



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church September, 2011

SEPTEMBER

Message from Rev. Christine

By the time this reaches your doorstep, I will have been at Palm Springs Pres. for four months, including a trip back to Seattle for long-planned events and ‘house’ business! Sometimes it feels like time travels slowly, and then when you’re not looking, someone steps on the accelerator. That’s a little what it feels like now, as the first weeks and months of ‘being present’ and beginning to know all of you and the workings of our congregation have passed, and a season of increased activity (and more getting to know) is upon us. It has been, and I do not doubt will continue to be, an interesting and wonderful journey.

I am looking forward to planning a fall leadership retreat, when the Elders and Deacons will gather for a day to re-visit our Mission Statement and learn more about the newly adopted Book Of Order and how it can help our church and its mission. Don’t worry! There are no big surprises, rather an opportunity to renew the energy of our team ministries and find ways of inviting the many gifts of our congregation to be celebrated, acknowledged, and given the chance to participate in an exciting season in the life of Palm Springs Pres. We are beginning to see some new faces, too, and a membership class will be offered in the near future for those wishing to join and for anyone who would like a ‘refresher course’ on who is are in the body of Christ.

Besides being a talented church, we are a faithful and generous one, and the continued giving ensures that our ministry will continue to thrive and grow. Thank you to all who have been able to respond by going the ‘extra mile,’ and for your continued prayers as well.

I have been witness – and recipient – of the kindness and support of PSPC, as several of our members have had unexpected setbacks over the past weeks, and my ‘little sister’s’ unexpected stroke. As all continue to heal or continue their individual journeys, the strength of many caring hearts is an awesome gift that we can pass along to others in life, providing the presence and support of the Holy Spirit.

The bottom line is, ‘We have an awesome congregation!’ So, fasten your seat belts and let’s have some fun as we shine bright as Christ’s people in the world!

Peace,
Rev. Christine



BRING YOUR EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS AND GLASS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES

You are doing a good thing for environment when you recycle aluminum cans and glass and plastic bottles. Harvey reports that can and bottle litter was much worse back east because they do not recycle as much. Keep those cans and bottles coming. Thank you for continuing to help the budget and the environment.



Women's Bible Study will meet at Billy Reed's Restaurant on Tuesday, Sept 6th at 9 AM for a no-host breakfast. This will be a social event to reconnect and talk about our next bible study. Bible Study will begin again in the coming weeks.



ONGOING PROJECTS

PSPC Apron for sale - \$16.75 - See Jim or Jackie

Save used ink cartridges for Palm Springs High School Band fundraiser. Collection jar is on Jackie's desk.

Save Box Tops for Education for Sabella's school. You can leave them in the office.



Harvey Stephens and Sabella with his truck loaded for the last recycling trip.



The next 5:59 Gathering will be Thurs, Sept 15th

Rev. Christine will be speaking about prayer. It is always a wonderful time of learning and good food. Come and enjoy the fellowship.



ONGOING MEETINGS

Sunday Morning Kerygma class with Ernie Moore - Fellowship Hall 8:30 AM

Men's Bible Study with Allen Perrier - Fellowship Hall Wed morning 7:00 AM
No host breakfast after Bible Study



Elizabeth at Agua Caliente School



The Mission Committee **thanks everyone who donated school supplies to Agua Caliente School.** Daniel, Elizabeth and Jackie delivered notebooks, paper, markers, pencils, backpacks and so many other supplies. The school was very happy and thanks us on behalf of the children.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

www.pspresby.org

Listen to music, hear Scripture and sermons, grow in faith and bring a friend or neighbor who is not involved in a church. Take your laptop to a shut-jn 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 e-mail address is info@pspresby.org
Please USE it & tell others!**



To the Deacons, Minister Christine & the good Christian folks of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church – The flowers were so beautiful & deeply appreciated. Prayers & good wishes so needed at such a time will never be forgotten. I look forward to being there again soon to take part in this exciting time in the life of this wonderful church. To feel as blessed by God, as I do, is a wonderful comfort in these days of change and vulnerability – so new to me. Thanks you, thank you & may God bless this church & all you who love it. With Sincere gratitude, *Kelly Reece*



Fri, Oct 21 & Sat. Oct 22

Mark Your Calendars

Our annual Rummage Sale will be bigger and better than ever this year! Ellie Cushing has agreed to be the chair of the committee planning, organizing and working in this huge fund-raiser for the church. If you can help, please let Ellie know right away. Her committee will meet soon to start planning. All kinds of helpers are needed to sort, price, move merchandise, publicity and a hundred other jobs. Also save your gently used items that you want to donate to the sale. Get in on the fun!

From Dorothy Hollerback's Kitchen

Sweet Bread

Dorothy makes the little loaves of sweet bread that are given to first-time guests to our church. This is her recipe.

1 pkg yellow cake mix with pudding
 $\frac{3}{4}$ C sherry
 $\frac{3}{4}$ C oil (Mazzola works well)
5 eggs – room temperature

Beat eggs for 5 minutes with an electric mixer. Pour cake mix, sherry, and oil into beaten eggs and mix.

Spray 5 small loaf pans with Pam. Bake at 350 degrees for 35-40 minutes.

Dorothy does not use a glaze on the small loaves. Too messy to wrap.

The glaze recipe is:

$\frac{1}{2}$ C sherry
 $\frac{1}{2}$ C powdered sugar

Combine and drizzle over the warm loaves.



SESSION MEETING

The Session did not meet in August as some members are away for the summer. Rev. Christine and the Elders are available either by phone or e-mail, if they are needed.

Sonshine Deadline

September 19th

Please e-mail articles to
jmorgan@pspresby.org or
jmorgan@dc.rr.com or Fax to the office
at 760-320-5089



Birthdays September

Larry Harris	4
Howard Webb	7
Morella Larsen	9
Richard Brenner	17
Bruce Smith	19
Barbara Stephens	30
Jenny Newell	30



PSPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
8:00 a.m. - 12 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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