



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church

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*“Where there is no vision, the people perish: but [those] that keepeth the law, happy [are they].”
Proverbs 29: 18*

A simple proverb, with a very important message for the church in anytime or place. The word “vision” here is the translation for the Hebrew noun *kazown* (kaw-zohn) which, as is typically the case, could carry multiple meanings that would need to be considered in its translation. It can define an ecstatic experience, a vision like that of Ezekiel at the opening of his prophetic writing, or the experience of John of Patmos as he wrote apocalyptic revelation (The Revelation to John as my NRSV bible has it), it can simply mean “sight”, or it can refer to a divine communication – as in: “Hear, O heavens, and listen, O earth, for the Lord has spoken.” Isaiah 1:2.



It is this last understanding of *kazown* that I am choosing to apply to Proverbs 29:18, in doing so it may be useful to translate this proverb in this way: “Without paying attention to how God is speaking to us in our current situation we will surely perish. But happy are those that seek to understand God’s word and direction for us.” This understanding of vision is the work we are invited to participate in at Palm Springs Presbyterian Church when we meet to make decisions, when we plan programs, when we make any attempt at sharing the love of God in Jesus Christ with our neighbors and our community, This is the work we are invited to participate in with our Mission Study Team as we plan upcoming Zoom conversations with the church seeking to “flesh out” a vision for our future.

So, by now you recognize that not only is this short article an exercise in interpreting Proverbs 29:18, it is also an exhortation for the church that gathers at PSPC to take the time accept the invitations that will come to participate in exploring our vision for the future. The vision that we are seeking is God’s vision for PSPC which would reflect God’s vision for the whole church, with the added seasoning of our particular time and place.

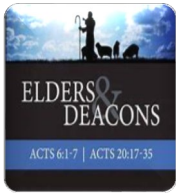
So, please consider these upcoming opportunities to be together with your brothers and sisters at PSPC as we engage with God, in the friendship of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in claiming God’s preferred future for our church. Dates and times for these meetings will be coming to your inbox soon.

In Christ
Pastor Bruce

OCTOBER VIRTUAL MEETINGS

- Bible Study: Thursdays @ 1:30 PM
- October Session Meeting: Oct 20th @ 5:30 PM
- Mission Assessment Team: Oct 24th @ TBD





CALL FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS!

by Pauline Gregg, Chair – Nominating Committee

DEACONS... Be a model of caring. If you would be interested in becoming a deacon, your responsibilities would include checking on families in times of crisis as in births, hospitalization, or bereavement. You will also be the one to call on in times of need. Examples of duties are sending birthday cards, and praying for and with and checking in from time to time with your assigned flock of families.

ELDERS... Be a Shepherd. If you would be interested in becoming an elder, your responsibilities would include various duties for the oversight of the church body and the shepherding of our members. As an elder you would join other elders in having ultimate responsibility for managing the affairs of the church. While the staff directs the various ministries of the church, the elders provide the overarching protection of the body.

Please contact Pauline if you are interested in becoming a deacon or elder, or if you would like to learn more about these positions. Phone: (760) 574-5658, Email: paulinebg@aol.com

MISSION COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS

by Carole Rogers, Chair – Mission Committee



Well in the Desert, a local nonprofit organization that serves the homeless community, has asked for donations of used men & women's clothing, shoes, socks, and underwear. They offer a hands-free drop off service - just pull into their driveway, park in back, and a volunteer or staff will come to your car and unload from your trunk or back seat. They don't sell the clothes - they just hang on a rack and the people help themselves. It's fun to see your old shirt being worn by a homeless person on the street! Address: 411 S. Calle Encilia, Palm Springs at Ramon Road.

Lift to Rise and United Way are giving out free \$3,500 Rental assistance grants to families. (Not a loan.) The applicant must show that their income was impacted by the COVID-19 virus and obtain a form completed by their landlord. Please broadcast any way you can to get the word out. Information is available at <https://www.unitedlift.org> or by calling 211. The deadline is Nov 30 or until the funds run out (\$16 million).



NOTE FROM SESSION

Sept 22nd Session Meeting

There will be no social gatherings for October and/or until our PSPC has safely re-opened due to the cost and consideration of professional sanitizing as well as the difficulties of social distancing in small spaces.

FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

By Carl Currin, Treasurer



	Jan.- Sept. 20	Jan.- Sept. 19	Total Income Reduction
Total income	\$138,065.46	\$187,160.58	- \$49,095.12



NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

by Peggy Kueffer, Office Manager

- *Daily Family Devotionals* are now available electronically and will be sent to all with emails going forward. If you do not have an email address, please let the office know and they can be mailed to you.
 - Office hours are Fridays from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon.
 - If you are mailing to the church, please use the below address:
Palm Springs Presbyterian Church
P.O. Box 582
Palm Springs, CA 92263
 - Office phone: 760-320-2769, Email: info@pspresby.org
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Mashed Butternut Squash and Cauliflower

By Patti Cameron

Ingredients

- 1 Butternut Squash, peeled, seeded & cut into 1" cubes
- 1 Head of Cauliflower, cut into florets
- 2 tablespoons Olive Oil
- 2-4 tablespoons of Butter
- ¼ medium-size Onion, diced
- 2 cloves of Garlic, diced
- 1 teaspoon Thyme, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Parsley, chopped

Directions

- Preheat oven to 400°
- Toss squash and cauliflower in oil
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Roast on baking sheet 25-30 minutes until tender
- While roasting, sauté onion and garlic in 2 tablespoons of butter until translucent
- Combine squash, cauliflower, onion and garlic in food processor and blend with remaining butter until smooth.
- Add Thyme and Parsley, and salt & pepper to taste
- Transfer to a baking dish
- Bake 20-30 minutes, covered
- May be made a day ahead of time before final baking. Store in refrigerator.

