



SONSHINE

Newsletter of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church

Winter 2020

"Good news (or tidings) of great joy... and peace on earth..."

Luke 2: verses 10-14

People want joy and peace. They want it the year around, but for some reason, they want it even more at Christmas time. A theme of hope seems to rise in the midst of commercialism. Peace and joy are available at Christmas as they are the year around, but only from the One whose birth is the reason we celebrate. The prayer of St. Francis (of which there are several versions) contains a powerful message for us:

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Health, peace, and joy to all of you, our members and friends

Contributed by Elder Kay Chabot





Quarterly Devotional

***Make sure you test positive.
Keep distance from doubt and isolate fear.
Trust God through it all.***

Contributed by Elder Pauline Gregg



Poinsettias in Memory

***"Live your life according to the things you love
about those you hold in memory."*** *Unknown*



Peggy Kueffer

***In Loving Memory of my
dear father, mother &
brother;
Stan, Nan and Roger***

Bud & Peg Cius

***In Loving Memory of
our twin grand-daughters;
Brittany & Savanah
Mignot***

Morella Larsen

***In Loving Memory of my
husband,
Bob Larsen***

Jim & Kay Chabot

***In Memory of our dear
friend and neighbor;
Tom Kutras***

Carl Currin

***In Loving Memory of
Janie Sherman Currin***

Pauline Gregg

***In Loving Memory of my dear
husband and son;
Dean & Bill Gregg***

Melvina Schaefer

***In Loving Memory of dear
husband and family;
Larry Schaefer
Melvin & Grace Alpers
Ralph & Millie Schaefer
Peter & Margaret Metcalf***

Rev. Christine Dickerson

***In Loving Memory of my
dear family;
Mary Janet Dickerson
Robert Blair Dickerson
Stephen Blair Dickerson
Naoma Isadora Poole***

Cindy Anderson

***In Loving Memory of my
precious mother;
Gretchen Kelsay Anderson
Hebb***

Caryl Williamson

***In Loving Memory of my
dear father, mother and
brother; Neal, Clara and
Donald Anderson***

Stan & Jan Halverson

***Best holiday wishes to our
dear friends & family***

Mark & Carole Rogers

***In Loving Memory of our
niece, Gina Estrada***



Treasurer's Report

Our 2020 net income from January thru November is \$11,177 compared to \$55,502 for the same period in 2019. We have had a significant reduction in income while our operating expenses have remained steady.

We are hopeful that using pulpit ministry until we have our new minister will help us to reduce our expenses. Our mortgage balance has decreased to \$171,730. We would like to extend a huge thank you for all your generous gifts to our church during this very difficult time for all.

*Elder Carl Currin, Chair
Finance Committee*

Nominating, Outreach & Congregational Life



Committee Updates

Your **Nominating Committee** is working on a slate of deacons and elders to fill vacant positions which will need to be filled at the beginning of the year. If you would like to serve as a deacon or elder or know of someone you would like to nominate for a position, please contact Pauline Gregg at 760-568-9498.

Your **Outreach Committee** is so excited to report our School Supplies Drive was a huge success this past April and May in spite of the pandemic. However, due to the pandemic restrictions, we will be unable to deliver gifts and poinsettias this holiday season to our seniors residing in nursing homes. The Committee hopes to manage the Stuffed Animal Drive in the Spring. As you may recall, your donated stuffed animals go to various local police and fire departments to give to children who are involved in some kind of traumatic incident. Updates on this drive will be provided as we move into the new year.

Your **Congregational Life Committee** decorated our sanctuary with limited holiday garland this year due to the continued closing of our church. The beautiful holiday poinsettias are arranged on the altar as our tradition of many years in the past. If you would like to donate \$10 for one of the poinsettias to be dedicated in the memory of a loved one, please send your donation to the church at Palm Springs Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 582, Palm Springs, CA 92263. Please remember to note the individual('s) name of your loved one with your donation so we will be able to announce this during our holiday services.

*Elder Pauline Gregg, Chair
Nominating, Outreach &
Congregational Life Committees*



Worship Committee Report

We wish to extend our heartfelt appreciation to Pastor Ron Duvall for providing such warm spirited services for us these past few weeks.

Pastor Ron will be back with us in January, and until then we are happy to announce Pastor Christine Dickerson will be providing our worship services during the holiday season, including our traditional Christmas Eve service.

*Elder Peggy Kueffer, Chair
Worship Committee*



Session Updates November 16, 2020 Session



The church will remain closed with no social gatherings inside or outdoors permitted until COVID restrictions are eliminated. We are monitoring this situation closely with local, county and state officials and will continue to keep you updated.

After 8 months of tremendous research, data gathering and analyses, our Mission Assessment Team (MAT) will soon have their Report completed for Session's and Presbytery's approvals. Our goal is to receive the approvals during the first week of February, at which time we will move forward in establishing our Pastor Nominating Committee to begin our new pastor search. During this time, we will continue to call on our pulpit supply of pastors for our worship services.

*Elder Peggy Kueffer
Clerk of Session*



Christmas Peppermint Pie

Contributed by Elder Kay Chabot

Crust:

24 Oreos, crushed

1/4 c melted butter

Combine & press evenly and firmly into bottom & sides of a 9" pie pan and chill.

Filling:

4 cups miniature marshmallows

1/2 c milk

1 c heavy cream, whipped

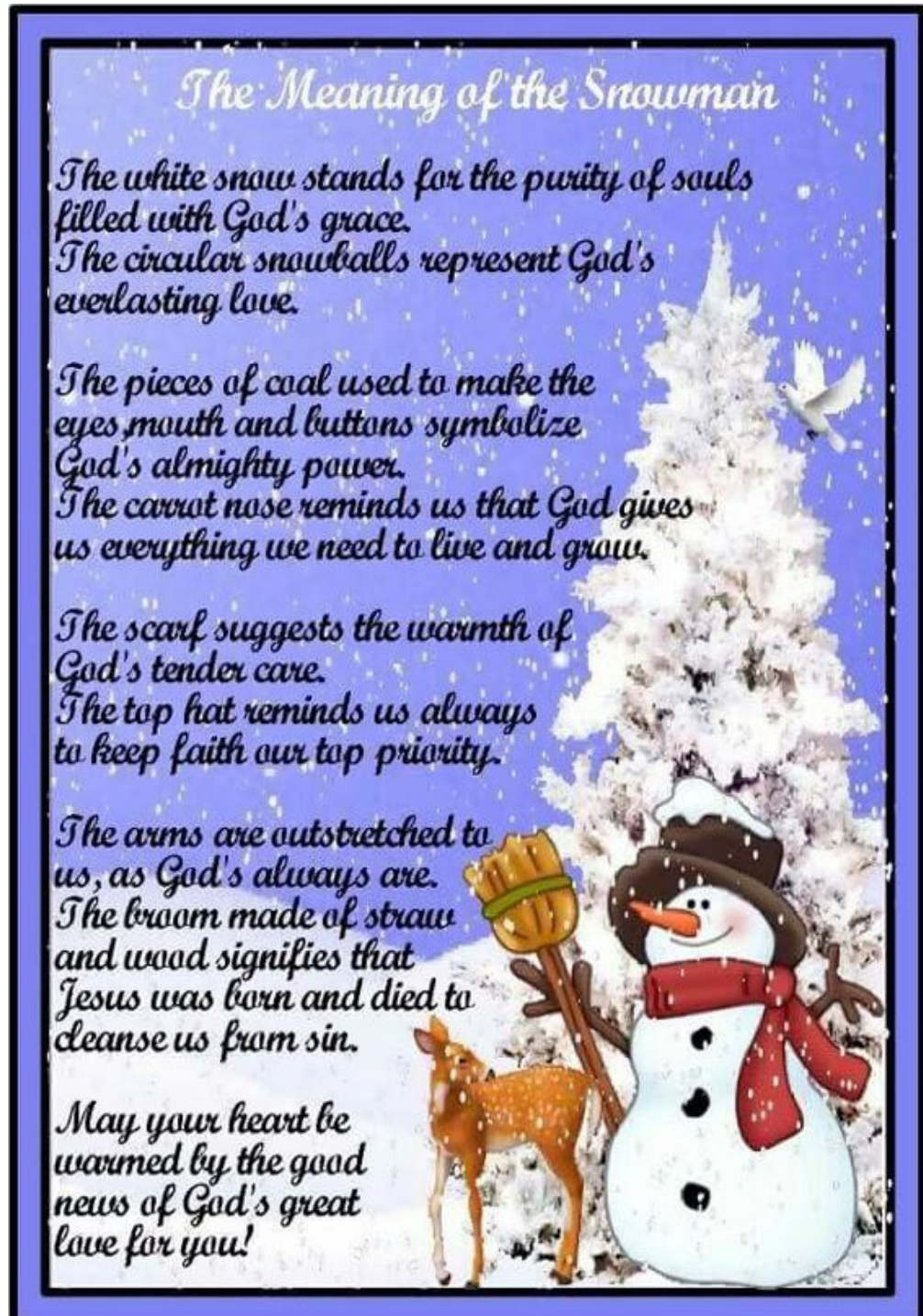
1/2 c crushed peppermint candy canes

Melt 3 cups of marshmallows with milk in a double boiler. Mix well until smooth and blended. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in whipped cream, remaining one cup of marshmallows and crushed candy. Pour into crust and chill until firm. (*You may substitute a large 9 oz. cool whip for the whipped cream*).



A Little Knowledge from the Office

Contributed by Peggy Kueffer
Office Manager



Unknown Author



How Well Do You Know Our Christmas Songs?

Contributed by Alex Danson
Music Director

Name That Christmas Song

A lyric from the song is given. In what song would you find the lyric?

1. "Round yon virgin mother and child"
 - a. Jingle Bells
 - b. Silent Night
 - c. I'll be Home for Christmas
 - d. We Three Kings
2. "And Heaven and nature sing"
 - a. Away in a Manger
 - b. Joy to the World
 - c. While Shepherds Watched
 - d. White Christmas
3. "'Tis the season to be jolly"
 - a. Jingle Bells
 - b. While Shepherds Watched
 - c. Deck the Halls
 - d. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
4. "God and sinners reconciled"
 - a. O Come O Come Emmanuel
 - b. O come All Ye Faithful
 - c. Hark the Herald Angels
 - d. The First Noel
5. "Disperse the gloomy clouds of night"
 - a. O Come All Ye Faithful
 - b. O Come O Come Emmanuel
 - c. Hark the Herald Angels
 - d. The First Noel
6. "Joyful and triumphant"
 - a. O Come All Ye Faithful
 - b. Joy to the World
 - c. Deck the Halls
 - d. Ave Maria
7. "Looked down where he lay"
 - a. The First Noel
 - b. Little Town of Bethlehem
 - c. Joy to the World
 - d. Away in a Manger
8. "O tidings of comfort and joy"
 - a. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen
 - b. The First Noel
 - c. Ding Dong Merrily on High
 - d. Away in a Manger
9. "On a cold winter's night that was so deep"
 - a. Away in a Manger
 - b. The First Noel
 - c. Ave Maria
 - d. Deck the Halls
10. "Hang a shining star upon the highest bough"
 - a. O Come O Come Emmanuel
 - b. Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas
 - c. Hark the Herald Angels
 - d. Frosty the Snowman
11. "City sidewalk, busy sidewalks, dressed in holiday style"
 - a. Joy to the World
 - b. Deck the Halls
 - c. Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer
 - d. Silver Bells
12. "Please have snow and mistletoe and presents under the tree"
 - a. Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas
 - b. Silent Night
 - c. I'll Be Home For Christmas
 - d. Jingle Bells
13. "Somebody snitched on me"
 - a. Bill's Christmas Treat
 - b. The First Noel
 - c. Nuttin' for Christmas
 - d. Deck the Halls
14. "Bearing gifts we traverse afar"
 - a. Jingle Bells
 - b. Silent Night
 - c. I'll Be Home for Christmas
 - d. We Three Kings
15. "Come on, it's lovely weather"
 - a. Deck the Halls
 - b. While Shepherds Watched
 - c. Jingle Bells
 - d. Sleigh Ride

Should you need to visit the church during this pandemic time, please wear a mask and comply to the social distancing requirements at all times.
We pray everyone remains healthy and safe during the holiday season.



Happy New Year
2021