



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church
January 2015

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God." Psalm 25

Fifteen, there is a sense of reflection and expectation. God has been good to our faithful congregation, blessing us with a dedicated membership and an increasing number of visitors from around the country and even around the world! Each has brought – and brings – a reflection of God's Creation into our midst, and helps us to recognize who we are and who we are meant to be and become.



Many of us thrilled to the 'Third Annual' participation in the Parade of Lights, and were surprised and joyful at the transformation of our Community Bulletin Board into a miniature version of PSPC. We celebrated together at a Christmas dinner, eloquently prepared, and walked reflectively past the glow of Luminarias into the warmth of the Sanctuary Christmas Eve. There has been music, prayer and a joy that reflects the hours of work and dedication, a physical tithing by so many. Yes, we are blessed.

Within these walls we have witnessed change and, too, a confirmation of tradition. We are seeing days that challenge our limited space, and hear more often the shouts and laughter of children. Our friends have faced challenges of health and emotion. We have walked and will walk, pray and trust, with every need; such is the way of a family of the Spirit.

And that is the heart of it: Whoever we are, wherever we come from, we belong to God, and so to one another. None can set himself or herself apart, no one of us needs to fear or control. In Christ, we are one, and if we live into Christ, the powers that seek to divide can't persevere. People feel this when they step through our doors and sense not our differences, but our commonality: Our faith, our hope, our LOVE.

In these early days of a year yet to be claimed by experience or by challenge, we can stand on the steps and smile, together, into the sun. We can lift up our souls to the Lord, and trust our God. We can be led by the Spirit and tend to one another with care. We can and we will do these things, even as we may wonder in the 'why' of it all, or question, as humans are bound to do, the path that is our path and the Purpose that is not our purpose without an understanding of fearless, living Faith.

And one day, next December, we will again thrill at a parade, walk thoughtfully past the glow of luminaria, and give thanks for the Birth that has given us so much and whose very breath will surround all that we are and can be.

So, Welcome, New Year! Welcome, friend and stranger. Welcome ideas, generosity of heart and mind. Welcome, first days of brand new life for Palm Springs Presbyterian Church!

Peace, *Rev. Christine*

HEIFER PROJECT

Thanks to everyone who gave to the Heifer Project. Those who gave provided goats, llamas, rabbits, bees and a biogas stove. A gift to the Heifer Project helps the world's poorest, become self-reliant. The Heifer Project gives a suitable animal to a needy family, gives them training on how to care for the animal and gives with the stipulation that they give an offspring of their animal to another needy person. It is a gift that keeps on giving. Thanks to everyone for their generosity. This was our most successful year for giving.

Thanks to The FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS PARADE COMMITTEE, for PSPC's fabulous float in the parade this year. Every year it just gets better. Thanks for all your hard work.





Women's Retreat
Mar 7

Souperbowl

Join us for a Souperbowl lunch on Sun, Feb 1st. Choose from an array of homemade soups. This is a fund raiser for the Well in the Desert, so give generously. It is always a great opportunity for good food and fellowship.

Italian Night
January 24, 2015

The Outreach Committee is sponsoring an evening of great Italian food and music! Three time winner the McCallum's "Open Call" talent competition, Gerald Colucci will serenade diners with his wonderful repertoire of Italian love songs. Tickets for dinner, beverages and entertainment are \$15 per person and are on sale now. This is an opportunity to invite friends and family to see what we all celebrate and love about our wonderful church.



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. 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.



Virginia Ross wants to thank everyone for the good wishes, flowers, cards and prayers she has received while she is recovering from surgery. She is feeling better.





FROM THE KITCHEN OF VIRGINIA ROSS

Baked Potato Salad



8 medium potatoes, boiled and diced
1 pound American cheese, diced (I use Cheddar also)
1 cup mayonnaise
1/4 cup chopped onion
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 pound bacon, (partially fried) (1/4 pound if bacon is thick)
1/4 cup olives cut in halves

Combine potatoes, cheese, mayonnaise and onion. Mix well. Place in 9 x 13 baking dish. Break bacon into pieces and lay over potatoes. Arrange olive halves on top. May be prepared a day in advance and refrigerated. Bake @ 350 in oven for 30 to 35 minutes or until cheese melts and bacon cooks.

Serves 15

The **Deacons** want to thank everyone for the gifts to Hacienda Valdez. The Stephens family delivered 2 big boxes of lotions, soaps and other toiletries the week before Christmas. The ladies were thrilled. Thanks for your kindness.

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

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.

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 in the Fellowship Hall.

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

Ukulele Practice is Friday at 1:00 PM.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Rev. Dr. Bill Johnson	2
Dorothy Hollerback	4
Molly Mowat	5
Tom Kutras	6
Ruth Ash	14
Margaret Norton	15
Fred Lynn	20
Melvena Schaefer	21

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Clay Robertson	3
Michael Lutke	6
Gina Johnson	9
Richard Cuthbert	11
Norman Ross	11
Bob Coates	14
Joe Sypus	17
Francis Spreitzer	31
Phyllis Burrows	



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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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