues to need your financial support. *Otherwise the doors will close and we will loose this beautiful property!* Neither our Lord nor we want that to ever happen, do we? We will be having a Stewardship program this fall and it is my prayer that every one of us will prayerfully consider *increasing* our pledging/tithing to Palm Springs Presbyterian Church. If you are a Snow Bird, you can pledge just by dividing your pledge by the time spent in each place.

Even right now we can return to God a little bit extra either for the general operating budget or the building fund or for special needs or all three!

4. **Listening.** Listening to each other and valuing all thoughts, ideas, questions, and

suggestions. *There is no such thing as a bad suggestion or question.* God listens to us; do we listen to each other? I believe so, but I also believe that more of us need to speak and all of us need to listen. We need to share our hearts and minds in love and acceptance and then allow the Holy Spirit to guide the Session in making decisions.

We are putting together a **“Wish List”** of needs for our church....a partial one is included elsewhere in this issue of the Sonshine. It is my hope that you will pick out one (or a part of one) of the items and give over and above your annual pledge and/or your pledge to *“A Place of Our Own”*

*I am absolutely convinced that God is at work in our midst and has plans for us beyond our dreams or expectations. But, unless we are committed to obeying God's voice and supporting in so many ways the outreach, the mission, the fellowship, the worship of our church, then it just might not happen. None of us want that to happen, do we?*

As I said last month, how about working with Ken McCullen on visiting the people of our neighborhood with information about our church - teams of two or three and not trying to convert anyone? How about greeting visitors with a welcoming bag of goodies like cookies or a cake or a small loaf of bread to be given to first time guests during worship? Anyone willing to bake those? How about visiting first time visitors the week immediately following their first visit? I always write them but they are really impressed when it comes from you! I am expected to write or call or do something, but you...wow! That would make a difference! Just let me know or let one of the Session members know!

Need I say more? Quite frankly I am excited about the possibilities and opportunities facing us, but I also recognize the dangers and risks if we behave like most Protestants and Presbyterians. Leaving it up to someone else to do it.

Now, I must add: *I am so delighted and impressed by the number of you who literally go the extra mile in working and in returning to God of God's blessings (giving financially, time-wise, and talent wise) in our church helping make “things” happen. You are not only appreciated, but also blessed of God and I give God three cheers for you! But, more could be added to that list!*

May God bless PSPC as God leads us into a potentially exciting future for the Glory of God in the Name of Jesus and by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Thank you all for what you are already doing and for what you will be doing!**

Even as I remain, yours, in Christ's Service,

*Pastor Bill*

William N. Johnson  
Interim Pastor

REMEMBER: **Next Deadline** for August 2009 **Sonshine** is July 23rd

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**OUR CHURCH IS TO BE SOLD!**

Our church is to be sold! Yes, our church is to be sold! No, we are not about to lose our building through foreclosure or repudiated debt. However, our church must be sold to the city and county. It has been planted to wield an influence beyond its membership and walls. Thus, we are presented with an enormous challenge.

Our church must be sold to the unchurched! There are scores of people in our community who would attend our church and join us in the Lord's service if we would bother to sell our church to them.

How much is our church worth to you? How much do you value its ministry? How much do you value the Christ it proclaims? As a member of this church, you are selling your church to others every day. Are you selling it short? Has it helped you to the extent that you're willing to sell it to others? Will you be enthusiastic in talking about your church? Will you share your church with

others who have no idea what they're missing?

Take our church seriously and talk to people about what our church has to offer them.



Worship Schedule and Sermons for July 2009

LOOKING AT LIFE CHRIST'S WAY

During July, Pastor Bill will guide us in a series; he calls, "Looking at Life Christ's Way." Bring a friend or neighbor to join in this exploration and growth in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**JULY 05 - "The Power of Weakness"**

**The Lord's Supper celebrated by Intinction**

**Psalm 48:1-3, 8; II Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13**

**JULY 12 - "How are Your Spiritual Blessings?"**

**Psalm 24:1-2,7-10; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29**

**JULY 19 - "The Way to Inner Peace"**

**Psalm 89:1-6; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56**

**JULY 26 - "Measuring the Person in Christ"**

**Potluck Salad Luncheon Following Worship**

**Psalm 14; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21**

**AUG. 02 - "Finding Jesus in a Loaf of Bread"**

**The Lord's Supper celebrated by Intinction**

**Psalms 51:1-12; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35**



**We HAVE Not Yet Arrived: Nuevo Vida por PSpC??**

**What is Your Prayer for PSpC? How willing are you to Help Make That Happen?**

**God Has and is Blessing Us; Will you and I Bring God's Love and Grace to Our**

**Community and World? In What Ways Will God Honor Our Efforts and Will We**

**Grow?**



**NEW MEMBER CLASS AND RECEPTION**

If you are a guest/visitor to Palm Springs Presbyterian Church, and are reading this issue of the **Sonshine**, and would like to consider uniting with this church, **please speak to Pastor Bill or any of the Session members.**

Membership comes through either a Letter of Transfer from another church; by Profession of Faith in Christ with Baptism if you have never been baptized or without, if you have already been baptized.

We will be holding a class soon; participating in the class does **not** obligate you to unite with the church, but is necessary if you so desire. We will briefly discuss Reformed/Presbyterian theology and practices and the uniqueness of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church.

The class will be held immediately following worship on a Sunday and will last about 1 1/2 hours with refreshments served.



BOARD OF SESSION

**SESSION NOTES HIGHLIGHTS**

The Session met on Wednesday, June 18th at 9:30 in our Fellowship Hall with Moderator Pastor Bill Johnson and COM representative Leon Bennett. All session members were present except for Bob Wulf who is out of state and Fran Gotenstein who was ill: both excused.

Session began with Pastor Bill reading from the Psalms as Session members meditated in prayer. Session opened with prayer. Session approved all minutes from the June meeting.

- Session received a communiqué from Presbytery regarding a Gathering in the Neighborhood Conference in August at the Solano Beach Presbyterian Church and is looking for 3 to 4 or more volunteers to attend: August 21st & 22nd. Session also received a request from the former Unity Church of Palm Springs to rent space from us; the moderator appointed a committee to look into this possibility.
- Session has now received three bids/plans for remodeling the kitchen and the chancel and will decide soon on which bid will be awarded the contract. Work should be completed before the end of summer.
- Session received a review of a new website proposal from Alex Danson which would include audio availability of Sunday service and would store those services for an indefinite period of time. No decision has yet been made; Session also discussed the need and cost of PowerPoint for our church and is looking into options.
- Session discussed proposals for a Wedding brochure to be made available to potential wedding couples; this is in process including prices.
- Pastor Bill noted that for the amount of time which we are spending discussing and deciding on the building we might consider two meetings a month: one for the building only and the other for our

regular session business.

- Session heard reports from all committees and approved all reports.

Session adjourned with prayer at 11:40 a.m. to meet either on July 16th and/or on call.



**A PARTIAL WISH LIST FOR PSPC**

**And some cost projections**

The idea is that you or I can purchase all or part of any of these or other items needed. This should be over and above what you have already given or pledged. These are just suggestions from Pastor Bill.

1. PowerPoint and Screen-\$1,200 to \$2,000
2. Dishes/Pot/Pans for Kitchen-\$2,000
3. Christmas Decorations-\$1,000
4. Christmas Tree for Sanctuary-\$400-\$700
5. Parish Nurse (\$250.00 has been given) with matching funds-\$1,000
6. Large screen TV with DVD ability-\$1,500-\$2,000
7. Sunday School curricula-\$500.

Many other items can be added as you suggest the needs



**LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEONS**

A sign up sheet will be available in the fellowship hall, toward the end of each month. We hope all you ladies that spend the summer here will come and join in on the fun, fellowship and tasty lunches



**PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY, HURTING AND LONELY**

**The Well in the Desert Food & Clothing Needed**

The **Well in the Desert** still needs support. Just because we have moved, doesn't mean the Well doesn't need us ~ they do. Keep up the good work with **food, clothing, blankets, money, water, etc.** These items are usually picked up first thing Monday morning. Please keep them in your prayers. *Thank you*



**UPDATES FOR THE CHURH DIRECTORY**

Please update your directories with the names and addresses of our new members who are not in the directory. They are **Lucille Kraehling**, 2359 Camino Vida, Palm Springs, 92264 & **Fred & Peggy Lynn**, 1111 Tahquitz Canyon Way #121, Palm Springs, 92262.

Don Howard's new address is: c/o Don Howard, 7044 E. Garland, Fresno CA 93727



## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

What a fellowship we have in our congregation! What a fellowship we have in our choir! I just love to watch the congregation enjoying each other in greeting and although it is difficult without the side pews, people are still mingling. That, my folks, is fellowship!

Last month, I reported that we had 12 in the choir but we had a guest that month and so for the record we have a faithful 11! We do work hard to bring music to praise the Lord and we enjoy singing it. Thanks to Alex Danson, Kent McGarity, and Alvio Ditto for their faithful contribution. Music as PSPC has always been a ministry unto itself and we continue in the fall with that in mind.

The choir will take a vacation beginning July 6th through September 13th. I have filled the summer months with some wonderful guests and from our own choir for soloists. Please welcome all that participate with your thanks.

Communion by Intinction has caused a small traffic jam but it all seemed to work out and Communion by Intinction will continue through the summer months.

Gerri Bintliff  
Elder, Worship and Music

### SUMMER MUSIC SOLOS

|                        |                                   |           |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| July 12 <sup>th</sup>  | Susan McGuire, Soprano Solo       | Anthem    |
|                        | Marge Harris, Organ & Praise band | Offertory |
| July 19 <sup>th</sup>  | Joyce Johnson, Alto Solo          | Anthem    |
|                        | Jim DeHart, Tenor Solo            | Offertory |
| July 26 <sup>th</sup>  | Michael Cruz, Tenor, Solo         | Anthem    |
|                        | Praise Band                       | Offertory |
| Aug. 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | Ken McCullen, Baritone Solo       | Anthem    |
|                        | Praise Band                       | Offertory |
| Aug. 9 <sup>th</sup>   | Sheila Molazadeh, Flute Solo      | Anthem    |
|                        | Caryl Williamson, Alto Solo       | Offertory |
| Aug. 16 <sup>th</sup>  | Michael Cruz, Tenor Solo          | Anthem    |
|                        | Praise Band                       | Offertory |
| Aug. 23 <sup>rd</sup>  | Kelly Reece, Soprano Solo         | Anthem    |
|                        | Susan McGuire-Kelly, Duet         | Offertory |
| Aug. 30 <sup>th</sup>  | Sheila Molazadeh, Flute Solo      | Anthem    |
|                        | Sheila Molazadeh, Flute Solo      | Offertory |
| Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Ken McCullen, Baritone, Duet      |           |
|                        | Susan McGuire, Soprano, Duet      | Anthem    |
|                        | Praise Band                       | Offertory |
| Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup> | CHOIR RETURNS                     |           |

## Greetings from Oregon~~~

I write to send a thank you from my son, John, and me for all the prayers and concern offered by members of PSPC as we traversed the difficult years of our wife and daughter-in-law's battle with cancer. Georgia's spiritual strength was an inspiration to all of us who knew her. On May 30, she willingly transitioned from her painful earthly home to the peaceful loving arms of our Lord.

She and John spent a week in Palm Springs in April and were so pleased to meet many of the PSPC prayer warriors who helped to sustain her during her seven year battle. She was grateful to receive our weekly blue prayer sheet showing her name. That was not an insignificant list in her mind, as she knew the value of intercessory prayers.

Additionally, I thank all of you who sent me e-mails, notes or phoned after my eye surgeries (in Denver, CO.) Living in a hotel room for a week helped me comply with the post-op instructions of doing nothing...with a capital "N." On my last check up, I was released to do "normal activities," except "move furniture." The surgery was a success and, hopefully, will control my low pressure glaucoma.

With all the support and prayers you provided for my family and me, is it any wonder on June 5, that I was too embarrassed to tell my friends at PSPC that I was again having serious conversations with the Lord due to a broken ankle? Playing catch-up with homeowner's tasks, after an unusual heavy rain storm meant cleaning much debris from the gutters from a big step ladder, something I've done often. But, this time cleaning was more extensive and the stepladder and I parted company when one leg bent after sinking into a concrete crawl space wall. I was hanging onto the gutter, and only dropped a few feet to the ground, but, unfortunately, I rolled my foot, which broke the tip off the tibia (shin bone) in the ankle. After finishing my work, I drove myself to the ER and that was the beginning of what seems to me to be "much to do about nothing." The orthopedic surgeon assures me this is not the case and a screw was necessary for a good bond if I wanted a stable ankle for the rest of my life. So, one surgery, now one big walking boot and three weeks later, I am still restricted from walking on my right foot...for another two weeks. Not only am I practicing my "patience," I am learning innovative ways to accomplish both necessary tasks and a few things, just to see if I can do it. The walker and the wheel chair wear me out and putting together the handy power scooter, kept in the trunk of my car, takes a minor engineering degree and a little strength, but I count my blessing to have such equipment available and loving family and friends to have stayed with me, helped me and laughed with me. (I'm a floor dweller...it's often easier.)

I'll use every form of mobility this weekend when the extended family has their annual camping outing. One more challenge and more creativity, but I'll master it somehow...maybe, with the help (?) and distraction of several little "go-fers," (grandchildren.)

An added note of interest regarding my activity, as a member of the National Response Team for the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, I was deployed to the Santa Barbara fires two days after making the seasonal move back to Oregon and prior to the eye surgery. A teammate and I were in contact with Executive Presbyterian Jan Armstrong and churches in the area. We thank God that the worst case scenario did not come to past and the fire crews saved the city from what was feared to be a catastrophic event.

Again, thank you for the thoughtful well wished sent my way. It is exciting to hear what is going on at PSPC. We are blessed to have so many dedicated people attending PSPC, generous supporters in the wings, and talented individuals working on all the needs of the church - Thank you. I look forward to my return this fall and again being part of "the little church that could."

In His Service,

Morella Larsen  
Affiliate Member





PSPC SHOPPING BAGS

The shopping bags are still available, but going fast! With our PSPC Logo on them, it's a great way to publicize our church! The cost is minimal... a \$5.00 donation for the larger bag and \$3.00 for the smaller one. What a wonderful way to help the environment.



The "5:59 Gathering"

The "5:59 Gathering" will meet next on Thursday, July 16th for another scrumptious meal and a program that will tickle our thinking and doing. Plan on participating.

The meal for our June 18th "5:59 Gathering" was prepared and brought by Brenda Erickson and it was fabulous!

*The best \$5.00 meal in Palm Springs or the Coachella Valley*

Other volunteers are wanted and needed

**See Jim DeHart to volunteer**



"THE SHACK"

A number of women in the church have been reading, or asking about, the popular book, "The Shack," and asking lots of good and thoughtful questions about it and what it implies: challenging, disturbing, theological, etc. Joyce Johnson, our Pastor's wife, has indicated she would be willing to lead a study/discussion of this book if enough are interested. **BUT**, you must read the book to be part of this study/discussion otherwise you will be lost in the thinking. **See, or call, Joyce if you are interested. 760 345-2993**

Following is a Letter from Gail & Cleo

Dear Friends at Palm Springs Presbyterian Church,

The big day is over but the joy is forever. Mother's birthday on June 7, 2009 was a great event. 46 family and very close friends attended the event at my daughter and son-in-laws home in Federal Way, WA. We kept the number small because of the tentativeness of the Seattle area weather. After a week of record temperatures, Sunday dawned overcast and a bit cool. By noon, it was balmy and pleasant although still overcast. I was so busy greeting family from the East Coast, California and all corners of WA that I took no pictures but hoping others did. Mother was so appreciative of the love and devotion she received from all present. Several said they had sent gifts in her honor for the P.S. Pres Church kitchen fund.

My son-in-law read the short poem Mom wrote for Pastor Bill and Joyce shortly before we left P.S. It was in the Lincoln format because she admires him so much. My sister read one of Mom's favorite poems, which she quoted all of our lives. It revealed how she viewed her role in life (at that time.) She says now she would need to change it a bit. She has survived very well indeed.

We wish all of you a beautiful summer. So let us know when the dedication of the church will be. We will fly down if it is not when my great grandbaby is due. I am hoping it will be in October or November. So more of us can be there

Till then, our love and affection to all.

*Cleo & Gail*



Editor's Note:

As Gail's note stated, Cleo with her loving heart, had requested the party guests to donate money to the church's kitchen fund rather than personal gifts to her. The love her friends and family have for her showed in their generous donation of \$800.00.

Palm Springs Presbyterian Church is blessed to have Cleo as a member and a loving friend.



To my dear PSPC friends,

It's hard to find the words to express how much I appreciated Ken & Dick's visits to the hospital (two times) & all the flowers, cards, calls, and peaches that came to my home. Such wonderful friends!

Thank you, thank you very, very much.

Margaret Norton



**PSPC SUMMER MISSION PROJECT**

The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission will hold its annual Backpack Giveaway on August 22nd for local children in need. This helps to ensure that they have a successful start to the new school year. If you would like to donate, the following items are needed to fill the backpacks:

- Backpacks-pencils
- Crayons-school glue
- Felt-tip markers/erasers
- Pencil sharpeners-safety scissors
- Notebook paper/pencil holders
- Colored pencils-blue/black pens-K-3 writing tablets
- Dictionaries-protractors-3-ring notebooks
- Gift cards to Wal-Mart, Target, K mart

or other retailers to purchase uniforms

A box will be in the Fellowship Hall by the Mission Table for your donations.

Thank you,  
Jackie, Susan & Margaret  
The Mission Committee



A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you "Know" what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father, "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy," the young boy replied excitedly, "**It stands for "Basic Information Before Leaving Earth."**"



Board of Deacons

**DEACON'S CORNER**

Is there a Sunday or Thursday 5:59 Gathering that you would like to join us at church but don't have a ride? Maybe you would like some conversation on your drive to and from church. Deacons would like to help! If you need a ride or if you are able to provide a ride, please call the church office or a Deacon and let us know. We will do the rest. We don't anyone who wants to be at church, let something as simple as a ride keeping you away. The Deacons will even pay for a taxi, if need be.

Please don't be shy about asking for a ride or think that your offer to provide a ride isn't needed. We are your church family and we want to be there for each other. See you at church!

Christine Lutke

Deacon, Chair



**BREAD BAKING FOR OUR FIRST-TIME GUESTS**

**Note:** *Lots of Churches do this:* Is there anyone (or, hopefully, more) out there who would be willing to bake very small loafs of some kind of delicious bread or a batch of mouth-watering cookies to give to our First Time Guests (Visitors) welcoming them to our church? A brief brochure about the church and what we are doing, would accompany the bread or cookies. A great way of welcoming first time guests during worship or immediately following worship. We can keep the bread or cookies in the freezer at church to be ready every Sunday (*and Pastor Bill will not give in to temptation!*) If interested, see Jim DeHart, Robert Kemp, or any of the Deacons



**2 cents a Meal Offering**

The 2 cents a Meal Offering goes towards alleviating hunger in the U.S. and the world through food programs for the poor, promoting free trade for locally produced products, promoting for wage campaigns and many other programs.

The following is an excerpt from a letter dated 12-21-05 from Dr. Barbara Nagy who is a doctor at a hospital in Malawi. "Dear Friends, Greetings from Malawi and joy and peace to you. We are getting lots and lots of rain, fields have been planted, and people are once again giving thanks for the start of another growing season. While the severe famine from last year will continue at least another three months, we have received gifts from many corners to help, and for the time being we have some food aid available. In particular, the orphan project and poor people from all of our congregations are receiving emergency food from the 2-Cents-a-Meal program, and the hospital has funds for feeding the many malnourished children on the children's ward. We are extremely grateful for this support, and are seeing daily, it's impact on the hungry around us. Children are admitted with severe edema from malnutrition, and as they get adequate food we see the "real children" emerge like butterflies from cocoons, able to sit up, smile, and play again. Still over 50 percent of the children's ward admissions suffer from acute or chronic malnutrition, and I will not feel satisfied until we have attacked this problem more at its root causes, a very long-term task.



**DID YOU KNOW?**

You can help fight against hunger, breast cancer, and etc; by going to [www.hungersite.com](http://www.hungersite.com) There is no cost to you as sponsors of the site cover the cost.

We can also support our military by sending free e-mail cards. The site is [www.letsaythanks.com](http://www.letsaythanks.com)



For One Another

**Donna Brenner** (Richard's sister-in-law)-Has begun chemotherapy & tolerating it well.

Pray for healing & strength

**Jace Hartog** (Marge Sheehan)-Air Force in Kuwait/Iraq

**Janet Vosey** (Marge Sheehan's daughter)-brain tumor. Pray for healing and strength

**Luella Hoover**-Cancer, pray for strength & healing

**Donna McCullen**-On chemotherapy. Pray for strength & healing

**Verna Cuthbert** (a much missed member, living in Florida)-recuperating from surgery on a perforated ulcer

**Morella Larsen**-Broke her ankle, Pray for healing

**The ladies at Hacienda Valdez**-Pray for emotional & spiritual well being

All of our brave men and women in the armed forces

**Palm Springs Presbyterian Church**-Pray for guidance and wisdom to make the best decision for the future of our church

**In Memoriam:**

In assurance of the Resurrection, the Congregation extends their sympathy to the family of Ronal Campbell (Lucile Kraehling's nephew) on the passing of Ronald on June 20, 2009

In assurance of the Resurrection, the Congregation extends their sympathy to the loved ones of Faye Conrad on her passing on April 24, 2009



**AMERICA**

Samuel Francis Smith, a Baptist pastor, wrote the hymn "America" in 1831. Smith was studying a tune he had never heard, although he knew the British used it for the hymn "God Save the King." The British had borrowed the tune from the Germans, who gave it patriotic lyrics.

Smith described what happened as he contemplated the tune: "I instantly felt the impulse to write a patriotic hymn of my own, adapted to the tune. Picking up a scrap of waste paper which lay near me, I wrote at once, probably within half an hour, the hymn "America," as it is now known everywhere."

Smith's friend and classmate Oliver Wendell Holmes once told him, "Your name and fame will live when I and my works are forgotten."



Many of the Snowbirds will have to wait until the fall to see 'Sabella's new hairstyle. She recently had her haircut and gave it to Wigs for Kids, which provides wigs for children who have lost their hair through medical or other circumstances. Her donated hair had to be 12 inches long in order to use it. Barbara and Harvey are doing a great job in training up a new member for the Mission Committee.

**Way to go 'Sabella!!**



**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 the church office, 320-2729



**ARE YOU LOOKING? CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE & EMAIL**

REMEMBER: Our email address is:

**pspresby@verizon.net**

**Our website is:**

**palmspringspresbyterian.com**

Please USE them; tell others!

Our new address is:

815 S. Camino Real at S. Riverside

Palm Springs, 92264

760 320-2769

**CALLING ALL MEN**

**Wednesday @ 7:00 AM**

**The Men's Bible Study** continues to be led by the dedicated leadership of Allen Perrier, on Wednesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall, meeting at 7:00 am with a study of the **Book of James**. What 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).



Many, many thanks to the men in the Men's Bible Study for painting the fence around the church; it looks Great!!!



**WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY IS ON SUMMER BREAK UNTIL NEXT FALL WATCH FOR ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Birthdays This Month**

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|------------------|----|
| Emilie Warren    | 15 |
| Mary Metz        | 16 |
| Jackie Morgan    | 21 |
| Gene Hempy       | 22 |
| Joyce Johnson    | 22 |
| Marilyn Eastman  | 23 |
| Sabella Trujillo | 23 |
| Lucile Kraehling | 24 |

If I have missed your birthday, please let Jackie know so you can be included next year. Thank you.



**From Brenda Erickson's Kitchen**  
**Black Bean Salsa**

Blend with whisk:

- 1/2 c lime juice
- 2 tbs. olive oil
- 1 tbs. cumin
- 3 tbs. honey

Add:

- 3 cans black beans, rinsed and drained
- 2 cans diced tomatoes \*w/flavoring of choice
- 1 1/2 c canned or frozen (thawed) white corn
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- Garnish with parsley

You can add whatever inspires you: avocado, cilantro. The key is the cumin with whatever \*"flavoring of choice" you use. It can be different every time!



**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  
**E-mail-** drwnj57@aol.com  
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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**SAVE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS**

The church is in the recycling business!!! We are collecting plastic bottles and aluminum cans and the money received from the recycling will be used for the maintenance of the landscaping. While helping the environment you will also be supporting "A Place of Our Own." Bring them with you when you come to church!



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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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