

SONSHINE

Pastor Bill's "January Jottings"

(Hebrews 12:1-2 nrsv)

Happy New Year, 2011!!

We are truly blessed to have made it through another year, 2010, knowing that God is guiding us. A lot still faces us as we grow numerically and in many other ways, but those are the "*delicious*" challenges God places before us.

I find that I am so indebted to so many here at Palm Springs and hardly know where to begin or who should or should not be on the list so I will take the easy road:

Thank you to all who have helped in so many ways to make my work as your "Interim" Pastor so much more easy and delightful and who have helped make the growth and future of PSPC possible.

THANK YOU EVERY ONE! &

God's Richest Blessings on You.

But, of course, there are several for whom I have special appreciation for all they do over and above their call to duty or even their "*pay grade!*" and make me look good: Jackie Morgan, Jim DeHart, Alex Danson, Geri Bintliff (who works so hard with the Praise Choir), Margaret Norton and Kate and Kate Weezorak (who fold the Order 4 Worship weekly and the Sonshine, etc.), musicians Kent McGarity and Elvio Ditta, Jeff and Daniel Morgan on the sound system and power point; Mellisa ????, and, of course, all the Praise Choir members as well as the members of Session and the Board of Deacons; and Margaret Pace so faithfully on the *Sonshine* whether wind, rain, dusty sand, or heat.

What does 2011 hold for PSPC? A great deal if we continue to look to our Lord for guidance and if we graciously and generously give of ourselves. We always need physical help and support along with finances: "5:59 Gathering" and Sunday Potlucks and Coffee hours - food, set-up and clean-up; becoming involved in various committees of the church (Winter Residents [*aka Snowbirds*] are more than welcome and needed!), choir members, Sunday morning ushers and Liturgists, helpers with children Sunday School, tutors, VBS volunteers, etc.

But, again, what does 2011 hold for PSPC? Someone I kind of know where we live spelled out **New Year** this way:

- N** ~ *Newness in every day;*
- E** ~ *Enthusiasm for life;*
- W** ~ *Willingness to make personal changes;*
- Y** ~ *Yield to God's will;*
- E** ~ *Empty of negativism;*
- A** ~ *Assurance of who we are and who God is;*
- R** ~ *Risk new things and the willingness to fail trying.*

It is my prayer that in all we do as individuals and as a congregation we can be so touched by our Lord Jesus that we will strive to live up to this in this New Year. God's blessings on you and on PSPC.

Pastor Bill
William N. Johnson

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THE OLD COPY MACHINE HAS NO MORE COPIES!

Have you heard? Our faithful old Copy Machine, age 10+ years, mileage, 1.5++ million copies has died and has gone to copy machine "heaven." So, with Session's permission, we have had to purchase a new one; this one is a color copier and should last us as long with as many copies. **But, it cost us \$7, 800.00 unexpected cost-dollars.** Thus far we have received gifts of \$2,300.00 to help defray the cost. If any of you would be able to help defray the cost even more, it would be deeply appreciated and considered a "heaven-sent gift." Just send any gift to the church office or leave in the offering plate on a Sunday, noting that it is for "**The Copier**" and, believe it or not, you will also get tax credit for 2011. Any gifts please make *over and above* your normal annual pledge to the church.

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CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING, 2010
§ the Heifer Project

The Christmas Joy Offering was received during December, culminating with Christmas Eve. So many thanks to so many of you as we received for this year's special offering, **\$2, ????** Many, many thanks on behalf of those who will be helped by your generosity. Also, the Heifer Project that helps so many with food and clothing, raised \$???? again thanks to your generosity. Didn't you love the animal "masks" used by Jackie Morgan and the Mission Committee to inform us about the Heifer Project needs?

SUNDAY COFFEE HOUR UPDATE

WEATHER PERMITTING?

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, *weather permitting*. 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.

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Well-in-the-Desert

Presbyterian Hunger Fund

Remember: Jesus said, *"if your neighbor doesn't have a coat, and you have two, give your neighbor one of them!"*

>That goes for food, water, clothes, and blankets as well.<

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 more. In 2010 we raised \$???? which was evenly shared.

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BIBLE STUDY: **CALLING ALL MEN** - Wednesdays @ 7:00a.m.

Bring Your Own Bible & Go To Breakfast Together!

M - have Allen give you something better and newer!!! **Or you write something better!!** All men of the church, and any other men, are welcome. Just show up Wednesday mornings about 7:00a.m.

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Women's Bible Study

Leader: Elder Joyce Johnson

@ 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.

In the church's Fellowship Hall

"The Real Women of the Bible"

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Centering Prayer with Elder Allen Perrier

Margaret - get something from Allen to put in here that might attract people. thx

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SUNDAY MORNING KYRUGMA WITH ERNIE MOORE

For those of you wanting a Sunday morning Bible class, we are continuing with Ernie Moore, using Kyrugma, every Sunday from 8:30a.m. to 9:30a.m. A great time of learning, study, fellowship and growth in our faith. All -- men and women -- are welcome. In the Social Hall near the kitchen. Coffee always available.

The NEW AND IMPROVED "5:59 Gathering"

Thursdays, January 6th AND 27th

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

The "5:59 Gathering" will gather on the second and fourth Thursdays of January, 2011, January 6 and 27 at 5:59p.m. for another delicious meal and

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 6th and 27th: wonderful food; great fellowship; interesting/stimulating programs.

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Worship Schedule and Sermons for January, 2011

ATTACHED SEPARATELY!!!!

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Session Notes Highlights

The Session met on Thursday, December 15, 2010 at 9:30a.m. Session convened with prayer, many Session members bringing before us people and events about whom we prayed, especially for Margaret Pace whose husband, Leroy, had just died, and for Hope Curtiss who had heart failure trusting in the grace and mercy of our Lord. Pastor Bill lead us in a devotional and opened with prayer. Most Session members were present with Elders Margaret Pace, Harry Henderson and Bob Wulf being excused. Our guest was Ernie Moore, who has just been elected as an Elder. Session approved purchasing the new color copy machine; having the plaster repaired on the outside of the church; on accepting a gift of solar lights along the walkway from the parking lot to the church; setting dates for electing new officers and ordaining/installing them; and made a resolution thanking Elder Harvey Stephens for serving nearly 9 years on the Session.

Session set the theme for our Stewardship campaign: "*New Hope for God's People*" and decided to have our stewardship pledging time from the middle of January to the middle of February with pledges dedicated on February 13, 2011 thereby including our Winter Residents.

Various other actions were noted and taken for the ongoing life of the church.

Session adjourned at 11:25a.m. with prayer.

If you have concerns you wish the Session to consider, please speak to one of our Session members, to Jim DeHart, Clerk of Session, or to Pastor Bill. Thank you.
