



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church February, 2012



February Sonshine – from the desk of Rev. Christine

“The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.” (Isaiah 35:1)

Well, we survived the trials of January wind, and now we (hopefully) fall into the serene desert days of February: 75 and sunny. Right? The truth is, we hope we get a little rain, some refreshment for the faithful seeds that lie in wait for the trigger that will bring forth a season of growth.

During my visit to Seattle last month, I spent some time thinking about the many diverse souls who make up the body of our congregation. Yes, I had extra time for that due to a foot of snow that kept me homebound and focused, but such gifts are often found when least expected? And on my return, those many thoughts formed a philosophy of sorts, not surprisingly somewhat biblical in nature (see quote above).

We are a church of seasons. Even as we work towards becoming a growing ‘year ‘round’ congregation, the reality that we will find ourselves alive with returning and visiting friends in Christ every winter is never far from our consciousness. I suspect that we take this seasonal change somewhat for granted: ‘Don’t despair if attendance falls off in summer, for soon the pews will be filled!’ And, joyfully, they are.

But, here is the question we might ask of ourselves, whether we are full time members of Palm Springs Pres, or affiliates and friends (or newcomers): are we fully welcoming and fully welcomed as people worshiping and working together as God’s people in this place? Now, don’t get me wrong! I believe that PSPC is one of the MOST warm and welcoming congregations I have ever experienced!!!! I hear that more often than anything else on a Sunday, and that warmth and acceptance is a primary reason folks come back.

We are in a unique situation that calls for unique solutions. Those of us who worship together twelve months a year appreciate our seasonal friends and look forward to new ones. Our friends who faithfully return every year are integral to our existence and mission. Not just for community, financial support and camaraderie, but for missional visioning as well. You are part of our church family! All of you who make your way to these steps every year are just as much a part of our ministry ALL year as those of us who stay, and you arrive during the most fruitful time for outreach, evangelism, and mission.

Together, we can vision and realize the many opportunities for community outreach and programs that, while some may even be secular in nature, invite the community through our doors. Do you have an idea? Let’s serve as one, equally, for the time we have together. Each person who is part of our congregation can provide valued input, and enjoy opportunities for leadership. Each has gifts to offer, experience to share, and friendships to build, prayers to pray and ideas to express.

While I wouldn't call us 'parched land' in the spiritual sense, we should take advantage of our special nature and not just rejoice in the flow of seasons, but BLOOM as we share our singular song to all within hearing. Have an idea? Let us know; we're listening. May God's Peace bless and keep you.

Peace,

Rev. Christine

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WOMEN'S RETREAT

Once again the women of the church have planned a very special day for us. On Saturday MARCH 17, 2012. We will enjoy MICHELE TELFER, a Christian event speaker, who will talk about her walk of faith. The theme of the retreat is "THE JOURNEY: ADVENTURES WITH GOD". Her story is impelling and she is a joyful, energized woman of devout faith. In today's vernacular "google her" and you will line up to hear her speak. A day of prayer, music, inspiration and friendship enhancing will make this a memorable day for all of us. Early registration will begin on March 1st. Invite your neighbors. Registration will be \$10. which will include lunch. A coffee social time will begin at 9:30 A.M. and the day will conclude at 2:00 P.M. As women we have such a variety of roles with family and community. Our faith is the heart of all we are. This retreat will nourish us in an awe inspiring way. Mark your calendar now and pray for the success of the mission of this retreat. – An aside. This year the seasonal women of our church have made a commitment to help the fulltime members with the retreat. It is truly a team effort. A blessing for us all.



BAKE SALE

The Women's Retreat

Bake Sale

February 19, 2012

*Freshly baked breads, cakes,
candy, cookies and pies. Come,
buy and enjoy the treats.*



**ANNUAL
CONGREGATIONAL
MEETING**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2012
After Worship**



Session Highlights

Session met on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 9:35 a.m. Rev. Christine Dickerson opened Session with a reading from the "Book of Virtues" by William Bennett followed with prayer. All members were present with Sue Cooper, Bob Wulf and Harry Henderson being excused. Also present were Anne Smith, representing the Committee of Ministry (COM) and newly elected Elders Susan McGuire and Don Shepherd.

Session approved having a retreat in March for the Elders and Deacons along with assignment of committee chairmen. Installation & ordination of new Elders & Deacons approved for Sunday, February 5th. Session Approved having the Annual Congregational meeting on February 12th. Noted for the minutes were the deaths of Barbara Jones and Jean Whittaker. Pastor Christine informed Session of a funeral to be held on January 28th for Virginia Arlene Smith, a long time resident in the area. Session appointed Susan McGuire as Alternate Representative for the next Presbytery meeting Saturday, February 11, 2012 at the San Bernardino Presbyterian Church.

The Treasurer's report showed a profit for the month of December of \$1,194 and a year to date thru December a loss of \$13,283. Session was reminded of the Souper Bowl Sunday coming up on February 5th. Next 5:59 dinner will be held on Thursday, February 16th. Session

approved a maintenance contract with C J Friend Air Conditioning & Heating for our 3 units. Elder Jackie Morgan informed Session of the Elders & Deacons nominated at the Congregational meeting on January 22nd.

Session was adjourned at 11:45 p.m. with prayer. The next Session meeting will be Wednesday, February 15th 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.

Elder Jim DeHart

Clerk of Session



WELCOME TO OUR NEW
ELDERS AND DEACONS

The new deacons ordained and welcomed on February 5 are **Micki Kristina Alston, Melissa Yezek and Jeff Morgan.** **Kathy Smith** will also serve another term on the Board of Deacons.

The new elder ordained and welcomed is **Susan McGuire.** Elders **Don Shepherd, Nancy Spencer and Fran Gotenstein** are also joining the session.

Many thanks to those deacons and elders who have served so well and faithfully and whose terms have ended. **Deacons - Richard Brenner, Audrey Bergquist, Pauline Gregg, and Lucile Kraehling. Elders - Harry Henderson and Geri Bintliff.**

Jan 24, 2012

Dear Christine,
Thank you for all your prayers for Jean and our family. We needed them to get through our heartbreak. I wish I had been able to be as eloquent as you were with all of us, as the days unfolded.

We buried Jean last Saturday and the funeral service was a wonderful tribute to her.

I have been feeling very lonely as you can imagine. If I were in California, I would be in to see you to get my spirits back.

Today I had my spirits lifted when someone called me from San Bernardino, CA and ordered 50 of my books for a children's bible class. Jean would have like that.

I am also going to a bereavement class at the local Catholic Church.

Thanks again, and love to you all.
Dick Whittaker



*In
Memorium*

Editor's note: Before I could send out the electronic Sonshine, Richard called to tell us that Verna died on February 6, 2012. The memorial service will be in Jacksonville, FL.

Dear Jackie,
Perhaps you will convey my appreciation to the kind people of PSPC:

Many thanks for the prayers, telephone calls, Jan's visits, and the good wishes sent my way in the beautiful card from the Thursday supper folks.

We are so looking forward to when I can negotiate the stairs to our condo on a regular basis and get to a Sunday service! Til then, our heartfelt thanks –

Connie (and Wally) Burrill

LETTERS FROM FRIENDS



Dear Family and Friends,

After nearly four years in Jacksonville, we have moved to Winter Park, Florida. We are now close to Janet and Paul, as well as the easier Orlando airport for family visits. Winter Park Towers is a beautiful retirement complex.

Since our December 15th arrival, Verna has been to the hospital three times battling a fall, blood clot, collapsed lung, a mass found in her esophagus, and now kidney failure. She is legally blind and dealing with Alzheimer's. It has been a tremendous and valiant battle for the two of us. Yet she continues to tell everyone who will listen, how much she loves her children, family, and me, and how blessed her life has been.

Richard & Verna
To all of you in Christian Love,



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 Morella, 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.

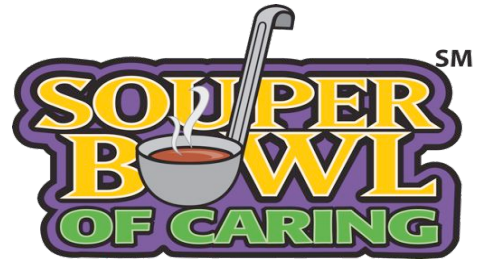


**ONGOING MEETINGS
EVERYONE WELCOME**

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 are studying Revelation. This is a wonderful time for learning, sharing and prayer.



Sunday, February 5th

After Worship

Join in on the

SOUPerbowl of Caring Luncheon

Come and enjoy a fabulous soup luncheon prepared by the Mission Committee and friends.

A donation will be taken for the luncheon and the proceeds will go to help people in need in the Coachella Valley.

Come and enjoy great food & fellowship!



**THE NEXT 5:59 GATHERING
WILL BE THURS, Feb 16th.**

It is always a wonderful time of good food and fellowship.



Sandy Ashcraft has moved.

Her new address is
801 Williamsburg Dr.,
Amory, MS 38821

**From Susan McGuire's
Kitchen**

TACO SOUP

1 SM ONION, DICED
1 LB GROUND HAMB. OR TURKEY
1 CAN CORN & LIQUID, 14-15 OZ
1 CAN KIDNEY BEANS, DRAINED
1 CAN STEWED TOMATOES,
CHOPPED, 14-15 OZ
1 CAN DICED TOMATOES 14-15
OZ
1 CAN BEEF OR CHICKEN BROTH,
14-15 OZ
1 PKG TACO SEASONING MIX
(MILD)
1 CAN BLACK OLIVES, DRAINED &
HALVED
Saute the meat until brown with the
onions and
then add all the other ingredients---
simmer until
warm and tasty.
SERVE WITH CHOPPED
CILANTRO, GRATED
CHEDDAR CHEESE, AND A DAB
OF SOUR CREAM

Sonshine Deadline

February 20, 2011

Please e-mail articles to
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or FAX to the office
at 760-320-5089



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Iain MacEwan	25
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PSPC OFFICE HOURS

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



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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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