

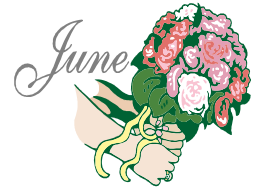


SONSHINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church June 2010

Pastor Bill's "June Jottings"

" Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing
praises to my God all my live long." (Ps. 146:1-2)



Praise is at the heart and soul of our faith in Christ. A life lived with praise in our hearts and minds, body and soul, is a life that is filled to overflowing. That is why we exist: to praise God and to enjoy God forever and ever. As the Shorter Catechism asks, "*What is the chief end (purpose) of man?*" and the answer: "*To glorify God and to enjoy God forever.*"

How much do you and I enjoy God? For me, the whole purpose of the church, of our lives in Christ, is to enjoy God forever and ever by worship, learning, and serving others. What about you?

As summer really begins to bear down on us with it's heat and empty streets, how are we using our time to praise God? Sitting around watching T.V., playing cards, floating in a swimming pool, or ? Do we use this time to help with VBS or to help plan for this fall at PSPC; to visit the sick and infirmed; to pray for others?

Most of us do not live in the exact neighborhood of our church, but wherever we live we have neighbors who do not go to church, who are not Christians, who are seeking something. Have you ever thought of inviting them into your home for a Bible study or to church for a Bible study or worship? But, if you invite someone you have to also bring them.

But, then, we need to reach out to this neighborhood. I see lots of young children, mostly Hispanic, walking to school every morning, hopefully VBS will reach some of them, but we could have people going into our nearby neighborhoods telling them about this wonderful church. Are you willing? Yes or No!

Much continues during the summer: the Men's Bible study on Wednesday mornings with Allen Perrier; a new Women's Summer Bible Study with the Rev. Sally Weber leading a study on I Corinthians she calls "***The Real Stuff of Christian Living is Love.***" Sounds neat! The "5:59 Gathering" goes to once a month, usually the 2nd Thursday of the month from June through September. But, as always, good/great food and a fun experience of learning and growing together.

Sundays continue with worship at 10:00 a.m.

*And, please, do not forget that the bills and cost factors continue for your church in the summer as much as they do the rest of the year. Your giving/tithing, and extra-gifts always are needed and help. **Thank you!***

As I wrote here the last two months, *there is so much to do and so little time and money with which to do it. But, I am confident God will supply all our needs! **God always does!*** But God says very clearly: You **are needed to get the job done!** Just look at the following:

Here are some of the things we have done since moving into "**A Place of Our Own**" (*a few are continuations from where we rented for over 20 years*): Just about all of these are open for the neighborhood and community as well as for our membership, affiliate members, winter residents, and guests:

Worship attendance during "the Season" packed to overflowing; two wonderful celebrations of Pentecost; Maundy Thursday Communion and Tenebrae; Easter celebration; Christmas Eve Communion; dedicating and then celebrating our first year here; fabulous music with the Celebration Band that is the envy of some churches; a great, dedicated Praise Choir; the instigation of a Website that keeps all up-to-date; the PowerPoint addition; the renovation of the kitchen, the chancel, the fountain, and the walkway (*thanks to a gracious anonymous gift*); the recent seminar on Alzheimer's Disease with Don Shepherd and 18 people participating; planning for Vacation Bible School; continuing our "5:59 Gathering;" "Souper Bowl Sunday;" hosting the Presbyterian Women's Tea; The Women's Retreat; the Men's Bible Study with Allen Perrier; the Women's Bible Study with Joyce Johnson; the Adult Bible study on Sunday morning Kerygma Bible Study with Dick Erickson; with the Summer Bible Study with the Rev. Sally Weber; members of our church reading with 3rd graders at the near-by Cahuilla School (*more volunteers wanted*); continuing to collect food and clothing for the *Well-in-the-Desert*; continuing our 2¢-a-meal offering going to the *Well-in-the-Desert* and to our *Presbyterian Hunger Fund*; fabulous participation and support of the *Presbyterian Disaster Assistance* (PDA) ministry with guidance from Morella Larsen; making and sending personal hygiene kits for PDA; the Heifer Project; gracious and generous giving to the *One Great Hour of Sharing* and the *Christmas Joy Offering*; a Wedding Mixer; three weddings were held in our Sanctuary; opening of the church for the *Tahquitz Creek Yacht Club* cleaning the creek once a month; a member (Elizabeth Morgan) attending the Youth Triennium this July from our Presbytery; a new Prayer Circle opportunity guided by Allen Perrier beginning later this summer; our very vital Prayer Chain (*prayers always needed*); the Disaster Preparedness Seminar (*for earthquakes, etc*) thanks to elder Fran Gotenstein; church Barbeques thanks to Harvey Stephens and friends; a Fall Rummage Sale coming for church and neighborhood; clothing to the Hacienda Valdez which is a house for women with an addiction; all the caring and helping the Deacons do; and so much more I am certain, but can't remember..

Frankly, I am almost exhausted listing all of this, but I am truly excited and joyful and thankful to be serving a congregation so engaged in God's work! For fun, I sometimes describe us to friends as "**A Mighty-Mouse Church**" at work for our Lord, making a difference! Seems to fit.

As I also wrote the last two months, *I want to assure all of us that I am convinced that this church has a great future; that is, I firmly believe God has a great future for us: a resurrection of sorts.*

How you and I respond will determine the results of God's future for PSPC.

May this summer bring you and your loved ones God's richest blessings, even as I remain, yours, in Christ's service,

Pastor Bill

William N. Johnson

"Interim" Pastor

REMEMBER: Next Deadline for July 2010 **SONSHINE** is June 16th.

Faith alone

"A man can accept what Christ has done without knowing how it works; indeed, he certainly won't know how it works until he's accepted it."

C S Lewis

WORSHIP SCHEDULE AND SERMONS FOR JUNE, 2010

June really begins summer for us. Some parts of Southern California experience "*June-gloom*" as the overcast and fog rolls in and out, but not here in this desert we love. For us, as we follow Jesus, we continue to live in "**Ordinary Times**" yet there is little ordinary about all this is going on in the world around us. So, how do we deal with the *ups and down, the good and bad, the moral and amoral, the ethical and unethical?* Only, I am convinced, by the power and presence of Christ in our lives. We will continue to look at "*Living in Ordinary Times*" for us as Christians as we gather to worship and to learn and to fellowship and to serve. Please read the Scripture passages I have noted with each sermon; invite and bring a friend; and grow together in the "*grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.*"

JUNE 06 ~ "The Spirit of Truth" - Pastor Bill

The Lord's Supper

Psalm 146:1-10; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17

JUNE 13 -- "Ah, Yes, Who Is a Sinner?"

Psalm 5:1-8; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36-8:3

JUNE 20 -- "The Amazing Jesus Today & Always"

Psalm 42:1-5; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39

JUNE 27 -- "Twenty-First Century Samaritans"

Psalm 77:1-3, 11-20; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62

Salad Potluck Luncheon

JULY 04 -- "How Much Is Your Faith Worth?"

The Lord's Supper

Psalm 30; Galatians 6:7-16; Luke 10:1-11; 16-20

4th of July Celebration

BIBLE QUIZ

Most Christians know the name of Jesus' earthly father, Joseph. But what was the name of Joseph's father?

Choose the right name below:

- A. James
- B. David
- C. Jacob
- D. Josiah

Answer: C. (See Matthew 1:16.)

HE'S TAKING ME HOME

A pastor had been on a long flight between church conferences. The first warning of the approaching problems came when the sign on the airplane flashed on: Fasten Your Seat Belts. Then, after a while, a calm voice said, "We shall not be serving the beverages at this time as we are expecting a little turbulence.

Please be sure your seat belt is fastened."

As the pastor looked around the aircraft, it became obvious that many of the passengers were becoming apprehensive. Later, the voice on the intercom said, "We are so sorry that we are unable to serve the meal at this time. The turbulence is still ahead of us." And then the storm broke . . .

The ominous cracks of thunder could be heard even above the roar of the engines. Lightning lit up the darkening skies, and within moments that great plane was like a cork tossed around on a celestial ocean. One moment the airplane was lifted on terrific currents of air; the next...it dropped as if it were about to crash.

The pastor confessed that he shared the discomfort and fear of those around him. He said, "As I looked around the plane, I could see that nearly all the passengers were upset and alarmed. Some were praying.

The future seemed ominous and many were wondering if they would make it through the storm. "Then, I suddenly saw a little girl. Apparently the storm meant nothing to her. She had tucked her feet beneath her as she sat on her seat; she was reading a book and everything within her small world was calm and orderly." "Sometimes she closed her eyes, then she would read again; then she would straighten her legs, but worry and fear were not in her world." When the plane was being buffeted by the terrible storm when it lurched this way and that, as it rose and fell with frightening severity, when all the adults were scared half to death, that marvelous child was completely composed and unafraid."

The minister could hardly believe his eyes.

It was not surprising therefore, that when the plane finally reached its destination and all the passengers were hurrying to disembark, our pastor lingered to speak to the girl whom he had watched for such a long

time. Having commented about the storm and the behavior of the plane, he asked why she had not been afraid. The child replied, "Cause my Daddy's the pilot, and he's taking me home."

There are many kinds of storms that buffet us. Physical, mental, financial, domestic, and many other storms can easily and quickly darken our skies and throw our plane into apparently uncontrollable movement. We have all known such times, and let us be honest and confess, it is much easier to be at rest when our feet are on the ground than when we are being tossed about a darkened sky.

Let us remember: Our Father is the Pilot. He is in control and taking us home. Don't worry!



PSPC SHOPPING BAGS **STILL AVAILABLE**

We always have shopping to do and it's nice to know that when we use OUR PSPC SHOPPING BAGS *we are also helping with the environment.* Do you have yours??? If you do not have one or two, we can help you change that. Talk with Jim DeHart or Jackie Morgan.



LADIES BIRTHDAY LUNCHEONS

Although our lovely "snowbird" ladies have left for the summer, there were a hardy group of seven "Desert Mice" enjoying the May birthday luncheon at Escena Grill located in Palm Springs which opened last November. We enjoyed the nice weather, chatting with each other and a tasty lunch on the patio, overlooking a lovely pool and golf course.

We will continue to meet the last Tuesday of the month during the summer months so keep your eyes open for the sign up sheet that is always available in the fellowship hall at the end of each month.



SAVE YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES

The Palm Springs High School Band is collecting used ink cartridges to help finance their trip to Costa Rica next year. You can put the used cartridges in the jar on Jackie's desk. Thanks for your help.

The "5:59 Gathering" will gather on the second Thursday of June: June 10th at 5:59p.m for a delicious barbeque and a program that will help us in our faith living. Pastor Bill will of course, tell some of his crazy jokes before eating! And, as always, we will have some of the best Palm Spring's meals for only \$5.00!



SESSION MEETING

SESSION NOTES HIGHLIGHTS

The Session met for it's regular meeting on Wednesday, May 19 in the church's social hall at 9:30 a.m. Present were all Elders except for Sue Cooper and Fran Gotenstein who were excused. Also present was the Rev. Sylvia Karcher from the Congregational Nurture Team of Presbytery. Pastor Bill led in a devotional from the Book of Order, *which refers to what the church*, has accomplished in our first year here. The Session then opened with prayer sharing a number of concerns and joys.

Session heard reports from the Clerk of Session, Jim DeHart, regarding "requirements" from the Presbytery's Policy and Records committee.

Session heard from most committees and acted accordingly.

Session received the written report from the Deacons presented by Deacon Robert Kemp.

Session heard reports on the church's finances noting that it is imperative that, during the slow summer months, we need to receive enough monies to pay our bills, etc. Please, all help generously.

Session approved a Bake Sale for June 13 sponsored by the Session inviting the

Deacons and others to share. The purpose of the Bake Sale is to help defray the cost of youth from our Presbytery attending the Triennium this July.

Session members Jackie Morgan and Margaret Pace will attend the Presbytery meeting on June 8 at the Victoria Presbyterian Church.

Session adjourned about 10:55 a.m. with Pastor Bill complementing them on a job well done and the Rev. Sylvia Karcher closing with prayer.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

To Members and friends of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church. We will be collected food for VBS children for the week of June 21 to June 25. Children will participate in creating and preparing snacks each day using a theme based on the daily Bible Story.

There is a specific list of foods that will be noted below. Please take a poster of the Ship's Barrel Chest and fill out the form telling which item you will provide. Return the Colored Barrel paper with the food item to Jim by Thursday, June 17.

Any questions may be answered by Jan Perrier or Joyce Johnson.

Food items (see the sheets in Fellowship Hall for filling out)

- Mon. Pringles baked Wheat Stix
15 oz. Bag of square Pretzels
42 oz large bag of M & M's
16 oz large bag of small marshmallows
Large box Honey Nut Cheerios
- Tues. 2 16 oz tubs of Ranch Dip
1 or 2 8 oz oblong cheddar cheese blocks
1 large bag of bite size blue corn chips
- Wed. Blue Jello (4 large packages)
1/2 large tubs of regular Cool Whip or store brand
1 box of vanilla wafers
1 small bag of gummy worms

40 clear plastic 8 oz wide standing (punch) cup

Thurs. 13.5 oz box Choc. Graham cracker crumbs
2 Large (21 oz) cans of cherries as for pie
1 16 oz tub regular Cool Whip or generic

Fri. Fresh fruit pieces
Red, green grapes, watermelon, Cantaloupe cubes, pineapple chunks



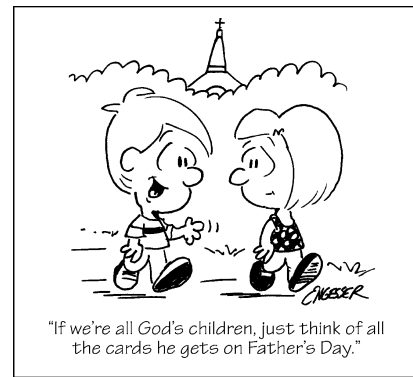
FATHER'S DAY
more than a day

Father's Day was first observed in America in 1910. In 1923 the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.

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It Is now GETTING HOT Outside!!!
BUT GETTING WARMER
The Well in the Desert:
Food & Clothing Needed.

Remember:
Jesus said, "If your neighbor doesn't have a coat, and you have two, give your neighbor one of them!"
The **Well in the Desert** still needs support. Now that we are well settled doesn't mean that we can forget the needs of the Well-in-the-Desert ~ they still need our support. Keep up the good work with food, clothing, blankets, money, water, etc. Bring your donation on Sunday mornings, leave them by the front door in the box marked "**Well-in-the-Desert.**" Also, remember that the "**2¢-a-Meal**" also helps the **Well** ~ 1/2 to the **Well** and 1/2 to the **Presbyterian Hunger Fund!** And, Pastor Bill recently said, "We really could up that to "**5¢-a-meal!!!**" They are usually picked up first thing Monday morning. Also, remember that the "**2¢-a-Meal**" also helps the **Well** ~ 1/2 to the **Well** and 1/2 to the **Presbyterian Hunger Fund!** Maybe we should up that to "**5¢-a-meal!!!**" Let's all join together in bringing an extra can or two or three to help feed the hungry or bring in some no-longer used coats, sweaters, shirts, shoes, socks, etc. Thank you.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW AND EXCITING WEBSITE & EMAIL

REMEMBER: Our email address is:

info@ps-pc.com

Our website is:

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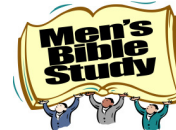
Please USE them; tell others!

Our new address is:

815 S. Camino Real at S. Riverside

Palm Springs, 92264

760 320-2769



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The men's bible discussion group meets each Wednesday morning at 7:00 A.M. in the social hall. Allen Perrier leads the discussion centered on the Lord's Last Supper in the Book of John. Following the discussion, the men leave for breakfast at a local restaurant. Join us.

Allen Perrier, Elder

The Deacon's meeting was held May 9th after Worship services, and a after enjoying the wonderful baked goodies Kathy Smith and her Flock 2 members provided for our fellowship with church members and friends. All deacons were present except for Richard Brenner, & Audrey Bergquist who is recovering at home after a fall she had which required surgery with a short hospital stay. We all look forward to her being back with us soon. Our prayer chain is going well.

Remember, if you are in need of prayers or if you have a praise to share with us, please call Robert Kemp. (760) 778-6810.

Summer is here, and I'm sure many of us will be off for a vacation or looking for cooler temperatures. The Deacon's felt it would be best not to hold our meetings during June, July, August and September. We will stay in touch with the church members and friends in our flocks. We are here for you. Check your March 2010 Directory if you need us, we are a telephone call away. Our next deacon meeting will be held October 10, following Worship and Fellowship with refreshments. We will have Deacon's Corner in the Sonshine during the summer months and we will keep you up to date with our news. Check us out, and we welcome your suggestions, always. Thank you, have a great summer and Blessings to all.

Virginia Allen
Deacon Moderator



SUMMER BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN

Leader: the Rev. Sally Weber
I Corinthians

"The Real Stuff of Christian Living is Love"

10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

In the church's Fellowship Hall



SUNDAY SCHOOL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Meets each Sunday, at 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. The course of study is from the Kerygma "Discovering the Bible" series and led by Dick Erickson

CHURCH

Bake Sale

THE CHURCH'S BAKE SALE

JUNE 13th

BAKERS AND BUYERS NEEDED!!

The purpose of the Bake Sale is to help defray the cost of the youth from our Presbytery attending the Triennium this July.



WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Pastor Bill will be back from his vacation and June is setting up to be a big month. The choir will sing until July 4th and Vacation Bible School will start June 21st. A big undertaking and hopefully many children will take advantage of a great program.

After July 4th, the summer will be filled with singers from our choir, instrumentalists, and guest singers. You are going to hear some great music and some classical music from Alex.

Have a wonderful summer, and you can always reach me in Oak Harbor, WA. at 1 360 682-5204 or on my cell phone #1 760 600-6266. Enjoy!!

Eeri Bintliff
Elder, Music & Worship



WHY FLAG DAY IS IMPORTANT

America was founded as a “nation under God,” and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries — and some of our own citizens — are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we’re still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There’s a simple way you can help show that to the world — by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you’re saying, “I’m an American and proud of what this flag represents.” The flag stands for “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness,” for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

Flag Day is celebrated each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!



CENTERING PRAYER

Are you interested in something new? Well, not so new. Beginning in July at 8:00pm every Tuesday evening, we will have Centering Prayer here in the church. Centering Prayer involves meditation, contemplation, silence and much more which enables us to have a mysterious union with God. Allen Perrier will lead the group in prayer.

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THE PROMISE OF CHRIST

The 14th chapter of John’s gospel contains this promise our Lord gave his disciples: “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate (sometimes translated Comforter), to be with you forever” (John 14:15-16, NRSV).

Jesus added: “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live” (John 14:18-19).

What a wonderful promise! Jesus knew he would be dying. He knew the disciples would see his resurrected body. But even after Jesus ascended into heaven, the disciples wouldn’t be alone. The Holy Spirit would come to comfort and embolden them.

“[My] peace I leave with you,” Jesus concluded. “Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid” (John 14:27).



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, 320-2769



BAKING FOR OUR FIRST-TIME VISITORS

It is quite obvious that this program has been successful, and appreciated by our visitors. If you wish to contribute to the endeavor, please call Frances at (760) 320-2025 who will be glad to bag and tag your contributions.

Frances Gatenstein
Elder, Evangelism & Outreach



SAVE YOUR BOTTLES AND CANS

The church is collecting glass and plastic bottles and aluminum cans. If you have recycling, you can leave it in the church office for Harvey Stephens who is heading up the recycling drive.



PSPC IS HAVING A RUMMAGE SALE IN THE FALL!

Save your gently used items that you no longer need. You can bring smaller items to the church but hold larger items until the fall if you can. If you cannot hold them, call Harvey Stephens and he will arrange to pick them up and store them until the time of the sale.



As the weather is getting warmer, the recipes served on Souper Bowl Sunday will take a summer hiatus and return in the fall.

Following is a nice cool one for the summer months.

From Lucile Kraehling's Kitchen

Frosty Strawberry Squares

- 1 c flour
- 1/4 c brown sugar
- 1/2 c nuts (chopped)
- 1/2 c butter, melted

Mix and spread in shallow pan and bake at 350 deg. For 20 minutes. When cool, crush into crumbs.

- 1 c white sugar
- 2 c fresh strawberries, sliced

Combine in large bowl.

- 1 tbsp fresh lemon juice
- 2 egg whites

Beat at high speed to stiff peaks. Fold egg whites and strawberries into one 8-ounce carton Cool Whip. Put 2/3 crumbs in a 9x13 inch pan. Spoon mixture over crumbs and add remaining crumbs on top. Freeze for 6 hours or over night.

Frozen berries may be used. One 10 oz package of berries, reduce sugar to 2/3 c. Be sure to cover your pan. It's great for several weeks.

Enjoy!!



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

**Sonshine
Deadline
June 16th**

Please send articles to my home by
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Thank you



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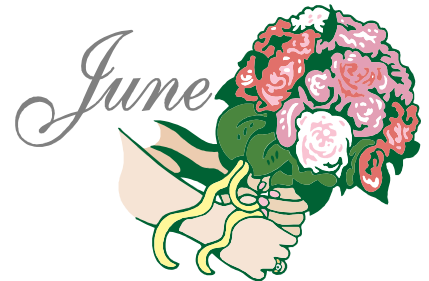
The purpose of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church is to proclaim the Good News of God by reaching out to others and inviting them into a new relationship with Jesus Christ. We commit ourselves, therefore, to be a center for spiritual growth and friendship, where the teachings of Jesus Christ are faithfully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

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