



# SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church October, 2012

“A gift opens the way for the giver, and ushers him into the presence of the great” Proverbs 18:16



I heard a rumor the other day that fall has arrived. It was news to me, as it is still in the triple digits outside. However I did see a sure sign of the changing season recently: out of state license plates! Welcome back to paradise!

It's an interesting aspect of desert life that, instead of brightly colored leaves falling from tired trees, we experience broad expanses of scalped earth transformed into lush lawns, turning from the palest shoots of first breath into brilliant shades of every green Crayola in the box and finally, the saturated deep hues that challenge reality. Rather than a time of letting go and taking a rest, it is our season of renewal, invention and promise.

Which brings me to our small but growing, established yet vital, congregation at Palm Springs Presbyterian Church! This is a pretty exciting fall; we have our long time members, who keep hard at work with the wisdom of experience; new faces embracing new projects, such as our 'float' in the Palm Springs Festival of Lights Parade (!! ) and expressing a desire to enter into the missional life of the church; and now, our seasonal friends and affiliates, who always return into the life of PSPC with enthusiasm and energy! Hooray!

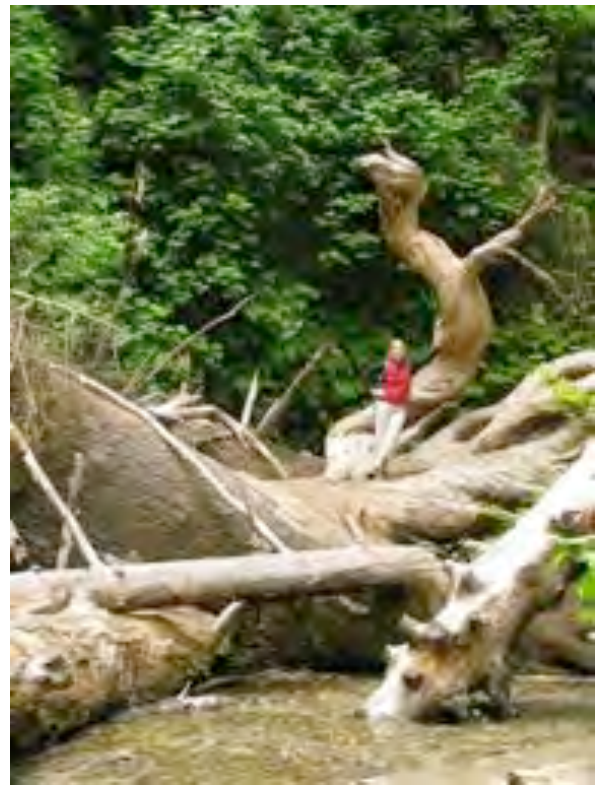
Of themselves, each provides a promise. But this season, there is a sense in the air that we are ready for the 'next step.' What that next step looks like exactly may yet seek refined definition, but will surely demonstrate our presence in Palm Springs and the Coachella Valley – our visibility, and our message of hope and welcome. To achieve our vision, and to continue on the path God has set for us, we rely upon the grace and generosity of every person. Without giving, whether through service or financial gifts, we will remain static – surely not a place we want to be as God's people. Where do you see us going, and what is your vision for the journey?

This time, this 'Desert Beginning,' is an opportunity for our congregation to embrace our identity as a body of Christ that makes a difference for one another and to those we have yet to encounter. As your Pastor, I look forward to partnering with you in making this journey we have imagined, real. To invest, risk, create and above all, Trust. While this month's message may not have the mystery of introspection, it carries with it profound joy and expectation. There is no doubt, if we are generous in our response to God's love for us, grace will overflow and manifest a future that honors the hope of our founding, and is pleasing to the One we serve.

Let us play in the fields of the Lord!

Peace, *Rev. Christine*





### Rev. Christine's Summer Vacation

Rev. Christine, our tree-hugging pastor, spent two weeks in August camping in the Redwoods.

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### We will have a Festival of Lights Parade entry this year!!



Our Float in the Parade!

We have a team of enthusiastic volunteers, but we can always use more. Even though there's a lot of work involved with a project such as this, I'm confident – as a family – it can be a successful venture. We have planned some fund raising activities so keep watching for opportunities to help. Our unique and talented jazz worship team will be on the float as our star performers.

Any questions or suggestions, call Dick Schultz at 760-565-6230 or Dirk Voerman at 805-754-3990 and get in on the fun.

## New Members

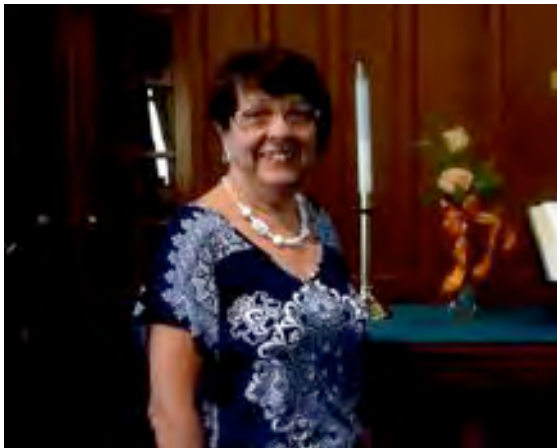
On June 24 we welcomed new members Dick Schultz, Phyllis Burrows, Donna Genett, Roger Taff and Jody Allen. We would like to introduce you to these interesting new people to the PSPC family.



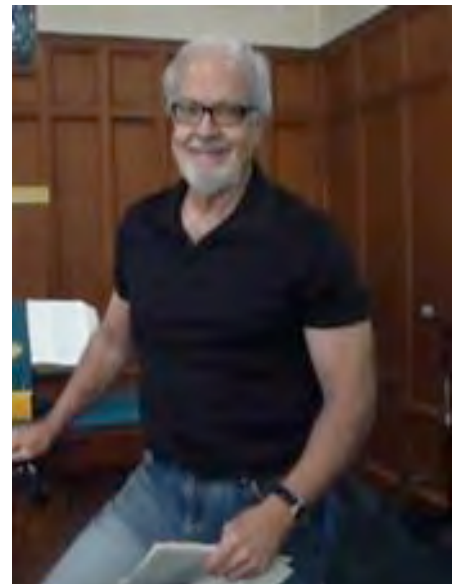
Roger Taff &  
Donna Genett



Jody Allen



Phyllis Burrows



Dick Schultz



## Session Meeting

Session met on Wednesday, September 19, 2012 at 9:36 a.m. Elder Jackie Morgan opened with the reading of 118<sup>th</sup> Psalm followed with prayer. All were present in person or by telephone.

Session welcomed the exchange of Kay & Jim Chabot's Active membership at the Ocean Beach Presbyterian Church in Seaview, WA to the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church and their affiliate membership here transferred to Ocean Beach Presbyterian Church. Session also acknowledged the death of Ila Summers on July 17, 2012.

Session approved the following:

- Elders Susan McGuire & Jim DeHart as Alternate delegates to the Riverside Presbytery.
- The welcome back BBQ following the service on October 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Peacemaker Offering on October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Fall Retreat for Elders and Deacons on November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Having a Garage Sale providing someone would volunteer to take the lead.
- Elder Don Shepherd to pursue the establishment of a fellowship group (social get together).
- Congregational Meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> to elect a replacement Elder & Deacon with installation on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Elder Ernie Moore reported that October will be Stewardship month for 2013 pledging with the slogan "History of Gratitude, Future of Faith". The earlier start this year will aid in the planning of next year's budget by the end of the year. The Membership Committee is preparing a welcome booklet on the history, movers & shakers (Elders & Deacons) and

functions of our church to give to new members.

The Treasurer's report showed a **loss** for the month of August of **\$3,546** and a **loss** year to date as of August 31st of **\$218**.

Session was adjourned at 12:45 PM with prayer. The next Session will be on October 17th at 9:30 AM.

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



We received \$292 from recycling cans, glass and plastic for the last quarter. Many thanks to Harvey Stephens for all his work.

Hi Christine, Thank you for you note. I am getting along reasonably well. One thing is new. The little book I wrote will be going into national distribution. Ipad, Kindle and Barnes & Noble.



Watch for it. Love to you and all the church family.

Dick Whittaker



## 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.

Bring a package, can or box of food for The Well in the Desert. Leave it in the bin by the front door. They can also use warm clothing.

Save used stamps and Campbell's soup Labels for The Tecate Mission. Leave a ¼ inch border around the stamp when you cut them out. Leave them with Jackie.

Bring in your gently used women's clothing for Hacienda Valdez.. You can leave it in the office with a note on it.



**5:59 Gathering**

**THE NEXT 5:59 GATHERING WILL BE THURS, October 18th**

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



## 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  
Breakfast after Bible Study.

Women's Bible Study is on hiatus for the Summer. Please keep watching for the date it will resume in the Fall. This is a wonderful time for learning, sharing and prayer.



Hi Bill and Joyce:  
It is always good to hear from you. Donna still has chemo every

week and seems to be weathering the situation well. It took our chaplain at Pres Homes several years before he would entrust the pulpit to me. He is a Baptist (which frustrates many Presbyterians). However, he is a nice guy just a bit baptisty in his approach to ministry.

All in all we seem to be doing well. In a little over a week I will celebrate my 80th birthday (Oct. 8th). I find it impossible to think that I am that old. Now I know what young old, middle old and old old means. I guess I am middle old, not really old yet. I'm still having fun in ministry. God is great and we are incredibly blessed.

We do miss our friends in California. We hear from quite a number of people who keep us informed. Keep the faith, my friends. God bless you, Ken and Donna

**From Donna Genett's  
Kitchen**

**Napa Cabbage Salad**

- 1 - 3oz pkg chicken flavored ramen noodles
- 1/2 C sesame seeds
- 1/2 C slivered almonds
- 1/4 C butter
- 1/4 C olive oil
- 1/4 C rice wine vinegar
- 1/4 C sugar
- 1 T soy sauce
- 1 T sesame oil
- 1 head Napa cabbage
- 2-4 green onions

Chop cabbage and green onion and set aside. Crush noodles. Melt butter in medium skillet. Brown crushed noodles in butter over medium heat. Add sesame seeds and almonds and stir, being careful not to burn. Add seasoning packet from noodles. Cool.

Mix olive oil, vinegar, sugar, soy sauce and sesame oil and stir until thoroughly mixed. Pour over cabbage and onion mixture and mix thoroughly. Add noodle and nut mixture and toss.

Optional: chopped cilantro  
sliced snow peas  
sliced chicken



Come and enjoy a delicious lunch on October 28 after worship to welcome back our seasonal members and friends and celebrate God's gifts to us.



**October**

Fae Custer	4
Rev. Ken McCullen	8
Marge Harris	8
Winnie DeVries	10
Rev. Christine	21
Peggy Lynn	26
Donna Genett	29



**World Communion Sunday**

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**Peacemaking Offering**

**October 7th**



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#### OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of 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 to be a center for spiritual growth and friendship, where the teachings of Jesus are faithfully received and God's grace is joyfully celebrated.

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