



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church
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" Wisdom is supreme; therefore, get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding. Esteem her, and she will exalt you; embrace her, and she will honor you. She will set a garland of grace on your head and present you with a crown of splendor." Proverbs 4: 7-9



One would think if they lived long enough, wisdom would be a natural accompaniment to aging. Alas, it is not so! How many of us, no matter the number of years, finds themselves at the wrong end of foolishness?! Pretty much most of us. And, if wisdom begets understanding, that means a lot of us are missing out on a part of life that allows us to move forward with less self-imposed stress brought about by trying to fix or judge everything according to our often biased frame of knowledge.

Experience does, of course, allow us to claim portions of wisdom. If we err, fall down, get up and move forward, we have gained wisdom. If we err, fall down, get up and err again, we have gained nothing. That's when understanding comes in. It is what helps us know why we are stuck, and leads us to recognize the picture that is bigger than ourselves and our vanities of ego. Easier said than done?

In summer, especially in the desert summer, we know that carrying water may save our lives. As I waited for the cyclists to barrel past during the Tour de California in May, I realized I had made a terrible mistake: I had failed to bring along shade or water. Part of me whispered, 'you're ok, you can stick it out! Be proud, be stubborn, be independent!' But even as I began to wither and whine in the oppressive heat, I heard the voice of wisdom tell me I had better beg a nearby store for access to a faucet. I ignored my foolish pride and surrendered to the understanding that if I did not, my embarrassment of falling to the pavement would result in necessarily admitting I had learned nothing in life. Pride goeth before a fall, after all.

This realization, this surrender to a greater truth founded in understanding and gaining wisdom, applies to all aspects of our lives, in how we move through the world. God calls us to interact without judgement, to tend to our own follies, and to help others as opposed to molding them to our personal standards. When we listen to this Voice, we do good rather than harm. We feed the lost and heal with love. We embrace the baby steps it may take to change a life for the long run, and accept that which we cannot change. We forgive ourselves, too, the transgressions and follies of our own past, and understand that the future stands before us as an untouched palette. It is not easy: It is, life.

And, it is worth the cost, for by living into our faith and hope, we are living into God's desire for us. Each time we are willing to sacrifice something of ourselves for a greater understanding of this desire, we are gaining wisdom and laying the foundation for

peace, within and without. Our lives, even in those times we are alone, are not spent in isolation. A word that comes to mind is, 'consider.' Consider your surroundings, and know that your perceptions and 'acceptions' effect a world beyond your own. In truth, wisdom is a gift of freedom, because the understanding it brings releases us from the prison of self. Jesus taught this truth, of loving others and being in the world as God's own. So we are, God's own, loved and received without a second guess. If you are thirsty, don't suffer; go to the well for a drink, and be renewed. Then, offer the Cup to another with God's Blessing. The rewards are beyond compare.

In Christ, Rev. Christine

**The Kirk Singers Concert
Monday, June 10th at 6 PM**

The Kirk Singers, comprised of 9th through 12th grade students, is a choir of First Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida. The choir's repertoire ranges from standard choral literature to musical theater to contemporary Christian music. This ensemble has toured annually since 1964 throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, New Zealand and Central America. The focus on each tour is to share the choir's love of God through music with as many different people as possible. This year they will be on tour to Los Angeles and San Diego with a stop off in Palm Springs. The gift of their music will be a treat for PSPC.



PIANO CAMPAIGN CONTINUES!



We have been advised that our piano, which has faithfully provided wonderful music for several years, is on its last legs.

Since the piano campaign began, you have given \$1930 towards the purchase of a new or new to us instrument. Thank you.

All financial donations offered to this campaign are gratefully welcome. Should we be so blessed as to be gifted a fine instrument, excess funds will be set aside for our music program.

Somewhere out there is a wonderful piano waiting to call PSPC home! If you know of an opportunity we can check out, please let us know! Between Sundays and our Classical and Jazz Concerts, it will be well used, cared for and appreciated. Dreams DO come true!

Donations to the campaign may be sent to Jim at the church office; except, of course, actual pianos in which case let one of our team and Pastor Christine know!

Thank You and God's Peace, The Worship and Music Team (Susan, Alex, Jim and Christine)



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.

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.

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

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Session met on Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 11:02 AM. Session was opened with Bob Wulf reading from Matthew 17: 14-21 followed with prayer. All members were present with Elders Susan McGuire, Dick Schultz and Jim DeHart excused.



**Session
Highlights**

Session approved the Kirk Singers of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, FL concert which will be held Monday, June 10th at 6 PM. This choir of 9th through 12th grade singers are in Southern Calif on a tour and this is the only day they have available. It is a free concert.

Session voted to open an e-bay account with the option of Paypal for the church.

Communion by intinction will begin June 2nd, 2013.

Session thanked Geri Bintliff's offer to give her piano to the church, but we do not have a need for it at this time.

Discussion re: painting lines on the dirt to mark spaces. Also need better marking on the driveway entrances.

Elder Fran Gotenstein met with a Time Share resale representative. The complex in which our timeshare is located has many timeshares for sale and none are selling. The decision was made that, since we cannot sell or transfer it as no one wants it, is to allow it to go into foreclosure.

Elder Jim Chabot will pursue the possibility of an activity sign when he returns in the fall.

Pastor Christine is part of the Presbytery's discernment team and is attending meetings at Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church in that capacity.

Elder Frances Gotenstein reviewed the Treasurer's report. Income for the month of April was \$14,910 and expenses were \$15,002 for a net loss of \$289. Year to date revenue is \$64,441 and expenses are \$59,607 for a net income of \$4834.

Elder Ernie Moore installed a new flagpole folder outside the office door and fixed the accordion door between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

Elder Don Shepherd reported that the next 5:59 Gathering will be June 13th.

Elder Bob Wulf met with Jim DeHart and Jackie Morgan for their yearly evaluation.

Elder Kathy Smith is working on Sunday school lessons.
Session was adjourned at 12:33 PM with prayer. The next Session meeting will be on June 19th at 11:00 AM.

From the Kitchen of Doreen Heyne
via The Ladies Aid Society circa 1927

Scripture Cake

- 1 C Judges 5: 25
- 3 1/2 C I Kings 4:22
- 2 C Jeremiah 5: 20
- 2 C I Samuel 30: 12
- 1 C Matthew 10: 42
- 1 C I Samuel 25: 18
- 1 C Genesis 43: 11
- 6 Isaiah 10: 14
- 2 tsp Leviticus 23: 17
- 2 Chronicles 9:9
- 1 tsp Psalm 19: 10
- 1 glass Judges 9: 13



FATHER'S DAY

June 16



June

Randy Bruno	1
Nancy Spencer	6
Alex Danson	7
Daniel Morgan	9
Harvey Stephens	11
Virginia Allen	16
Lucille MacEwan	16
Margery Sheehan	18
Barbara Henderson	26
Gail Jones	28
Jody Allen	28

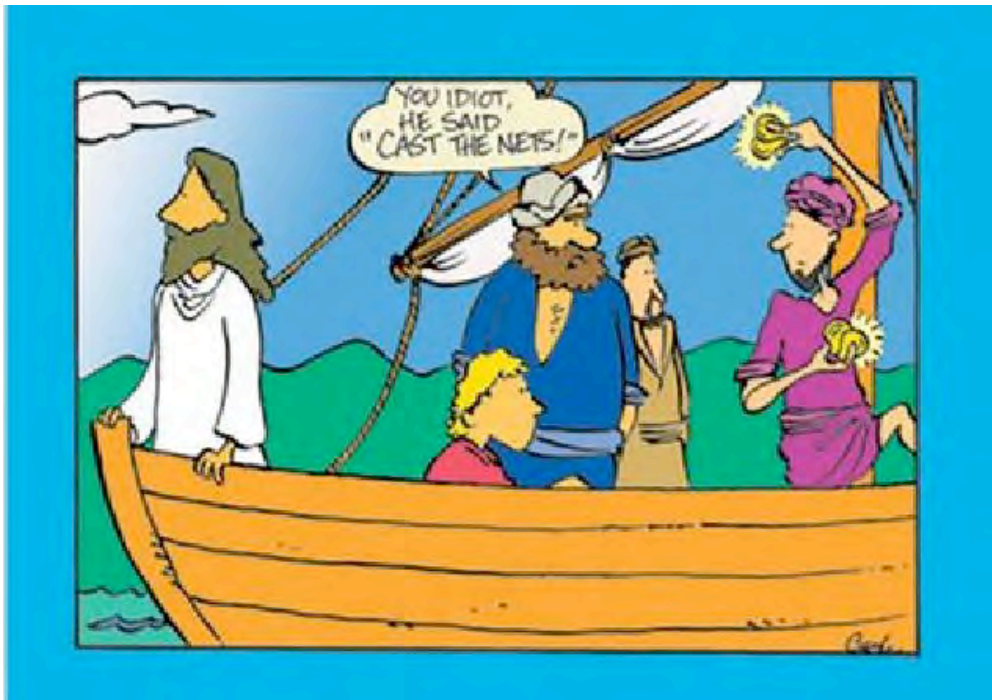


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What Are You Doing This Summer?

Send us pictures and articles about your activities this summer. Whether it's a fabulous trip to strange and exotic places or a staycation, we would love to hear from you. Send them to jmorgan@pspresby.org.





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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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