



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church
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"And even now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." 1 Cor. 13:13



. Being February, the month of hearts and valentines, what biblical verse could possibly be more appropriate?! Unless, of course, the focus for this message was centered on burying one's head in the sand, in which case Groundhog's Day might rise into prominence. But we have moved beyond that: We are not a congregation unwilling to face the future, but one embracing it!

Christmas was joy-filled, and January emerged as a dynamite, perfect wave, just waiting to propel us forward into a new season. Our pews are filled to overflowing and that's good news, both in familiar faces returning and lots of new ones visiting and coming back. But the great news is that we are finding our little church booked for events almost every weekend! Actually, for sure every weekend in February! You will read in these pages about Chapel Jazz Sundays, the return of the Desert Chamber Orchestra, and a Harp Concert. In addition, there will be Yoga classes available within the month. Palm Springs Presbyterian is on the move, welcoming the community to and through our doors!

These things don't happen by accident, they are the fruit of our faith and our hope. PSPC has plenty of both, and they are manifested in the feeling people get when they enter these doors on a Sunday morning: Our faith and hope manifested in a love that is felt as a welcoming presence, an irresistible force that encourages our journey together.

In the matter of love it is, in our Christian experience, an inexhaustible resource given to us for a fullness of inner peace, and understanding of Grace. It is also at the center of everything we do as the family of God, to be shared as fully with others as God shares it with us. Love is a stamp upon our hearts that can't be erased or lost or hidden no matter how many times we stumble, or fall all the way down, or try to pretend the expression of love is not necessary for and to everyone. Which it is. But, you know that, so why do I repeat it yet again?

Because it is my prayer that, when you read this beloved verse, and you remember that Jesus asks that we define ourselves by this simple word, you will also remember that this simple, yet infinitely powerful word is meant just for you. It is your Valentine from God meant exactly for the person you are, with your name and address, hair color, hat size and history. Its a message of faithful encouragement and recognition that is waiting for you in the mailbox of your heart on February 14th and every single day of your life.

So, don't leave your Valentine in its envelope! Tear open the seal that might separate you from the full presence of this heavenly storm, and let it enfold you, support you and comfort you. Take off your shoes and wade in the water of life, and along the way check out some music created in love by your fellow travelers who, just like you, wandered in the doors of a place called love.

Peace, *Rev. Christine*



Chapel Jazz at Palm Springs Presbyterian Church!!

Inspiration and Improvisation! We are having jazz concerts every 1st and 3rd Sunday afternoons. Join us for afternoons filled with exceptional talent and fun. The concerts feature local and surrounding musicians. So save the following dates on your calendar: [Feb 17](#), [March 3](#) and [March 17](#). Our next concert is [on February 17](#) and will feature the Mike Johnson Ensemble. [On March 17](#), we are excited to have the incredible Yve Evans!!! Regular concert suggested donation is \$10. special featured guest concert suggested donation is \$15. If you would like to be a part of the Chapel Jazz planning team or want to share ideas, call Mike Johnson or Gina Ross at [760-992-5783](tel:760-992-5783)

Circle Saturday March 9, 2013 on your calendar. A truly inspirational day is being planned for you by The Women's Retreat Committee. This year a charming young woman who has won the hearts and admiration of women all over Southern California will be leading us through a day of worship, music and prayer. A beautiful luncheon will be served by the men of the church. The day will begin at 9:30 AM and conclude at 2:30 PM with the Reverend Christine Dickerson serving communion.



Our speaker, Jilleen, is a Christian recording artist and speaker from Southern California.

She has a fresh respectful approach with which she weaves a tapestry of history and faith together bringing the listener to a point of reflection. In 2003 she felt God calling her to use her talents to bring a special message to her ministry. For our retreat she entitles her seminar "Emotional Wholeness for Women". Music will fill the afternoon session.



Join us for this unique and edifying experience. Registration forms are available at the church. The fee is \$15 per person. Bring visiting guests and neighbors as we celebrate our role as women in this beautiful



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.



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 meets on Tuesday at 9:30 AM. We are studying Genesis.

Yoga Classes Tuesday, 11:00 AM and Thursday at 5:30 PM (except on 5:59 Gathering Thursdays) in the Social Hall.

There are no **Session Notes** this month.



Museum associate program co-chair **Randy Bruno** was one of the organizers for the recent premier modern dance contest which was held at The Annenberg Theater



Thanks to everyone who made soups and those who enjoyed them on **Souper Bowl Sunday**. Your generously gave **\$251.25** which goes towards feeding those in need in Palm Springs.



5:59 Gathering will be Thursday, February 14 at 5:59. It is always a great time of good food, fellowship and learning.

Tomato Basil



From the Kitchen of Randy Bruno

- 1 28 oz. Crushed Tomatoes
- 1 29 oz can Tomato Sauce
- 1 10 oz jar Charred Red Peppers
- 2 tbsp Olive Oil
- 1 Medium Onion finely diced
- 1 Tbsp. chopped garlic
- 4 tbsp chicken base (Better than Bouillon is a good brand)
- 2 cups Heavy Cream
- 2 cups 1/2 & 1/2
- 1 bunch Fresh Basil

Purée red peppers in blender. Sauté onion and garlic in olive oil until translucent. Add tomato sauce, crushed tomatoes and red peppers. Add cream and 1/2 & 1/2. Slowly bring to a simmer while whisking constantly. Add chicken base to taste. Chop basil very fine and stir into soup.



New Photo Directory

is coming. The photographer will be here Feb 15 & 16,

2013, to take our pictures. Please see Morella Larsen, Kay Chabot or Jim DeHart to make an appointment for your picture.



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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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