



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church April, 2012

“Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” John 20: 29



From Pastor Christine,

Before I say anything else, please let me wish you a HAPPY EASTER! It may be that the actual date we celebrate the Resurrection has passed, but what is true is that every day is Easter when you believe in the Risen Christ. What a joy and a blessing to know, every single day of our lives, that God made such a sacrifice for us; victory over death, and forgiveness of our sins. Such grace. Wow.

Like the flowers that bloom in the desert and beyond during Spring, we are renewed and reborn in Christ’s light. When I was younger, I used to balk when I would hear the words, ‘born again.’ But with time, the recognition that we are given the opportunity to truly ‘recreate our souls’ through faith has become a profound, humbling and welcome truth. I suspect I am not alone in having had times of shadow that obscured the light of our Lord in life, and that, in truly and deeply accepting God’s love, I was late in coming. Oh, I had faith, and I prayed, and I rested in God’s hope, but it was astounding when I finally surrendered and truly *felt* that love pouring over and through me, setting me free.

Again, think of the flowers of spring, how they reach toward the sky, how they thirst for water and respond to it; that is us, waiting, ready and willing. And we will be fed, and grow, and realize our full beauty and potential. God loves us that much and more. All we have to do is trust that we will be fed, not left alone in want.

Surrender can be difficult when we are caught up in loneliness, poor health, loss, poverty, or other challenges in life. It is ironically difficult when we are successful, wealthy and fulfilled. In other words, surrender is never easy. Letting go of the things that separate us from full relationship with God are never easy. Or are they? Why not? All we have to do is, deeply and truly, *believe*.

In the weeks following the Resurrection, Jesus does some amazing things: walking through doors, appearing on roads and beaches from nowhere, reassuring his disciples of his victory over darkness. But most amazing, Jesus will be confirming the truth we have now known for two thousand years: He is the risen Christ, his presence continues to sustain us through the Spirit, and we can trust that, cling to it, dwell in the Resurrection light. It feels so good to let go of what keeps us from a love that sets us free.

So, in this season of Easter, face the sky and take a deep breath, and imagine yourself being filled with the light of Christ, filled with color, light and love. We don’t need to ‘see’ it, we can feel it! As my sister would say, “Aren’t we lucky?” Lucky, indeed. And, truly, *truly*, blessed.

Peace,

Rev. Christine

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**From Kay Chabot's
Kitchen**

CHICKEN SALAD

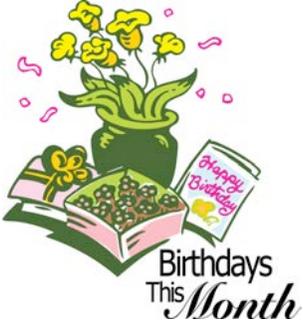
- 6 C cubed, cooked chicken breasts
(about 5 large)
- 1 ½ C diced celery
- 1 10 oz pkg frozen peas (thawed)
- 1 8 oz can water chestnuts, drained
and chopped
- 6 green onions, sliced

Dressing: combine 1 cup light sour cream, ¾ cup low fat mayo, 2 t ground ginger, 1 t salt, ¼ t pepper. Mix together then mix lightly with chicken mixture.

Serve on a bed of greens and garnish with red and orange pepper strips and snow pea pods.

Serves 6

Enjoy!!!



**Birthdays
This Month**

April

Leslie Lutke	5
Jeff Morgan	5
Melissa Yezek	6
Kate Weezorak	15
Sue Cooper	18
Marilyn McMillen	20
Robert Kemp	23
Allen Perrier	23
Angie Hempy	27
Kay Chabot	27

Sonshine Deadline – April 20, 2011

Editor's Note

The April Sonshine is an abbreviated version because we are on vacation in April. Yea!!

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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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