



# SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church November, 2011



## Message from Rev. Christine

As I write this, the church is abuzz with folks sorting out a large (to put it mildly) collection of odds and ends in preparation for the annual rummage sale. Every day new things come in, as friends dive into closets and garages and find treasures they no longer need. These will be transformed into resources for the life of the church, and our mission of being Christ's people in Palm Springs and beyond.

It brings to mind Jesus' words to his disciples in Matthew (13:51-52): 'Therefore every scribe (teacher of the law) who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.'

Of course, Jesus isn't talking about garage sales! But he does remind us of the importance of sharing the Good News! This little parable helps us to remember that, while the Old Testament informs us, the New reveals the life-saving Grace found in the life of Jesus. And, as God's people, we are called to share this good news.

As Thanksgiving approaches, and soon, the season of Advent, it is good to remember how much there is for which we are thankful; in each day of our lives, as we savor not only our relationship with our Creator, but also with our families and friends, met and unmet.

The next time you greet a stranger or a dear friend, take the time to hold that hand a little longer, and look right into their eyes. So much is often revealed, from receiving a hit of strength that may take you through the day, to offering a moment of connection to a heart that is lonely. In this way, even a small moment, such energy can be initiated, so many lives changed.

Now, as the pews begin to fill with visitors and the Fellow Travelers of winter, our gatherings will shout with joy all the louder, and multiply the many gifts we can offer, as we remember our commitment to not just 'bring out new treasures as well as old,' but to express what that means. Let's celebrate with new faces and renew with familiar friends the generous meaning of our shared existence as people of a common Creator, as children of a *living* God.

In Christ's Service,

*Christine*





## Session Highlights

Session met on Wednesday, October 26, 2011 at 9:35 a.m. Rev. Christine Dickerson opened Session with prayer. All members were present with Harry Henderson being excused. Anne Smith, representing the Committee of Ministry (COM) and Deacon Robert Kemp were also present.

Session approved holding a funeral for Betty Jenson, a long-term resident in the area, on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The rummage sale made \$2,329. Session requested suggestions for ideas & improvements to help with any future rummage sales. Pastor Christine participated in the installation of Lee Ireland as Pastor for the Cathedral City Presbyterian Church on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pastor Christine will be meeting with those desiring to become members of the Church.

The Treasurer's report showed a loss for the month of September of \$2,015 and a year-to-date thru August loss of \$15,517. The next 5:59 dinner will be our Thanksgiving dinner with turkey and all the trimmings on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Session approved a Women's Tea on December 17<sup>th</sup>. Session approved serving in the pews communion beginning November for the winter months instead of intinction.

Session was adjourned at 11:35 a.m. with prayer. The next Session meeting will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

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 Christine.



## MUSIC AND WORSHIP

The month of October has been fun getting back into the swing of things. New music, old music, just giving Praise to our Lord and Savior.

We are now starting our Christmas music and we definitely have some great songs. Again some new, some old.

**BUT WE NEED YOU!!! I KNOW THERE ARE GOOD SINGERS OUT THERE IN THE CONGREGATION AND WE NEED YOU.**

This coming month one of our singers will be gone. Since we only have 2 sopranos, 2 altos, 2 tenors and 2 basses, it is difficult when members want to have a Sunday off to visit family or friends. Come to one of our practices on Thursday at 3:30 PM and see for yourself what fun we have, how hard we work, and the end result.

If you have a favorite Anthem or praise song, please let me know and we will try to work it into the schedule.

*Gerí Bintliff, Elder, Worship & Music*



### **THE NEXT 5:59 GATHERING WILL BE THURS, NOVEMBER 17**

Rev Christine will be speaking about Thanksgiving. Dinner will be turkey and all the trimmings. It is always a wonderful time of learning and good food. Come and enjoy the fellowship.



## ONGOING PROJECTS

We recycle! Bring your empty aluminum cans and glass and plastic bottles to the church office. Thank you for helping our budget and the environment.

PSPC Aprons for sale "Have You Hugged a Presbyterian Today" - \$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.



## ONGOING MEETINGS EVERYONE WELCOME

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

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

Women's Bible Study with Rev. Christine - Fellowship Hall Tuesday 9:30 AM We have finished Song of Songs and we will meet on Nov 8 for a time of prayer and fellowship and talk about creative ways in which we might approach bible study through Advent..

## WHAT IS LOVE?

By Sue Cooper

Love of Christ, Love of spouse

Love of child, Love of house

Love of family, Love of friends

Love of nature, Love that tends

Love of beauty God created

Colored sunsets, colors mated

Love enfolds me, makes me safe

Love embolds me, makes me sure

Love is touching, blessing, caring

Love is giving, Love is sharing

Love is scary, tempting, daring

Love is passionately soul bearing

Love is mine, praise God above

He blest me with eternal love!

## LETTERS FROM FRIENDS



Oct 7, 2011

Dear Rev. Dickerson,  
I planned to write this sooner, but alas! Another plan gone astray. However, we're now fairly settled in our routines back in Texas, and I have no more excuses. Just wanted to thank you and your congregation for the warm welcome, the demonstrations of love and the prayers for Fred's healing. You were a God-send for me! My prayers return to you and your wonderful church.

With love & thanks,

Anne Wilson

P.S. We're well as can be.

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Hi Jackie...Our house FINALLY sold after 3 ½ years on the market & nearly a year in escrow. We won't be returning to the desert except to visit once in a while. We enjoyed our time at PS Pres & will visit when we are in the area. Sincerely, Ginny & Al Calhoun





# Rummage Sale

Well, it's over! The big rummage sale, that is, and it was a success due to the efforts of so many people. Too many for me to recognize individually. Thanks to all the donors, buyers, sellers, sorters and haulers, etc. In the end we made about \$2300. In addition we made a healthy contribution to Hacienda Valdez and the Well in the Desert. The girls and Dr. McKinney both expressed their gratitude. I too offer my gratitude to all. Ellie







Editor's Note: So many people helped and I couldn't get pictures of everyone. Even if your picture is not here, you know that you worked and helped and it was fun too. Thanks to everyone. Jackie

**From PSPC'S Cookbook**  
**"Love Feast"**  
**Grandma Stephens' Apple Cake**  
From Barbara Stephens

2C flour  
½ tsp salt  
3 tsp baking soda  
3 level T shortening  
1 egg, beaten  
2/3 C milk  
8 to 10 apples, peeled  
½ C sugar  
1 T cinnamon  
Milk or Cool Whip

Sift flour, salt and baking powder.  
Work in shortening and mix to a  
light dough with the beaten egg  
and milk. Spread dough over  
bottom of a 9 x 1-inch pan. Cover  
with peeled and quartered apples.  
Combine sugar and cinnamon.  
Sprinkle over apples. Bake 30  
minutes at 400.



Birthdays  
This *Month*

**November**

Elvio Ditta	1
Christine Lutke	2
Bill Cushing	4
Susan McGuire	15
Don Howard	25



Sonshine Deadline  
November 21, 2011  
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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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