



SONSHINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church August/September



Pastor Bill's "August & September "Ramblings"

(Psalm 111:1-2 nrsv)

Wow! As I was walking into a meeting at Presbytery toward the end of July, I was told that "our" church, PSPC, is the **NUMBER 1** giver in *per capita giving* to Presbyterian Mission Causes in the Presbytery of Riverside! That is out of 30++ Presbyterian Churches in our Presbytery. Bravo and thank you. That includes: General Mission, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Christmas Joy Offering, the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and much more. I hope and pray that, even during these difficult economic times, we will keep this example going for our Presbytery; this makes reaching out to others in Christ's name possible. *Thank you and God bless your graciousness in returning to God of the blessings God has given us.*

As you might guess, this issue of *The Sonshine* is for two months: August and September. Even Margaret's and Jackie's computers need a bit of a vacation and rest as do they!

I am delighted to report that not only is worship participating holding up in this hot, hot weather, but our finances, although far from perfect and not quite hitting the mark on what is needed, is looking better and better thanks to you and your response to all God has given you and me.

Now, we have to begin planning for this coming fall and winter: Sermons, the 5:59 Gathering, Bible studies for women and men, involvement in the neighborhood and community, reaching out to those around us.....

We were created and born to worship God; Thus:
Sundays continue with worship at 10:00 a.m.

You know what I love about PSPC? YOU! The people of PSPC are grand, gracious, and generous. Warm and welcoming. Prayerful and giving. I strongly believe we are growing our understanding of what it means to be followers of Jesus and, frankly, I can think of nothing better.

Again, did you also know that five of our members were reading tutors this spring at the Cahuilla School for 3rd graders: *Sue Cooper, Joyce Johnson, Margaret Pace, Jan Perrier, and Barbara Stephens?* Great mission, outreach, and service. More readers could be used next year beginning in either September or October. Contact Joyce Johnson if interested.

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I am going to keep saying this and hope/pray that you agree:

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 which is happening.

But you and I have to do our parts! Are you?

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

May this Summer continue to 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



Worship Schedule and Sermons for August - September, 2010

Summer is HOT in Palm Springs (duh!) and many escape to cooler climates. But *"it is cool to be hot in PS in August and September!"* Our faith in Jesus is HOT and EXCITING and CHALLENGING and COMFORTING. So much around us in the world from secularism to Islam is attacking our faith in Christ so how are you and I responding to these attacks? During August and September, and even into October, Pastor Bill will be doing a series on **"How our faith in Christ makes us stronger in our community, state, nation, and world as individuals and as the church."** Bring friends. We will also, when Pastor Bill and Joyce are gone for vacation, have some outstanding Worship Leaders and Preachers: the Rev. Sally Weber (*who is already active in PSPC*); the Rev. Dr. Chuck Hammond, former Moderator of the General Assembly; the Rev. Pat Stout, and ?????? So, here is what is happening:

Aug. 01st -- **"All One in Christ"** - and the Lord's Supper by Intinction
Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Aug. 08th -- **"How Do You Define and Live Faith?"**
Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40

Aug. 15th -- **"The Power of Faith and Fellowship"**
Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56

Aug. 22nd -- **"Are You Refusing Christ's Call?"**
Psalm 71:1-6; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

Aug. 29th -- The Rev. Sally Weber ~ **"????"** --- Potluck Salad Luncheon
Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:7-14

Sept. 05th -- The Rev. Sally Weber ~ **"????"** The Lord's Supper by Intinction
Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33

Sept. 12th -- Guest Preacher **"?????"**
Psalm 14; I Timothy 1:12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sept. 19th -- The Rev Dr. Chuck Hammond, Guest Worship leader and preacher ~ **"????"**
Psalm 79:1-9; I Timothy 2:1-17; Luke 16:1-13

Sept. 26th -- The Rev. Pat Stout ~ "???" ~ Potluck Salad Luncheon
Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16; I Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31

Oct. 03rd -- "**Gratitude or Shame?**" Pastor Bill has returned. The Lord's Supper by Intinction
Psalm 137; II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10



**Do You Know ??
Do You Help??
Are You Helping?**

Bills and costs continue; your continued support of PSPC even if you are away, is so deeply appreciated. God's work always continues and, so it seems, does the cost of electricity, water, maintenance, salaries and all the rest. So, **Thank you!** for your continued prayers and support, including financial support. (**Ooops**, if you are away, just send your check to the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church as a number of you are already doing! with thanks and appreciation.)



Prayer Commitment

As members and friends of PSPC, we should commit some time every week or day, praying for the church and God's guidance in the future. How much time? That's between you and God. But, **prayer does** make a difference! Call Jackie at the church office and sign up on the Prayer Calendar. The number is 760 320-2769.

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God's Powerful Word

The Bible contains about 800,000 words, depending on the translation. This is about four times as many words as are found in a book of average length.

Although the Bible is so long and deals with the greatest themes that can engage the human mind, its vocabulary is singularly limited. It uses only 6,000 different words, a very small number compared to the 20,000 words that Shakespeare employed while writing his plays.

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PSPC Summer Mission Project

The Coachella Valley Rescue Mission is holding its annual Backpack Giveaway on August 28th for local children in need. This helps to ensure that they have a successful start to the new school year. You were so generous last year donating many items to fill the backpacks and if you would like to help again this year, the following items are needed.

- Backpacks-pencils
- Crayons-school glue-glue sticks
- Felt-tip markers-eraser-protractors
- Pencil sharpeners-safety scissors
- Notebook paper-pencil holders
- Colored pencils-blue/black pens-K-3 writing tablets-legal pads-spiral notebooks
- Subject dividers-calculators-dictionaries
- 3-ring notebooks

All items need to be donated before August 25th and a box will be in the Fellowship Hall by the Mission bookcase.

Thank you,
Barbara, Brenda, Jackie, Susan & Margaret
The Mission Committee



On Sunday, July 25th, we welcomed our new member



Nancy Spencer

It Took a Miracle!

“How did I find this church?”

The Lord showed the way. The music, the worship, focus upon scripture reading, the inspiring sermons proclaiming God’s love and salvation through Christ, plus the friendly welcoming congregation...what a FIND!

Childhood was filled with wheat fields in Oklahoma, wide open spaces, summer gardening, canning and preserving; feeding livestock, country roads, cellars during cyclones, family meals for five girls and one boy, prayers, music and attending the Methodist Church.

My world widened with college, and my first job as a secretary. I moved to Los Angeles and after Summer Bible Camp at Thousand Pines, the vision of God through Bible study and knowing that I must answer His call as a disciple; Tenth Ave. Baptist Church was my “home” church as I attended California Baptist College and California Baptist Theological Seminary to enter the field of Christian Education.

I moved to Oregon and taught high school for twenty three years.

Upon retirement, and through friends I found the Community Presbyterian Church at Oakland, OR where I served in teaching and the music program. I met Sally Weber who was serving as pastor and became close friends sharing a home and expenses. It was great to have Bible discussions and prayers together.

It took miracles to move to Desert Hot Springs. “Sizing down”, selling the home in Oregon, major surgery and best of all, finding this church. Miracles!



Available - PSPC Shopping Bags

A new law may be coming into effect soon when stores will start charging for plastic bags. As good stewards of God’s creation, we can start **NOW** by purchasing **OUR PSPC SHOPPING BAGS** and help with the environment. Do you have yours??? If not, see either Jim DeHart or Jackie Morgan and they will see that you get some.



Ladies Birthday Luncheons

Several ladies celebrated the July birthdays at Margarita’s Restaurant in Palm Springs, and enjoyed a wide variety of the tasty lunches. As always there was lots of laughter and great stories going around the table. 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.



"5:59 Gathering"

“Rediscovering God in America”

on Thursday, Aug. 19th

and

“?????????????” on Sept. 9th

The **“5:59 Gathering”** will gather on the THIRD Thursday in August, the 19th, to see the second half of the DVD "Rediscovering God in America" that was so well received in July! Don't miss this Gathering. Then, on the second Thursday of September, the 9th, at 5:59p.m. for another delicious meal and an incredible mystery program called **?????????** Pastor Bill will of course, share some of his crazy jokes before eating! And, as always, for only \$5.00, we will have some of the best Palm Spring's meals



Are You Looking For Something Exciting And 21st Century With It? Check Out Our New Website @ ps-pc.com

Listen to music, hear Scripture and sermons, grow in faith, bring a friend or neighbor who is not involved in a church.

REMEMBER: Our email address is: **info@ps-pc.com**

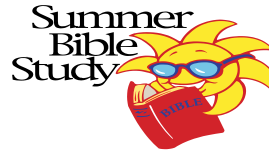
Our Website is: **ps-pc.com**
Please USE them; Tell others!

Our new address is:
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Men's Bible Study

Each Wednesday morning at 7:00 A.M. the men's bible discussion group meets in the Fellowship hall. They are being led by Allen Perrier and studying I John. After each meeting, the men leave for breakfast at a local restaurant. Come and join us for an uplifting day!



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



Centering on Prayer

Centering Prayer

Centering Prayer meets every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It involves meditation, contemplation, silence and much more which enables us to have a mysterious union with God. Allen Perrier leads the group in prayer.



Session Notes

The Session did not meet for its regular meeting in July because there was not enough required business; no sense in meeting just to meet. Nevertheless, the Session met on Sunday, July 4 to: 1) act on a concern to update and correct our watering system for the church yard: approved at \$1,100.00; 2) to consider possibly selling the Timeshare in Florida given to the church by the Henderson's; in process; and 3) to receive Elder Nancy Spencer as a member transferring from the United Presbyterian Church in Oregon. She was welcomed by the congregation on Sunday, July 25th.

Next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 18th at 9:30 a.m. if there is enough business to warrant a full meeting.

As I begin this column today, July 14th in Omaha, Nebraska, the temperature is 96 degrees with the humidity at 80%. My errands are on a hold for another day as I sit here in our lovely air-conditioned apartment,

thanking God for this comfort he has provided for us. IT IS HOT-HOT!!!

Through email & cell phone, I am in touch with the Deacons at PSPC, and they inform me, all is quiet. They continue to work together taking care to put the flowers on the communion table each Sunday for Worship Services and to provide the refreshments each Sunday after Worship Service. All of the deacons are staying in touch with the members assigned to their flocks.

Just before I left Palm Springs for the summer, Ruth Ash and I made another visit to the Hacienda Valdez in Desert Hot Springs, taking many boxes and bags of clothing, many of you donated, to these ladies in rehab. They gave us a grand tour of the entire facility and explained all the services that are provided for these ladies. They are very appreciative for all the help PSPC and deacon's do for them. They refer to us as their guardian angels.

I am attending Dundee Presbyterian Church during the summer months. It is always so nice to return each year, be welcomed back and renew friendships. This church was founded in 1901 and has 1100 members. I love to brag about PSPC, how after many years of hard work, lots of prayers, and a strong determination, we were finally able to buy and move onto "A PLACE OF OUR OWN" in March, 2009. They enjoy my story, and pray with me for our church to grow.

I miss all of you. I will be back later, with more news for the "SONSHINE."

Blessings to you,
Virginia Allen
Deacon-Moderator



Save Your Bottles and Cans

The church is in a recycling mode by collecting glass and plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Since January, \$241.00 has been raised (that's a lot of soda pop!) If you have recycling, you can leave it in the church office for Harvey Stephens who is heading up the recycling drive.



Worship and Music

Life on Whidbey is just about like we would have guessed. If it is a sunny day, we might have 2 or even 3 in a row, then the fog sets in and sun doesn't peek through until 2 or 3 PM. A might chilly it is, and everyone laughs at us because we are cold. I see you have had some nice "warm" days. Lucky you!!! I have been following the services and the music except for the one Sunday that didn't record and I was so anxious to hear Lucille's solo. I know it was great so thanks Lucille. Also listened to Larry and Marge Harris singing, "Whispering Hope" and know they are now on their vacation. Sunday at my church here, a member played a sensational sax solo called "I Am" and prefaced it with Bible verse's about God telling us what his name is. It was beautiful.

Hope you are all enjoying the summer music and if you are brave, there are some spots for the offertories that need filling. Hope you are all finding a cool spot to relax in.



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.



Baking For Our First-Time Visitors

Although it is summer, we have had a number of visitors joining us for worship and they enjoy the gifts of baked goodies from the congregation. If you wish to contribute by baking cookies, small breads, etc, please call Frances at (760) 320-2025 who will be glad to bag and tag your contributions.



From Kathy Smith's Kitchen

Chicken Salad with Peanut Sauce Dressing

8 ounces dry spaghetti (whole wheat & durum blend works best).

Break pasta into smaller pieces. Cook pasta, drain, and rinse with cold water. Drain thoroughly and set aside.

- 2 c diced cooked chicken
- 1 c shredded carrots
- 2 c julienned fresh snow peas
- 4 green onions, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced

DRESSING:

In a large bowl, whisk the following ingredients:

- 1/2 jar (7 ounces) Fresh & Easy Peanut Sauce
- 1 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger root
- 2 tbsp fresh lime juice (about 2 limes)
- 2 tbsp low sodium soy sauce
- 2 tbsp rice wine vinegar
- 1/2 tsp red pepper flakes

Add chicken and vegetables to the mixing bowl and combine with dressing. Chill for several hours to let flavors meld.

Note: All items can be purchased at Fresh & Easy grocery stores (including the cooked chicken).

Serves 6



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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Cell phone-(818) 314-5104

Sonshine Deadline

Sept. 21st

Please send articles to my home by

Fax: 329-8084 or e-mail: maggie1952@roadrunner.com

Thank you



Happy Birthday!

AUGUST

Karol Egan	2
Earl Siems	8
Harry Henderson	17
Marilyn Walker	18
Evelyn Wulf	27

SEPTEMBER

Howard Webb	7
Morella Larson	9
Richard Brenner	17
Bruce Smith	19
Barbara Stephens	30
Jenny Newell	30

The Sonshine always wants to recognize birthdays so if I have missed your birthday, please let Jackie know



P.S. High School Band

Save Your Used Ink Cartridges

To help finance their trip to Costa Rica next year, the Palm Springs High School Band is collecting used computer ink cartridges. A collection jar is sitting on Jackie's desk. Thank you for your help.



PSPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Closed on Friday



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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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