



SONSHINE

Monthly Newsletter of the Palm Springs Presbyterian Church
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"A cheerful look brings joy to the heart; and good news gives health to the



Fall. The time, in the desert, for beginnings. Not the beginnings of budding flowers or warming weather, but of cooling, of arrival of friends old and new, of an uptick of souls in the pews on Sundays and get togethers during the week. After a summer of extraordinarily warm - no, make that hot - weather, our valley is eager to begin this cycle of another kind of renewal that exchanges falling leaves for hanging our welcome signs back out. And so it is for all of us at Palm Springs Presbyterian. We've had a good summer and early fall, with regular attendance, great music, and our wonderful sense of faith and community. But now, we are eager to welcome again those we've missed these past months.

I began this piece as we contemplated an 'October' Sunshine. Our active church is evident in that here we are in November, and as I attempted to finish an already-almost-done article, three-fourths of it vanished from the page! Try as I might, what had been written had also vanished from my brain. I can only surmise that the Holy Spirit was again at work, encouraging a new perspective. We tend to get complacent, to say, write or do what we know. As a Pastor, of course I want to encourage us as a worshipping community in Christ to be generous, and in giving trust that all we give will return to us tenfold. Perhaps I was looking towards beginning our 'season' with that kind of cheerleading in mind?

Now that I think of it, I received a quote from a friend yesterday that may hold the clue I'm grasping for: 'Sometimes the only means of transportation is leap of faith.' Indeed. For me, this is a thrilling idea. While we might contemplate the idea of a 'leap of faith,' it is a leap rarely taken. Human nature draws us to the familiar and away from any risk. It is a snare easily tripped, and once inside the drumbeat of familiarity dulls us into a false sense of security. In reality, what seems safe becomes the greatest risk, and I believe this is particularly true in the exercise of our faith. What *seems* 'safe and familiar' might be robbing us of the chance to be thrilled, renewed, set free. If we are willing to take 'leaps of faith,' we may find that 'casting ourselves upon the waters' will in fact return us to a newness of faith, hope and joy - the themes of faith, combining into a state of unrelenting love.

Jesus never stayed in one place, he moved among the people and took risks in speaking to all who would listen and even some who wouldn't. He gave what he had, he gave ALL he had, so we might find him and through him, our relationship with God. He gave us a lesson that as God's beloved, we are built to move into life without fear and that through action we can discover the fullness of life. Haven't you ever wondered what's beyond the edge of space, what resides in the unknowable infinity? Will we lose ourselves there, one day? No. We will find and be found. You will find and be found.

In the measure of our days, we can cast our bread upon the waters, knowing that our actions will touch others and enrich ourselves. We can take risks in the verb that is life and the verb that is faith. And here, at Palm Springs Pres, we can enter this time of Thanksgiving and Advent with confidence that the One who created and loves us encourages the leap that will draw the attention of the seeker and even the unbeliever. Let us set ourselves free and in doing so set the Spirit free. Let us 'imagine' ourselves into this

this time of reunion and renewal. Be daring. Be creative. What does it look like to you, and how will you make it happen?

In Christ, *Rev. Christine*



The church camping trip to Joshua Tree was Oct 9-11. Superintendent David Smith led a tour of the historic Keys Desert Queen Ranch. Weather was great. It was a good time of resting, exploring, sharing and basking in God's beautiful country. How blessed we are!



PSPC's first-ever Fun-For-All Fall Festival and Fundraiser was a fabulous fete held on Saturday, November 5th. While not everyone in attendance was festooned in freaky frocks in honor of the Halloween theme of the festival, everyone did fill

themselves with German food and with the wonderful waltzes, polkas, sing-along and patriotic songs provided by Mr. Dwayne Fettig. The A-B-C (Arts, Bake and Crafts) sale added to the festivities as did a 50/50 raffle. Leftover ABC items were still on sale after Sunday's service which bolstered the fundraising effort. The combined admission fees, raffle tickets, and ABC and beverage sales brought in close to \$1000 which will go to repair and improvement projects for our church. Thank you to all who helped set up, serve, tear down, and donate and purchase goodies, crafts and artwork. It was truly a team effort!

Art Posters for Sale

John Robilette
Piano Concert
Wed, Nov 30, 5:00 pm

**Performing the works of Bach,
Beethoven and Schumann**

Suggested Donation - \$20

Reception following performance

They were printed in the 80's to promote a Performing Arts Center in PS. The artist is Bill Ware. They are beautifully done and suitable for framing. Come see one on the bulletin board in the social hall. Cost is \$10.



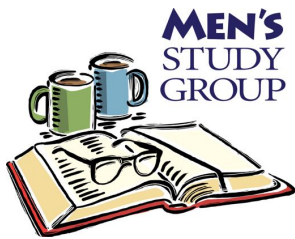
VETERANS DAY

November 11



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Fae Custer	4
Marge Harris	8
Mo Noradoukian	10
Tom Ellis	11
Elma Griffin	12
Charlene Coates	17
Lea McCoy	17
Rev. Christine	21
Dante Evans Smith	23
Peggy Lynn	26
Donna Genett	29



MEN'S STUDY GROUP

In times past, clergy read and interpreted the Bible for the common people. Martin Luther thought that all, no matter their social station, should own and read the Bible for themselves. Gutenberg's invention of movable type made this possible. Whether a

literal work or one of the imagination, the Bible has had a profound influence throughout the ages on everything that touches our lives.

Come explore with us -- no teachers, only students. Men's Bible Study, Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m.

Mission Giving



The following is a note received from Willa Edmonds, who is the office administrator for the Tecate Mission. We have been collecting and sending used stamps to them for many years which they sell to fund their prison ministry.

“Dear ladies at Palm Springs Presbyterian, I would like to thank you so much for the wonderful box of stamps, box tops for education and ink cartridges. What a blessing to receive this box from you and to have the opportunity to work together for the Kingdom. Sincerely, Willa Edmonds” Editor’s note: Many thanks to the ladies from Women’s Bible Study who were invaluable in trimming the hundreds of stamps that have been donated. Each stamp must be cut with a 1/4” border around it. I could not have sent the stamps without the help of the ladies of Bible Study.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Elvio Ditta	1
Fred Wallace	1
Christine Lutke	2
Bill Cushing	4
Kay Hansen	4
Susan McGuire	15



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 on a one time basis.

We now have a knitting group!! They meet on Tuesday at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary. Their group name right now is “The Itch to Stitch” and everyone is welcome who wants to knit, crochet, do needlepoint, quilt or other needlework projects. Contact Harriette Griffeth or Truus VanderLinden for more information.

Come and join the fun.



Knitting Group

PSPC will not have a float in the Festival of Lights Parade this year. Alas! Our trusty crew, who has worked so hard on the float for the past few years, is not available this year as they are busy doing other things. Do not despair, we are planning to be back in the parade next year. Mark your calendars for 2017.

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.





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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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