

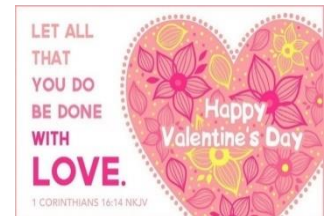


SONSHINE

Palm Springs Presbyterian Church Newsletter

February 2021

Valentine's Day, also known as Saint Valentine's Day, originated as a church holiday on February 14th to honor martyrs of the faith - saints whose names were Valentine or Valentinus. It is believed that the first heart valentine note was sent by a Valentine who was in prison for a girl he loved. Valentine's notes have been recorded for as far back as the Middle ages. While the meaning and celebrations of Valentine's Day has changed, it has remained as a special day to shower with love those we hold close.



Valentine's day can create a variety of emotions for different people. For some it creates great satisfaction celebrating the love you have between you, your spouse, and your friends & family. For others it can cause feelings of loneliness. Whether you are single or in a relationship, let these Bible verses encourage you to celebrate, for God has unconditional and indescribable love for us. No matter your age or stage in life, Valentine's Day can be celebrated because of God's great love.

1 John 4:8 - *Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.*

John 3:16 - *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life*

Colossians 3:14 - *And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

John 15:13 – *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*

Mark 12:33 - *To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.*

Romans 12:9 - *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.*

1 John 4:12 – *No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*

1 John 3:18 – *Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.*

1 John 4:7-8 – *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.*

1 John 4:19 – *We love because he first loved us.*

*Contributed by Peggy Kueffer
Clerk of Session*

Monthly Devotional

God promises never to leave or forsake us, to answer us when we call, day or night. We need to tell Him how much we love Him 365 days a year as well...

Anonymous Contributor

Session Focus



Your Session began the year focusing on 2021 leadership. The following individuals have been elected for 2021 positions:

Officers

President: Bill Cameron
Vice President: Kay Chabot
Secretary: Peggy Kueffer
Treasurer: Carl Currin

Ruling Elders/Session Members

Jody Allen
Bill Cameron
Kay Chabot
Carl Currin
Peggy Kueffer, Clerk
Bill Miller
Carole Rogers
Melvena Schaefer

Committee Chairpersons

Outreach: Kay Chabot
Nominating: Carole Rogers
Worship: Bill Cameron
Mission: Carole Rogers

Building & Grounds: Bill Miller
Admin/Personnel: Kay Chabot
Congregational Life: Melvena Schaefer
Stewardship & Finance: Carl Currin

Deacons

Patti Cameron, Moderator
Bonnie Koster
Morella Larsen
Peggy Lynn
Margie Meyers
Beverly Pillow
Melissa Yezek

Calling Our New Pastor is another focus of Session at this time. We are pleased to report the Mission Assessment Team completed our required Mission Assessment Report, and it has now been approved by Session and the Presbytery. If you would like a copy of our Mission Assessment Report, please call the office and a copy can be sent to you via email or US mail.

Our next step now in calling our new pastor is to establish the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC), which shall be representative of the whole congregation and elected by the congregation, and has the ultimate responsibility for nominating a pastor to the congregation for election as the next pastor. More information will be available soon on this exciting process for our church.

*Submitted by: Peggy Kueffer
Clerk of Session*

Committee Activities

Our Giving Mission Committee: In speaking with Coachella Valley Rescue Mission, we were told that our \$500 in donated travel-size toiletries were the biggest need for the people going through rehab. These folks have been housed at the Mission for more than six months, and shampoos, toothbrushes, razors, etc. were especially needed. Pauline Gregg also made blankets for donation to the Mission. These were among the most needed items as well. Below is a picture of our donated toiletries and blankets to the individuals in need at the Mission.



*Submitted by: Carole Rogers
Mission Committee Chairperson*

Worship Committee: A very warm appreciation is expressed to Pastors Sally Willis-Watkins and Ron Duvall for providing such excellent worship services during the past few months. We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to benefit from these excellent pastors. We will continue with temporary pastors to deliver our worship services until such time as a new pastor is in place.

We also have been very fortunate to benefit from many excellent liturgists. We wish to extend our appreciation to those who have volunteered their time and talent to this very important part of our worship. If you are interested in being a liturgist and have not done so before, please contact Bill Cameron, Worship Committee Chairperson, at 626-826-3413 or wkconsult@gmail.com.



As we begin our beautiful Lenten Season, we will be decorating the sanctuary altar with lilies as we have done in the past. The lilies will be provided based on your \$10 donation for a lily in honor or memory of someone very special to you. These special individuals will be announced during our Easter Sunday worship service.



Sunday, February 14th, begins our Lenten Season and will end Sunday, April 4th. During this time, we invite you to participate in the "One Hour of Sharing" special offering. 100% of your gifts to this special offering will be provided to Presbyterian Mission Agency, who will dedicate the funds to those in need based on disaster, hunger and self-development.

*Submitted by: Bill Cameron
Worship Committee Chairperson*

Stewardship & Finance Committee: The first month of the new year has been very busy for our Stewardship & Finance Committee. Your 2020 Statement of Giving to Palm Springs Presbyterian Church has been mailed to you. Please look over your statement carefully and make sure you are receiving proper credit for all of your giving to the church during the past year. If you have questions, please contact Carl Currin at 760-333-4383.



It is that time of year again for PSPC to submit their per capita contribution to the Presbytery. The per capita for this year is \$36 per person. You may remit your per capital donation to our church, and please note on your donation that it is for the per capita contribution.

A big focus now is on finalizing our 2021 budget. In order to assist us in preparing our 2021 budget, you will soon be receiving your 2021 Pledge Card for consideration.

Year-end 2020 financial figures are:

Total Income \$172,189.
 Total Expenses \$159,669.
 Mortgage Balance \$169,789.

*Submitted by: Carl Currin
 Stewardship & Finance
 Committee Chairperson*

Deacons' Corner



The Deacons are members of our church whose role is to care and minister to our church community. Our new Deacons Morella Larsen, Peggy Lynn and Melissa Yezek, were installed on January 19th, and we are all hoping to connect with each of you very soon. Our congregation is divided into groups or flocks and those who wish to have a closer connection within the church are placed into a flock. Due to the change in deacons, some of you may find yourselves with a new deacon or in a new flock. If you do not know who your deacon is or if you are presently not in a flock and would like to be, please call Patti Cameron at 626-233-5843.

Because of the pandemic the deacons have temporarily shifted duties from refreshments after worship and other on-sight service, to reaching out to the members of our flocks directly. It is sometimes a challenge to know if you are receiving our messages, as we sometimes do not hear back from those in our flock. It would be especially helpful to your deacon when they contact you with a note, phone message or email, if you would just send a simple response so we know when you received our message.

*Submitted by: Patti Cameron
 Deacons' Moderator*

February Birthday Special People



Feb 1st: Connie Burrill
 Feb 3rd: George Cebra
 Feb 9th: Frances Gotenstein & Cal Custer
 Feb 11th: Ellie Cushing

Feb 12th: Carol Harrison-Romerdahl
 Feb 18th: Pauline Gregg
 Feb 27th: Cindy Anderson

February, a Special Month



National Bird Feeding Month
 American Heart Month
 Chocolate Lovers' Month
 Black History Month



Birthstone: Amethyst
 Flower: Primrose
 Zodiac: Aquarius & Pisces

Oh, so long ago in February...

- February 3, 1870 - The 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.
- February 3, 1913 - The 16th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.
- February 3, 1959 - Rock singers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash.
- February 4, 1938 - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is released.
- February 4, 1949 - Ruth Handler invents the Barbie Doll.
- February 5, 1922 - Reader's Digest is first published.
- February 6, 1926 - The first doughnut machine is sold.
- February 6, 1935 - The board game Monopoly first went on sale.
- February 6, 1971 - Astronaut Alan Shepard hits three golf balls on the moon.
- February 7, 1964 - The Beatles arrive in the U.S. for the first time.
- February 9, 1861 - An act of Congress is passed authorizing the US Weather Bureau.
- February 10, 1942 - Glenn Miller receives the first ever gold record for selling a million copies of a song. And the song was. "The Chattanooga Choo-Choo"
- February 13, 1866 - Jesse James robs his first (of many) banks.
- February 13, 2000 - The last original "Peanuts" comic strip appears in newspapers one day after the death of Charles M. Schulz, it's creator.
- February 13, 1849 - President John Knox Polk becomes the first sitting president to have his photograph taken.
- February 15, 1842 - The Post Office uses adhesive postage stamps for the first time.
- February 15, 1936 - Adolph Hitler announces the construction of the Volkswagen Beetle.
- February 16, 600 - Pope Gregory the Great declares "God Bless You" is the proper response to a sneeze.
- February 16, 1883 - "Ladies Home Journal" is first published.
- February 16, 1937 - Nylon is patented. But it won't become popular for a few more decades.
- February 16, 1948 - NBC TV begins its first nightly newscast.
- February 18, 1885 - Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" is published.
- February 18, 1930 - A 9th planet is discovered in the solar system and is named Pluto.
- February 18, 1913 - A prize is inserted into a Crackerjacks box for the first time.
- February 18, 1979 - Snow falls in the Sahara Desert.
- February 19, 1878 - Thomas Edison is granted a patent for his Gramophone (Phonograph).
- February 19, 1968 - Mister Rogers Neighborhood debuts on television.
- February 20, 1944 - Batman and Robin comic strip premieres in newspapers.
- February 20, 1962 - John Glenn became the first U.S. astronaut to orbit the earth.
- February 21, 1842 - John Greenough receives a U.S. patent for the sewing machine.
- February 21, 1931 - Alka Seltzer is first sold.
- February 22, 1879 - Frank Woolworth opens the first "Five Cent Store in Utica, N.Y.
- February 22, 1959 - Inaugural Daytona 500 race is run.
- February 23, 1896 - The Tootsie Roll rolls into stores in America. Created by Leo Hirshfield.
- February 23, 1940 - Walt Disney releases Pinocchio to movie theaters.
- February 23, 1945 - U.S. marines raise the American flag in Iwo Jima.
- February 25, 1791 - The 1st Bank of the United States is chartered.
- February 25, 1836 - Samuel Colt patents the revolver.
- February 26, 1919 - Congress creates the Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.
- February 27, 1827 - Mardi Gras is celebrated in New Orleans for the first time.
- February 28, 1849 - The California Gold Rush begins as the first boatload of prospectors arrive in San Francisco.
- February 28, 1983 - The final episode of M.A.S.H. is aired.
- February 29, 1872 - Yellowstone becomes the first National Park.



From The Maestro

All About Music



Across

3. The degree of highness or lowness of a tone.
5. A linear succession of musical tones that the listener perceives as a single entity.
6. "Jesus Take The _____."
9. The use of simultaneous pitches (tones, words) notes), or chords.
10. range of voice lying above the tenor.
11. Singer of "Bring Me To Life."

Down

1. Chad Kroeger is the lead singer of this band.
2. Refers to a form of scale with specific intervals. (whole, whole, half, whole, whole, whole, half)
4. A new song by Lukas Graham. (2
7. refers to 3-4 notes which are played together (simultaneously).
8. refers to the rhythm of the music piece.

In
Loving
Memory

Safe in His Arms, Now and Forever



Gerí Bintliff
January 19, 2020

Beth Ross
May 1, 2020

Katerine Weezorak
May 19, 2020

Kate Walker
November 23, 2020

Jim Dettart
December 24, 2020