



# SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church  
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“There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.” Ecclesiastes 3:1

I love it when a bible is opened at random and the perfect passage appears, as it just did! More than any other season, Fall has always represented for me the most powerful demonstration of change. That may seem odd, since Spring –the usual favorite - brings new life bursting from soil and tree; but there is something about the beauty of the fading of life in nature, and its final, brilliant song, that steals my heart.



We live in a world that celebrates youth, is increasingly self-absorbed and too often oblivious to any perception of wisdom from experience. The question begs: How can anyone make a difference, change a mind or heart, least of all actually look someone in the eyes in conversation? I read about it, talk about it and sometimes rage against it, as many of us do. But here's the thing: Perhaps the answer comes from another place in Ecclesiastes, 'there is nothing new under the sun.' We are victims of our own lack of vision, or lack of remembering! We can be a minute past five years old and forget the wonder of discovering that a wooden spoon and a pan can make great music! And in the same breath, we lament that five year old self and fail to see the color and possibility in the Fall of life.

For sure, things are different these days, but the basics of communication between generations remains consistent, in our desire to keep control, or wrest control. It can be based on ego or fear or simply the frustration of not understanding a new way of being. Rather than dwell in places that isolate us because we too often choose to distance ourselves from what we don't know, I wonder what turning to face the change might do to brighten the foliage of our lives? God gives us free will, and God also has created a world for us that begs for participation and trust. God's desire is to abandon fear and *see, taste, hear*. What most offends us as we pour concrete around what used to be hearts and minds of curiosity may be a transformative moment that, in its way, mirrors the movement, generation by generation, forward in the continuing cycle of Seasons. God's seasons, our shared seasons, We each choose the one that captures our hearts, but really, what is one without the other?

Hm, I think I am sounding a bit esoteric. But here it is: Embrace the place we are, but be open and willing to experience transformative opportunities even when they seem to be an emotional challenge. Oh, not the obviously damaging – but the sparks of Spring that renew the fading colors of well lived lives and institutions. In God's world, there is motion and Revelation and celebration and community. Like one hand clapping, we need one another to keep the Word alive and accessible, even as we feed our own hungry hearts. exciting season at PSPC and need every bit of wisdom from every single season to bear the fruit of faith. Lets let go and get God, with hearts that see every day as a brand new beginning, a yet to be

discovered experience, a joy to behold. There may be nothing new under the sun, but until and unless we live it, its new to us. So, reach out to a hand of experience or enthusiasm, and lets see where our Maker will lead us!

Your Partner in God's Service, *Rev. Christine*

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PSPC Women's Committee is sponsoring an inspirational talk by Dessa Reed, poet, feature writer and author of three books, on Saturday, November 14 from 10 to 12. Dessa will share her experience of "Turning Adversity into Victory" during months of recovery from a near-fatal auto accident.

This informal gathering includes her story in both poetry and prose with time for Q & A. Sweet rolls and beverage included. Free to all women. If you have further questions about the event, please call Dessa at 760-327-4134.

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The following are quotations about poetry that Dessa has gathered.

"Once you can express yourself, you can tell the world what you want from it...All the changes in the world, for good or evil, were first brought about by words." Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis—Former First Lady

"Poetry is the language of surprise." Steven Goldsberry—Professor at The University of Hawaii

"Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of powerful feelings: it takes its origin from emotion recollected in tranquillity..." William Wordsworth, Poet

"I write poetry to show others that they are not alone." Dylan Thomas, Poet

"He has the genius of simplicity. Any fool can get complicated." Bill Moyers on PBS

"Poetry is nearer to vital truth than history." Plato, Philosopher

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### Sessions Notes from September 16, 2015 Session Meeting



Pastor's Report- Rev Christine requested that session reports be emailed from each Elder (Committee Chair) to all session members with a deadline of the Sunday prior to the Session Meeting. The reports can also be put in session members personal mailbox with the same deadline if more convenient.

Jackie Morgan has gotten two estimates for repair of the two stained glass windows. It was decided to refer this information to Jim Chabot, as the elder overseeing Building & Grounds, for his input and to vote on at a later time.

Jackie prepared a list of members who have not attended PSPC in the last 2 years and, therefore, are considered to be inactive. We will send them a letter advising them of their change in status.

Session approved the memorial service for Elizabeth Mauer on Nov. 7, 2015.

Session approved the Welcome Back BBQ which will be held on Nov 1, 2105. An additional grill is needed. Congregation will be asked for donation of grill. (Continued on page 5)



## WANTED: ALTOS, TENORS, SOPRANOS & BASS

Do you like to sing? If the answer is yes, the choir is seeking new members. Sing the praises of God for all to hear! For more information, contact Jeff Morgan or Alex Danson. New Choir season starts on October 4th. Rehearsal is Wednesday from 2 PM to 4 PM and Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. If the rehearsal times are not convenient for you due to work or other obligations, please let Jeff, Alex or Christine know. We will try to arrange a workable time for you. The choir welcomes singers who may only be here for a few weeks or months.



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## THE WELCOME BACK BARBECUE WILL BE NOV 1!



Our annual BBQ will be on November 1st! Join the fun while we welcome back our seasonal members and friends and catch up with all the news. Harvey and his crew always do a great job grilling delicious food. Make a note on your calendars. Don't forget.

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Ralph's Grocery Stores will rebate back to our church a percentage of our eligible purchases. This quarter (6/1/15 - 8/31/15) 4 households shopped at Ralphs and through their shopping have contributed \$5.28 to PSPC. Please take advantage of this fund raising opportunity. Information on how to sign-up is in the Narthex or see Jackie.



*from Marilyn*

This is a note received from Marilyn Walker

9-19-15 Hi Jackie, I am sending you a package of cancelled stamps and Campbell soup labels. The

latest newsletter was great. I liked the picture of your trip. Please keep it coming. I'm enclosing a check for postage. I think of you often and have beautiful memories of our time at PSPC. Say "Hi" for me - I miss you all. Sincerely, Marilyn

Editor's Note - Hi Marilyn, It is so good to hear from you. Hope all is well. We miss you too. Keep in touch. Blessings, Jackie & your friends at PSPC

## 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" - \$20. – See Morella, Jim or Jackie

PSPC cookbook, Love Feast, is for sale for \$5. See 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 1/4 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 ACTIVITIES

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 in the Fellowship Hall.

Yoga Classes Tuesday, 11:00 AM and Thursday at 5:30 PM (except on 5:59 Gathering Thursdays). \$10

session notes continued

Report from Elder Jody Allen, Finance & Stewardship Committee. Finances continue to be "tight".

Report from Elder Jeff Morgan. Choir's first performance will be Oct 4, 2015. Announcement on Sunday has been made and will continue to be made that we still need additional choir members. Announcement also in the Sonshine and bulletin.

Ninety-three people were served Communion on Sept 6th.

Report from Elder Randy Bruno, Congregational Life. Twenty attended the 5:59 Dinner on Sept 17. Next 5:59 Dinner planned for Oct. 22, 2015.

Next Session meeting scheduled for Oct 22, 2015 at 3:00 PM.



## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Fae Custer	4
Marge Harris	8
Winnie DeVries	10
Mo Noradoukian	10
Tom Ellis	11
Elma Griffin	12
Charlene Coates	17
Lea McCoy	17
Rev. Christine	21
Peggy Lynn	26
Donna Genett	29

Attention: All Seasonal Friends, Visitors or if you just miss a Sunday You can listen to the Sunday worship services on PSPC's website [pspresby.org](http://pspresby.org). Alex has the current Sunday Service available by Tuesday of the following week. Even if you are away you can still enjoy Rev Christine's sermons, hear our great choir and keep up with what's going on here.



Online giving is now up and running. Just get on our website, and click on the button in the upper right hand corner. The website will guide you through the steps to take advantage of online giving. It can be used to make regular tithes to the general fund or the piano fund. You can use this option weekly, every two weeks, monthly, quarterly or a one time basis.





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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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