



SONSHINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church December 2010

Pastor Bill's "Delicious December"

(John 3:16 nrsv)



December is here and I have a love/hate affair with it: I love the anticipation of celebrating Jesus' birth; I hate the crowds in stores but I love the crowds in Church; I love the glorious music and I hate the barely audible elevator music in stores; I love the smell of food cooking and I hate the calories the come with it; I love the glorious story of the Grace of God coming in Jesus and I get frustrated over those who want to shush us up in political correctness; I love seeing our Winter Residents (*aka Snow-Birds*) as they return to worship with us but I am not at all happy with the slower and more crowded roads and traffic. And so here we are in the **Advent**; **Christmas** is just around the corner and then, believe it or not, comes January 2011, *but we will worry about that later.*

Advent: that time of incredible anticipation awaiting the celebration of the coming of our Lord Jesus into this world as one of us; we call that the **Incarnation**. And, yes, as we move through December we are surrounded by commercials and sales pitches (*and there is really nothing wrong with that*) but we must not forget what **Advent** and **Christmas** is truly about: the coming of Jesus, of God, into our midst as one of us. Remember what the prophet Isaiah said some six to seven hundred years earlier in his book, (Isaiah 9:6 nrsv):

"For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named

Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

For us, that is what **Advent** and **Christmas** is all about. And in the Gospels, Matthew quotes Isaiah when he says,

"Look the virgin (Hebrew: Young Woman) shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel which means, 'God is with us.'"

God is with us! Imagine! The greatest gift the world has ever seen or experienced.

And then Luke picks up the angels singing words we will never forget, remembering that the shepherds heard the Good News of Jesus' birth as the angels praised God, singing,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favors."

Incredible Good News that has changed millions, billions of lives over the last 2000+ years. It is always heart-warming to me to see and hear of places - churches and secular places that have great concerts centered on Christmas and that majestic **"Hallelujah Chorus"** by G. F. Handel! The world cannot keep this quiet!

Granted, many businesses and others see this as a time to make money and hire more employees, while a few politicians and others want to shut us up if we try to say anything publicly or if we want a *nativity scene* in a public arena or anything like that; they are like the wiggly, slippery, giggly, without form, **Jello** I mentioned the first Sunday in November. Thanks to some in our church, we have a gift for you to wear that is appropriate for this **Advent/Christmas** time. I hope you will take that little pin/button called "Merry Christmas" wear it, share it and when a shop-keeper or clerk says, *"Happy Holidays"* come back with *"And Merry Christmas to you!"* and offer them one of the little pins/buttons if they are interested. We have enough for you to have a few extras to give away.

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And, if you haven't seen it yet, look at our church and the church yard as we are preparing to celebrate **Christmas**. Beautiful with many thanks to Elder Margaret Pace and her Christmas decorating committee for their thoughtful and beautiful work.

God has blessed us and we are thankful for the gift of every member, every affiliate member, every Winter Resident and every guest who comes through our doors: you are all gifts from God. Please look elsewhere in the **SONSHINE** to see information and pictures of our newest members who were received by Session and Welcomed by the congregation.

Pastor Bill
William N. Johnson

P. S. Don't forget: we are having a Christmas Eve Communion and Candle-light Service at 7:00p.m., December 24th. Bring neighbors and friends for a wonderful, memorable service of celebrating Jesus' birth.

Worship Schedule and Sermons for December, 2010

That we live in times not so predictable goes without saying, but the Good News of Jesus Christ remains strong, solid, clear, constant. Advent and Christmas are uniquely Christian celebrations but we get caught up in all the business of the commercial world and parties - and that is not bad in of itself. But, the purpose of the church and these sermons as we gather to worship our Lord and Savior is to remember to whom we belong and why we are here. We are truly blessed but do we share those blessings? We have so much but do we thank God for those blessings?

This Advent and Christmas is a time to reflect on all that God has done and what Jesus means to us and to this world whether they know it or not. So, take advantage of Advent and Christmas to bring a neighbor, a friend, someone without a church home so that they too might be touched by the Grace of God in Jesus whose birth we celebrate.

"Preaching," said Pastor Bill, "is much better when it is a dialogue than as a monologue; reading the scripture passages ahead of time makes it more of a dialogue."

Remember: during the Sundays in Advent we will be lighting the **Advent Wreath candles** and singing lots of our favorite and memorable songs.

Dec.05th ~ **"One Faith; Many Religions"**

Second Sunday in Advent

The Lord's Supper

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19; Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12



2ND SUNDAY @ Advent

Dec. 12th ~ **"Christmas: A Gift or a Struggle?"**

Third Sunday in Advent

Psalm 146:5-10; James 5:7-12; Matthew 11:2-11



3RD SUNDAY @ Advent

Dec. 19th ~ **"God's Gift or a Santa Myth?"**

Fourth Sunday in Advent

Psalm 80:1-7, 19; Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25



4TH SUNDAY @ Advent

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Dec. 24th ~ **"In the Quietness of the Night"**

Christmas Eve - 7:00p.m.

Communion

Psalm 96; Isaiah 9:2-7; Luke 2:1-14

Dec. 26th ~ **"On Being a Pioneer"**

First Sunday after Christmas

Potluck Luncheon

Psalm 148:1-4, 7-9, 13-14; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Jan. 02, 2011 ~ **"New Life for a Dying World"**

The Lord's Supper

Psalm 147:12-20; Ephesians 1:3-14; *John1:1-9, 16

A Question on Sermon Preparation

A couple of weeks ago someone asked me how much time do I, or do other pastors, spend in preparing a sermon. My answer is simple yet complex: my "rule of thumb" is that I spend approximately one hour of preparation for every minute "preached." That adds up to approximately 10 hours for a 10 minute meditation to 20 hours for a 20 minute sermon. That one hour includes research, writing and re-writing, prayer and lots of prayer, and, of course, reading, rereading and even translating the passage from either the Greek or Hebrew and researching contemporary issues to which these Biblical passages speak. That does not include time "looking ahead" using or not using the Lectionary to set up a several-month-in-advance preaching schedule; that is at least another full day or more a month to do that. This is my way of seeking and responding to the guidance of the Holy Spirit week after week in preparing something for you. I cannot speak for other pastors, but this is my "rule of thumb" and practice for almost 50 years. I hope my sermons sound like it for I love sharing my understanding of God's work and will in our lives today!

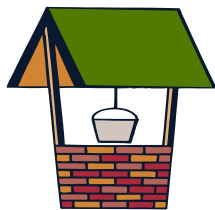
Sunday Coffee Hour Update

One of the things we do so very well, and to which we invite all of our Sunday morning guests, is our Coffee/Tea/Cookie/Donut **Coffee Hour** immediately following worship on Sundays. Because of the increasingly larger worship participation we will be serving all the "goodies" both in the Social Hall and outside in our lovely patio by the bubbling fountain; tables and chairs will be available in both locations. Please feel free to enjoy "goodies" and fellowship in either place after introducing yourself to a first-time guest and then introducing them to some of your friends.



Thank You For The Flowers

We are certain that you have noticed the beautiful Petunias planted all around the church; those are the gift of an anonymous giver who raises flowers and has a small nursery near here. Many thanks for the beauty he gave us. Also, thanks to Robert Kemp who planted them just before the Rummage Sale. What a gift!



Two of Our Missions!

Well-in-the-Desert

Presbyterian Hunger Fund

Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me."

The **Well-in-the-Desert** is one of our Key Mission Projects. You can help by bringing canned food (pop-tops are great), water, clothing, blankets, etc. that are picked up every Monday morning by the **Well**.

Also, our monthly **"2 Cents-a-Meal"** special offering goes to both the Well and to the **Presbyterian Hunger Fund**: 50% each. These are both very concrete ways **YOU** can help our hurting neighbors. Thank you for being so generous especially in these difficult times that have hurt so many.



Are You Looking For Something Exciting?

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. Take your laptop to a shut-in and share this wonderful gift with them or, if they have a computer, show them how to get us on the internet. What a great gift.

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

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

Our address is:
815 S. Camino Real at S. Riverside
Palm Springs, 92264
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"5:59 Gathering"

The "5:59 Gathering"

Thursday, December 9th

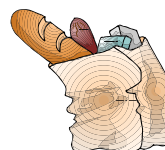
"I Believe! Do You?"

ALL ARE INVITED TO COME, EAT, FELLOWSHIP AND LEARN TOGETHER

The **"5:59 Gathering"** will gather on the second Thursday of December, Dec. 9th at 5:59p.m. for another delicious meal and continuing the series Pastor Bill calls **"I Believe! Do You?"** which is about the historic creeds and confessions of the Church. This session we will look at only one of the great, historic creeds of the church: the **Westminster Confession of Faith** which has been a stronghold for our historic Reformed/Presbyterian/Calvinist Churches for over 400 years. Pastor Bill, will of course, share some of his crazy jokes before we eat and maybe even have another of his masterpiece quizzes that no one fails! And, as always, we will have some of the best Palm Spring's meals for only \$5.00 as we also sing some wonderful Christmas songs.

Plan on participating and bring a guest for a great meal and a time of learning.

The **"5:59 Gathering"** will continue in January, 2011 on Thursdays, January 12th and 26th: wonderful food; great fellowship; interesting/stimulating programs.



Available - PSPC Shopping Bags

As Christians, we are to be good stewards of God's creation. When you go shopping, instead of using plastic or paper bags; use **OUR PSPC SHOPPING BAGS** and know you are helping to preserve His creation. You say you don't have any cloth bags? Not to worry! See Jim DeHart or Jackie Morgan and they will see that you get some.

“This will be a sign for you:
 you will find a child
 wrapped in bands of cloth
 and lying in a manger.”



Luke 2:12, NRSV

A Christmas Message

Christmas holds the mystery
 Of how God touched the earth
 By giving us the Christ child
 In a newborn baby's birth.

Great awe was in young Mary's heart,
 And in the shepherds' pace
 As they ran quickly to the town
 And found that special place.

These humble shepherds knelt before
 This tiny newborn king;
 And as they did so, they could hear
 The lovely angels sing:

“Fear not, for unto you this day,
 The Prince of Peace has come
 To share God's love throughout the world.
 Rejoice now, everyone!”

Peggy Ferrell



Ladies Birthday Luncheons

10 ladies celebrated the November birthdays at the Escena Golf Club in Palm Springs. It's a time to enjoy the company of the ladies in the church; catching up on the news and as always enjoying good food.

We meet the last Tuesday of the month. So put the date on your calendar and look for the sign-up sheet that is always available in the fellowship hall at the end of each month.



Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering is that special opportunity we have to reach out with an extra gift to help those who have given so much for our Lord Jesus and the Church, and for those who need so much to gain an education. This offering is received in December - the last Sunday of Advent, Dec. 19th and Christmas Eve. It is split 50/50 between retired Presbyterian Ministers and Missionaries who have for whatever reason retired on very low and inadequate income and for students at our Presbyterian Racial/Ethnic schools throughout this nation. Your gift will help make others sing,

"Joy to the World!"

Watch for Pastor Bill's letter about the Christmas Joy Offering and for inserts in Sunday morning Orders for Worship explaining more about this special offering. There will be, of course, special offering envelopes available at the church for this offering and **100%** goes, as said, to help others.

Session Notes

The Session did not meet for its regular meeting in November because there was not enough required business. Nevertheless, the Session met on Sunday, Nov. 21st to meet and receive new members.

The next scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Meet Our New Members

We are very blessed to have six new members who were received by our Session on November 21st and welcomed as members on Nov. 28th. Check out their photos, add their addresses and phone numbers to your church membership booklet and welcome them; take them to church activities and put them to work on committees:



Jim And Kay Chabot
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Jim and Kay live in Palm Springs from early October until mid-May when they return to their home in Long Beach, WA for the summer. They are both members of Ocean Beach United Presbyterian Church in Seaview, WA and have both served as Elders on Session in the past. They are now pleased to be affiliate members here in Palm Springs.

Kay is a retired Primary teacher (mostly Kindergarten) and Jim is a retired cranberry grower for Ocean Spray. Lifetime residents of their small ocean side town, Kay and Jim raised and educated two children, a daughter now living in PA, and their son is a pharmacist in their hometown. They have four grandchildren, two in each family, and always look forward to visits from the two families here in the desert and summertime reunions in WA.

While in the desert, Jim volunteers in the animal hospital at The Living Desert. Kay still works 2 or 3 days a week as a substitute teacher for the Palm Springs Unified School District. They are both active in their HOA at Sandstone Villas in Palm Springs. Kay serves on the Board of Directors as Secretary; Jim is Exterior Preservation Chairperson as well as a past President and can be found helping the handyman and widows with fix-up jobs!

Kay and Jim like to exchange dinners with friends and play games and cards, and both like to read. Their passion is traveling, especially cruises, as well as trips to PA to see their daughter's family. They also love to go to productions at McCallum Theatre.

We would like to thank Pastor Bill and all the members of PSPC for being so welcoming to us.



Charlotte Crisp
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I was born on May 24, 1943 in Oklahoma City, OK. I do not recall the event but have been told by people who were there that it was an unusual event in that I entered this world laughing and not squalling and I have tried to maintain this cheerful spirit for my 67 years henceforth!

For seven years, I attended the Methodist church and loved Sunday school and Bible Vacations.

In 1951, I moved to California with my Grandparents who became Jehovah Witnesses and graduated from Lakewood High School in 1961.

I moved to Palm Springs in 1963 and bought my ranch (Roadrunner Ranch, 37 acres at Windy Point) where I still own and live. Any and all of God's little creatures who needed a home have found refuge there!

From 1974 to 1977, I attended and graduated from the R.N. Nursing program at College of the Desert in Palm Desert and during that time, saved over 100 monkeys from pet stores and people's back yards.

In my career, I have been Director of Nursing at a skilled Nursing facility, R.N. for the State of Calif. Correctional Nursing, and at Patton State Hospital for the criminally insane.

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My jobs and life with its ups and downs have always been met with a spirit of compassion, Christian principles and a good sense of humor. Because of work schedules with no Sundays off, made association with a church difficult. But now being retired, I can attend Sunday services and I feel divinely led to this church and felt I would like to be a member. Of course, the congregation might have second thoughts because in the words of Groucho Marx, "I don't know if I would want to join a group who would let me be a member!" Ha Ha

Always my love and support in Christ.



Angie Dent
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I was born to Dan & Edna on July 1, 1951. I didn't leave the hospital until I was 2 mos old. I was premature 2 months and weighed in at 3 lbs 5 oz.

I went to Sunday school from a young age. When I was 5, I started Kindergarten at Ethel D. Keenan Elementary School and lived in Basset, CA. My father passed away when I was 7 yrs old.

When I was 10, we moved to Pico Rivera, CA and graduated from El Rancho High in 1969. I joined Pico Rivera Bible Church as a child of 10 and left at 18 for personal reasons.

I went to Southland College of Medical Assistants in 69-70 and worked as a Nursing Assistant for 9 years later starting pre-nursing classes. I attended San Bernardino Valley College for Psychiatric Technology. I worked as a Psych. Tech at Patton State Hospital for 11 years. I continued pre-nursing, 1 and 2 classes at a time and received an Associate of Science in Psychiatric Technology.

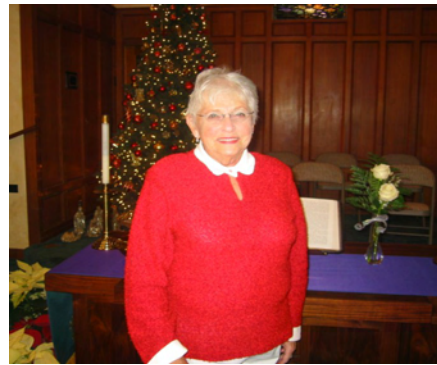
In 1987, I attended Victor Valley College for nursing, graduating in '89 with an Associate of Science Degree in Nursing.

I worked in the Riverside County Hospital until 1990 when I moved to Palm Springs and worked at Desert Hospital for 19 years in many areas, especially Oncology. Retiring in 2009 after 40 years of nursing.

I did not seek God again until my Mother became terminally ill in 1994. I've been searching for a little church since, until now.

My hobbies include, reading and enjoying books, fishing, writing poetry and have a poem published that I wrote when my Mother passed away. It has also been revised and put to music. My strength and my comfort now comes from God. I am blessed so much for my friends and family (cousins).

Thank you all for allowing me to join your little church. I am now home until the Lord calls me to my eternal home.



Barbara Jones
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I was born in Windsor, CA and lived and raised in Santa Rosa. Graduated from Santa Rosa High School and married Rafor Jones in 1946 in the First Presbyterian Church in Santa Rosa.

We moved to Healdsburg where my husband, after his discharge from the Navy had opened a portrait studio. In 1947, our daughter, Linda, was born. At about that time, we took over the family Hop Ranch where we raised 50 acres in Healdsburg and 100 acres in Hopland, CA. Around 1952, it became almost impossible to raise a sellable crop in California due to Downey Mildew which thrived in our climate.

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Our daughter, Linda, was suffering from asthma and her doctor suggested we take her to the desert in the winter to see if it would help her breath as our climate was very bad for her. After arriving here, it was amazing how her health improved.

In 1953, we moved to the desert and purchased a home in Rancho Mirage and in 1956, our second daughter, Ralene, was born in Indio, CA. My husband became the Planning Technician for the city of Palm Springs in the Planning Department and I worked for L & D Appliance in Palm Springs until 1978, when I changed jobs and became District Manager for Hollywood Refrigeration and Appliance in Palm Desert.

While working in Palm Desert, I became very active in several organizations. Natl. Assoc. of Builders and Soroptimist International of Palm Desert..in fact, I was President on Palm Desert Soroptimist 82-83.

I retired from work in 1984, and we moved back to Santa Rosa in 1992. On October 7, 2007, my husband died suddenly of a heart attack in Santa Rosa. Both daughters came and brought me back down here as I had never lived alone. I now have adjusted to the fact and have moved into a mobile home in Joshua Springs Mobile Home Park and love being back in the desert again, and so happy I have found and joined the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church. I feel like I am home again.



Melissa Yezek
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I was born on April 6 in Pittsburg, PA ; my mother relocated to Philadelphia, PA when I was 6 years old along with my brother and sister.

I have two daughters, Melissa; age 22 is attending college. My other daughter, Angeline age 17 is attending high school.

Mark and I moved to the Coachella Valley with a sunglass company approximately five years ago. When the company downsized, I was out of a job. I started a house cleaning business (Melissa's House Cleaning Services) and I am working to grow my business. I am having some physical challenges and I am thankful for all of your healing prayers.

I started coming to Palm Springs Presbyterian Church several months ago and this culminated in my being baptized on Sunday, November 28. My close walk with God and my faith catapulted me into joining this wonderful church. I am so joyful at having Christ at the center of my life and I am thankful to all of you who were in my pathway and helped me on my journey to dedicate myself to the Lord.



SEND THE ACLU A CHRISTMAS CARD
THIS YEAR!

Why not treat the ACLU (American "Civil" Liberties Union) with a Christmas Card this year since they are trying so hard to remove Christmas and God from our country; it will only cost you 44¢ plus the cost of a card for a "good" cause.

ACLU
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor
New York, NY 10004-2427

Please do not be crude or rude; wish them a "Merry Christmas" and God's Blessings. Someone said two tons of mail would freeze their operations since they would not know what was what and would have to check all mail for any checks.

You might add that it is "*Always called a Christmas Tree; not a Holiday Tree.*" Have fun and wish the ACLU a "**Merry Christmas.**"



Prayer Commitment Calendar

In Paul's writing to the Thessalonians, he urges the people to "pray without ceasing"....As members and friends of P.S.P.C., it is our privilege to pray for God's wisdom and guidance for the future of His church and "in everything give thanks"....for what He has done. God is waiting to hear from **YOU!** How much time will you commit to prayer? Call Jackie at the church office and sign up on the Prayer Calendar. The number is 760 320-2769.



Save Your Bottles and Cans

The church continues to collect glass and plastic bottles and aluminum cans. The monies raised has been a big help to the church.

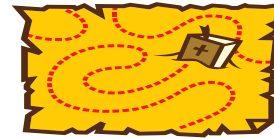
If you have recycling, you can leave it in the church office for Harvey Stephens who is heading up the recycling drive.



Women's Winter Bible Study ***"The Real Women of the Bible"***

The Women's Bible study will meet Tuesday, December 14th for their last study of 2010 from 9:30 to 11:00 In the church's Fellowship Hall. Elder Joyce Johnson has been our wonderful leader.

It will resume Tuesday, January 4, 2011. The study is TBA.



LOOKING for A Bible Study?

Men's Bible Study

The men's Bible group, led by Allen Perrier, is beginning an intense study of Apostle Paul. We are beginning with his missionary trips in the Book of Acts and extending the study through his several letters to churches.

After the meeting we have breakfast at one of the local restaurants. Come and join us.



Sunday Morning Bible Study

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 Ernie Moore



Centering Prayer

Tuesday evening:7:00 p.m.

Prayer is essential in our hectic lives. Prayer also comes in many forms. There is a prayer meeting at the church each Tuesday evening at 7:00. The Tuesday evening prayer is commonly known as Centering Prayer.

Usually each participant silently concentrates in being in the presence of the Lord by using a holy thought such as "Jesus" as extraneous thoughts enter the mind. It is also helpful to some by continually thinking the Jesus prayer, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Living God, have mercy on me, a sinner." There are no hard and fast rules to Centering Prayer, except silence.

Participants are convinced, meeting as a group expands the energy of God and also encourages them to be present at the next meeting. The group is small and needs you to join them. Try to be there soon.

Can you believe we are about to say farewell to another year? It has been a busy year for the Deacons, and for me. It was a wonderful and interesting experience serving as their Moderator, working with eight

hard working dedicated new friends. We worked well together helping each other to get done whatever we were called upon to do. This summer I was away and we were called upon to handle memorial services. A couple of phone calls to the deacons that remained in the desert, and they all worked together and provided the requested set up and refreshments after the services. Monies used for these occasions come from the congregational members, affiliates, and friends that contribute to the Deacon's Fund five times a year, *-those little green envelopes that jump out at you in our Sunday packets.* We appreciate your generous giving, and as said over again, this helps us to do our ministry we are called to do throughout the year. Thank you-Thank you.

The Rummage Sale held in November was a huge success, and the many items that were not sold were given to the Deacons to take to the ladies at the Hacienda Valdez. My car could not hold all the clothing, jewelry etc, so I did make two visits there. I do wish all of you could have witnessed the joy, tears, and the continuous thank yous' to Palm Springs Presbyterian Church for looking after them. I had hoped to introduce a couple of the girls from the Rehab., the first Sunday in December during Deacon's Moments, however, the timing was not good. Perhaps, we will have a chance in the New Year to have these ladies join us in a Sunday Worship Service.

Robert Kemp has done an outstanding job this past year with our Prayer Chain. Remember, if you know of someone who is in need of prayer or for yourself, please contact Robert and he will get the work out to all.

On behalf of the Board of Deacons, we extend our warmest wishes for a very Merry and Blessed Christmas to all of you.

God Bless all of you,

Virginia Allen, Board of Deacons
Moderator



Worship and Music

We have had the first Sunday of Advent but because of our sopranos, Kelly and Susan, and Caryl from the base section missing, we were unable to do our anthem. Alex did a superb job as usual filling in of us.

Now we have to get down to serious business for the following weeks as there is some very good music planned. We invite anyone who is visiting here to come and join us on Thursday afternoon at 3:00p.m. in practicing for the exciting weeks to come. We practice for 2 hours and again on Sunday mornings at 8:30am.

We are looking forward to solos by Julie Rosser, soon to be Mrs. Robert Tryce, Kelly Reece, Susan McGuire, and hopefully, a flute solo. Beautiful anthems and offertories by the choir and as always, Alex and the Praise Band will be sharing their talents with us.

Merry Christmas everyone and have a most blessed New Year.

Ceri Bintliff, Elder
Worship and Music



P.S.H.S. Band

Please Save Your Used Ink Cartridges

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



From Jim DeHart's Kitchen
Orange Praline Yams

Yam Casserole:

Two 2-pound 8-ounce cans yams or sweet potatoes drained, or 4 pounds cooked, peeled, and sliced fresh yams or sweet potatoes.

2/3 c orange juice

1 tbsp. grated orange rind

5 tbsp. brandy (optional)

2 tsp. salt

Freshly ground pepper, to taste

1 tsp. ground ginger

4 tbsp. (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted

1/3 c light brown sugar, packed

3 eggs

Praline Topping:

2/3 c light brown sugar, packed

1/4 pound (1 stick) butter, melted

1 c chopped pecans

1 tsp. cinnamon

In mixing bowl with electric mixer, beat yams or sweet potatoes until smooth. Mix in remaining yam casserole ingredients, beating until mixture is light and fluffy. Butter a 7x11 dish or shallow 2-quart casserole. Pour in yam mixture, smoothing top evenly.

Make praline topping by mixing all ingredients together in small bowl. Spread evenly over yams.

May be refrigerated covered overnight.

Bake at 350 degrees for 45 to 50 minutes or until golden brown and bubbly. Remove from the oven and let stand 10 minutes before serving.

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.

Cell phone-(818) 314-5104



Happy Birthday!

DECEMBER

Dr. Bill Johnson	2
Dorothy McKibbin	4
Joan Fettig	11
Ruth Ash	12
Margaret Norton	15
Fred Lynn	20
David DeVries	21
JESUS CHRIST	25

The Sonshine always wants to recognize birthdays so if I have missed your birthday, please let Jackie know so you can be included next year. Thank you.



PSPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Thursday

8:00 am - 12:00 noon

Closed on Friday

Sonshine Deadline

Dec. 22nd

Please send articles to my
home by

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



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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!

Interim Pastor:
Dr. Bill Johnson

Music Director:
Alex Danson

Church Secretary:
Jackie Morgan

Sonshine Editor:
Margaret Pace



December

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THE Rummage Sale of the Decade!

The first weekend of November, the 5th and 6th, we had a Rummage Sale to beat all Rummage Sales: possibly our *FIRST ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE*. So many worked so many hours and days to make this possible that we do not have room to list all of them. But to all who worked whether for a couple of hours or for hours and days, we give you thanks and praise God for you and your commitment. One spouse was overheard saying to that person's spouse, "*You have spent 8 days on this Rummage Sale; who are you?*" Now, guess what?

The total receipts, thus far, for this Rummage sale was \$2,254.50.

Fabulous recognizing that we had virtually no "big ticket" items to sell.

Thank you everyone who sorted, priced, sold, made change, took money, cleaned up, did guard duty, and all that went into this incredible project. You are appreciated far more than you can possibly imagine.

