



SONSHINE

The Monthly Newsletter of Palm Springs Presbyterian Church August, 2011

Message from Rev. Christine



“Lord you are our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth
and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.” Psalm 90

In the heat of a desert summer, the transience of life can shimmer like an oasis in the distance. We move (often quickly) from our homes to our cars, from car to store, from store to house, or wherever necessity has led us that day. Our choices seem to be: move, melt or sit inside!

At the same time, when a person looks out at the mountains in midday, somehow the bald light that bakes the sand and stones creates a sense of permanence that is staggering. It's as if they cry out, 'you move; I stay - forever.' And, there is a deep peace to be found in that, in the ageless, craggy facets that look out over our valley of souls.

As God's people in the world, we are drawn to God's infinite presence, yet we find it impossible to sit still, not just because of nature's thermostat, but because our attention spans are constantly challenged by virtually everything that touches our lives. Except God.

If we let ourselves stop, and listen, we can dwell in that moment in the peace that is God, and takes precedent over all that which we deem so important but which, in fact, is only temporary. Only God is everlasting.

Yes, I am falling in love with the doggone desert mountains! And, even in that famous summer heat, we are seeing new faces in the pews each Sunday, and enjoying visitors from as far away as the Netherlands. There is something wonderful afoot, and it is 'afoot' because of the open hearts that make up the Palm Springs Presbyterian family. Somehow, in all this, we need to remember to have patience, like the mountains that watch over us; patience to watch the future unfold, even as we prepare a welcome for those who will join our 'family' with new energy, ideas, and a desire for participation in God's work. In the meantime, can't wait for the next 5:50 dinner. God is good, indeed!

Peace,
Rev. Christine



Meet Tom Kutras

I live in Palm Springs about one half of every week. I am a part-time resident, but unlike the snowbirds, I fly back and forth weekly. I found out about Palm Springs Presbyterian from my neighbors, Jim and Kay Chabot, who are associate members.

I am proud to say I held every job in an elementary school from Janitor to Principal. I worked as an Elementary School Teacher and Elementary Principal for 35 years. I don't have any children of my own, and always said, "I love children as long as they go home at 3 o'clock. That's my famous quote.

My personal interests are going to the gym, fixing up houses, and reading.

I immediately liked Palm Springs Presbyterian, it reminds me of Lincoln Park Presbyterian in San Francisco, my family church for many years. I attended PSCP as a visitor for several months and noticed how much going to church helped me in general. I guess it filled a spiritual need I had. Last month I joined and have enjoyed being a member. I like that the congregation is friendly and I enjoy being part of such a nice neighborhood church.



**5:59
Gathering**

**The next 5:59 Gathering will be
Thursday, August 11th**

At the August 5:59, we will enjoy the second video in the series on Jerusalem. For those who have never been, it will be a time to put “faces on the places” that mean so much to us as Christians, and for those who have been blessed to visit, an opportunity to remember and share what it was like to walk those sacred streets.



Rev. Christine is leading a women's book study on, "Jesus Did It Anyway", The paradoxical Commandments for Christians, by Kent Keith. We will read the book the first week in August and discuss it on August 9th. It's an interesting, fun and helpful guide for integrating scripture into our everyday lives, and gives us a chance to discover opportunities that might be missed! We are meeting Tuesday mornings at 9:30am.



This is to thank all of you for your prayers and many acts of love and kindness during these past two very difficult months. What a blessing it is to be part of our church family.

Katherine (Kate) Walker



**Rummage
Sale**

Fri, Oct 21 & Sat. Oct 22

Mark Your Calendars

Our annual Rummage Sale will be bigger and better than ever this year! Ellie Cushing has agreed to be the chair of the committee planning, organizing and working in this huge fundraiser for the church. If you can help, please let Ellie know right away. Her committee will meet soon to start planning. All kinds of helpers are needed to sort, price, move merchandise, publicity and a hundred other jobs. Also save your gently used items that you want to donate to the sale. Get in on the fun!



BRING YOUR EMPTY ALUMINUM CANS AND PLASTIC BOTTLES

Our goal for 2011 is to earn \$1000 for the church from recycling cans and bottles. The church received **\$295** from recycling for the 6/11quarter. That is \$200 more than for the same period last year! Thank you, thank you. We are on the way to achieving our goal. YOU can make this happen by bringing in your cans and bottles to church. Harvey Stephens is in charge of this worthy project. Your recycling helps the budget and the environment.



Sunday Mornings with Ernie Moore

For those of you who want a Sunday morning Bible Study class, this is the class for you. Ernie Moore leads this class using the Kerygma teachings. Meet in the social hall from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. It is a great time of learning, study, fellowship and growth in our faith. All are welcome.

Thank You!
FOR YOUR PRAYERS!

I would like to thank everyone who has been praying for my sister, Megan, following her stroke on July 3rd. She is doing well, and can now walk with a leg brace and a 'three-pronged' cane! This was a goal for her, and achieving it has meant a great deal. Next, she says, is that special arm of hers! My sister Shannon and I will be driving Megan to the desert this coming week to continue her recovery.



The Men's Bible Study group is led by Allen Perrier and they are studying the passages in the Lectionary. All the men in the church are encouraged to come and grow in the knowledge of God's work. After their meeting we have breakfast at one of the local restaurants. Come and join us.



Please Save Your Used Ink Cartridges

The Palm Springs High School Band is collecting used computer ink cartridges to help finance their trip to England, Scotland & Wales in 2012. The collection jar is on Jackie's desk. Thanks



Never squat with your spurs on!

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash, was one of the greatest political sages this country has ever known.

Some of his sayings:

1. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
2. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
3. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
4. Always drink upstream from the herd.
5. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
6. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket.
7. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
8. If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
9. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n puttin' it back.



SESSION MEETING

Session met on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at 9:35 a.m. Elder Ernie Moore presented the devotional followed by prayer. All members were present with Elders Geri Bintliff, Fran Gotenstein & Harry Henderson being excused. Deacon Robert Kemp was present representing the Deacons.

Session approved the request by N-anon to use our building one evening a week for meetings. The offices will be closed off and not available for use during the meetings. A proposal by Cathedral City Community Pres to share advertising in the Desert Sun was approved for further study. A memorial service was held on July 21 at 11:00 a.m. for Aurelio Gonzales who was Don Gonzales' father. The Treasurer's report showed a loss for the month of June of \$3,768 and a year to date thru June loss of \$11,029. Session voted to approve the rummage sale dates of October 21 & 22, 2011.

Session was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. with prayer. The next Session meeting is in September. There will be an August meeting only if needed.

If you have concerns you wish the Session to consider, please speak to one of our Session members, to Jim DeHart, Clerk of Session, or to Pastor Christine.





**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR
SOMETHING EXCITING IN THE
21ST CENTURY?
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE**

www.pspresby.org

Listen to music, hear Scripture and sermons, grow in faith and bring a friend or neighbor who is not involved in a church. Take your laptop to a shut-jn and share this wonderful gift with them or, if they have a computer, show them how to get us on the internet.

What a great gift.

REMEMBER: Our e-mail address is

info@pspresby.org

Please USE it & tell others!



Palm Springs Presbyterian Has Aprons for Sale

*Have You Hugged
A Presbyterian Today?*

They come in many colors and make great gifts for yourself and others.

They are a real bargain at \$16.75 and any profit benefits the church.

Please see Morella Larsen, Jim DeHart or Jackie Morgan if you would like to buy an apron.

Celebrating the Fourth of July

Larry Harris, Thelma Kelly, Robert Kemp, Sabella Trujillo, Marge Harris, Jim DeHart



From Lucile Kraehling's Kitchen
Cherry Bars

- 2 C all-purpose flour
- 2 C quick-cooking oats
- 1 ½ C sugar
- 1 ¼ C butter, softened
- 1 ½ - 1 ¾ (21 oz) cans cherry pie filling (more of the cherries & less syrup)
- 1 tsp almond extract
- ¼ C semisweet chocolate chips
- ¾ tsp shortening

In a mixing bowl, combine flour, oats, sugar and butter until crumbly. Set aside 1 ½ cups for topping. Press remaining crumb mixture into an ungreased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Bake at 350 for 15-18 minutes or until edges begin to brown.

In a bowl, combine pie filling and extract; carefully spread over crust. Sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture.

Bake 20-25 minutes longer or until edges and topping are lightly browned. In a microwave or heavy saucepan, melt chocolate chips and shortening; stir until smooth. Drizzle over warm bars. Cool completely on a wire rack. Yield: 3 dozen

Sonshine Deadline
 August 22nd

Please e-mails articles to
 jmorgan@pspresby.org or
 jmorgan@dc.rr.com
 Or Fax to the office
 At 760-320-5089



Birthdays
August

| | |
|-----------------|----|
| Karol Egan | 2 |
| Harry Henderson | 17 |
| Marilyn Walker | 18 |
| Evelyn Wulf | 27 |



PSPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday
 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon

Closed on Monday and
 Fridays



Palm Springs
Presbyterian Church
815 S. Camino Real
P.O. Box 582
Palm Springs, CA 92264(3)
760-320-2769

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of the 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, therefore, to be a center for spiritual growth and friendship, where the teachings of Jesus Christ are faithfully received and God's grace is celebrated joyfully with Christian friends!

Pastor:
Rev. Christine Dickerson

Music Director:
Alex Danson

Office Administrator:
Jim DeHart

Church Secretary
Jackie Morgan

Sonshine Editors:
Jeff & Jackie Morgan



If you have received this issue of the SONSHINE in error or wish to be removed from our mailing list, please fill in your name and address below and send it back to us. Thank you.
