



The Chimes

Traditional Services 8:30am & 10:15am - Praise Service 11:15am in the Speck Center

December, 2007

Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church * 47-321 Hwy 74 * Palm Desert, CA 92260

Inside This Issue

Letter from Pastor	2
Meet our Scholarship Recipients	3
Alpha Kick-off Dinner	4
Mending Hearts	4
Missions Corner	5
Christian Faith and the World of Islam	6
CVRM Golf Tournament	6
Prayer Requests	7
Vineyard Volunteers cont.	8
Christmas Concert—Insert	

No Break for the Kids Club By Diana Miller

We have just completed the fall session of our Kids Club '07. It was a great session with 26 children enrolled. We changed the format this year to one that was similar to the Vacation Bible School format and it was a hit! Most of our children are not members of our church. Many of them attend the PDCPC Pre-school Kindergarten.

The Kids Club midweek program is designed to reach children outside the church and it has been successful in doing just that. For example, the members of Kids Club Choir will be

(Continued on page 3)



Kids Club Children Having Fun with Funny Faces

Church Staff

760-346-8195

- ◆ Pastor - Doug Garrard
- ◆ Associate Pastor - Dennis Denning
- ◆ Associate Pastor for Families - Julie Hodges
- ◆ Interim Church Administrator - Floyd Vail
- ◆ Director, Youth Ministries - Jonathan Brown
- ◆ Asst. Director, Youth Ministries - Kathy Aposhian
- ◆ Director of Children's Ministries—Diana Miller
- ◆ Preschool Director - Maddy Simpson
- ◆ Volunteer & Event Coordinator - Shirley Darrow

Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord

In October (World Communion) and November, we celebrated Communion with little cubes of real bread. This was indeed a wonderful change as many did not care for the wafers we had been using. We have *Woody Hulseberg* to thank for the change. He has the neatest machine from Germany that cuts the bread in little cubes. Woody has agreed to help out The Sanctuary Guild by cutting the bread for Communion each month. Thank you, Woody, from the Sanctuary Guild and me! You are a true ex-

(Continued on page 8)



Our Church So Beautifully Decorated by the Sanctuary Guild



Meet Our Scholarship Recipients

It's hard to believe that our college students are about to complete their first semester. The Scholarship Committee would like you to know who YOU are helping support this year. Each month for the next six months, we will be introducing you to a PDCPC scholarship recipient.

This month, we would like to introduce you to two young ladies who are both attending school on PDCPC scholarships. Nicholle Corwin and Christy Horning are good friends. They are both freshman, and they both attend Vanguard University in Costa Mesa, California. They have both

been very active in the Youth Ministry at PDCPC and they both love the Lord! What a twosome.

Christy Horning is majoring in athletic training and expects to graduate in 2011. She has been involved with the PDCPC youth group since she was a Junior in High School. She writes, "I greatly appreciate your support! You helped me go to China on a missions trip in the summer of 2005 and now you are supporting me to go to college. Thank you so much! Your help has brought me closer to God."

Nicholle Corwin is majoring in music/ministry and also expects to gradu-

ate in 2011. Nicholle became involved with PDCPC through the Youth Group when she was a high school Junior. She tells us, "This scholarship really means a lot to me. It has helped pay for my college tuition, which I could not have afforded otherwise."

Please remember that the Scholarship Committee is faith-based. We count on your donations to continue the support of our PDCPC family who are attending institutions of higher learning. We couldn't do it without you!

For more information on PDCPC Scholarships, contact Stephanie Landes.



Nicholle Corwin



Christy Horning

(Kids Club—Continued from page 1)

joining our Sunday School choir to perform several times over the holidays. Normally, Kids Club would stop meeting just before Thanksgiving and resume in January, but because of the choir performances, Kids Club will be meeting throughout December so that the children can learn the Christmas songs along with the Sunday School choir. They all look forward to singing at the concerts planned by our adult music department.

It's been a fun fall session with games in the Speck Center, exciting Bible stories, snacks that tie into the Bible story, a surprise station that supports the Bible story with an object lesson and a take-home craft that reminds the children of what they learned in the Bible story. Lots of fun. Lots of learning. An exciting program!

Thank you volunteers for making it a wonderful event for our children. It could not have happened without you!

Join Kids Club

Wednesdays from 3pm until 6 pm

For Kids from Kindergarten thru 5th grade

- * Choir
- * Crafts
- * Structured Games
- * Bible Stories
- * Surprise Station
- * Snacks



Bring friends and make lots of friends!

For registration & more information - Call Diana 346-8195

Explore the Meaning of Life over Dinner



Every one at Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church and their

friends are invited to a special kick-off dinner for the ALPHA course, Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2008, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Miller Hall.

The ALPHA course is the perfect place to ask your questions about Christianity. ALPHA welcomes all questions. Each session in the 10-week course includes a delicious dinner in a relaxed environment, an interesting video on various top-

ics concerning the Christian faith, and a small group discussion. We always have fun and enjoy laughter together.

The kick-off dinner is a great way to find out more about the Alpha course. Attending the dinner does not obligate you to sign up for the course. For those who want to sign up, the course begins January 29 and ends March 25, meet-

ing every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Reservations are required for the kick-off dinner. Child care is available upon request. Please contact Pastor Denn Denning for more information (345-1633 ext. 15) or email him at Denisd@pdpresby.org. You may also sign up on Sunday mornings beginning January 6.



Mending Hearts

By Maureen Mulcahey

Can it be? The last Chimes of 2007? Have we done enough for God this year?

Over the years we have been asking for fabric. The high-quality fabric we have received has exceeded all our expectations. However, the fabric, for which we again say thank you, is just one of the many generous contributions that Mending Hearts has received. Thank you so much for all that you have given – including your time, your talent, and the fruits of your “mending hearts” labor.

Currently the Mercy Ships and their need of cot-size blankets are our

priority. There can be as many as 100 adult patients and 10 children on ship at one time. Many of the pregnant women arrive in critical condition and need surgery after giving birth. Recuperation can take 4 – 5 weeks for complete healing if they stay on board ship until they are well. Our lovely fleece blankets help all the patients from getting chilled and suffering a set-back.

To make these warm blankets, we use 60” blizzard-fleece which we purchase at 50% off (just \$5 per yard). Since we make each blanket 45” wide, the 60” fabric leaves a 15” remnant. By piecing two remnants together, we can

also make children’s jackets, dolls, and smaller blankets. It’s that simple!

If you would like to help us buy fleece, please make your checks payable to PDCPC and on the memo line, write “For Mending Hearts.” All your donations will go toward the purchase of fabric. Women’s Ministries pays for the postage and we get 20% off at the Mailboxes (in Von’s Shopping Center at Washington and Hwy. 111). Patronize them if possible - mentioning our appreciation.

If you drop your check off at the church office on the 1st or 3rd Thursday of the month at 9:30 AM, you could also join us in Room

104 of FLC and help us mend hearts. We cut, sort, pack and laugh! Sometimes we even sew (or you can skip all of the above and just sew!)

We hope that you had a Happy Thanksgiving. How thankful should we be that we can now look forward to freely celebrating the meaning of Christmas!! And we have already begun this celebration by shopping and filling Samaritan’s Purse shoeboxes for children. Thank you.

God bless you and yours this special season and thank you, Gene Swenson, for your generous donation of T.Y. toys. Thank you all for helping us to help others. Amen.

Missions Corner

December is the time when thoughts turn to home and memories of past Christmases spent with family and friends. This is also a special time to think about and pray for the many missionaries who are serving the Lord around the world and who, at this time of year, are very vulnerable to loneliness and feelings of longing for that special warmth which comes from being in the embrace of family and friends.

It is not too late to send a special card or greeting to let them know that this congregation is praying for them and supporting them during this very special time of the year. The following missionaries would be thrilled to receive a greeting from you and to know that they are remembered in a special way. To learn more about them and their missions, go to the Missions page on our church web site. The direct address is http://pdpresby.org/Missions/Missions_Table.htm. You'll find a lot more photos there too.

Personal gifts are always welcome but, due to customs regulations, it is more expedient to send checks designated for the missionary's personal account to the respective Mission Board. The addresses for the Mission Boards can be obtained from Floyd Vail at our church office or Joan Macfadyen 760-346-9769.

- ◆ Milo and Rose Biron, C.A.R.E, Philippines - carephil@info.com.pl
- ◆ Bayarjargal and Yangaa, Gordon Conwell Seminary, Mongolia - bayamini@yahoo.com
- ◆ Kay Eaves InterFACE Ministries, Tennessee - eaves!@comcast.net
- ◆ Tim and Janet Goddu World Impact, Los Angeles - tgoddu@worldimpact.org
- ◆ Rev.Hal and Betsy Guffey International Ministries Fellowship, SC - hwguffey@earthlink.net
- ◆ Dr. Marco and Carmen Samaniego, Hands of Luke, Mexico - HandsOLuke@aol.com
- ◆ Rebecca Haver, Micah Project, Central America - whereisbec@yahoo.com
- ◆ Georges and Joy Houssney, Horizons International, Colorado - ghoussney@horizonsinternational.org
- ◆ Rev.Winston and Kathy Hurlburt, Africa Resource Ministries, Uganda - hurlburt@africaonline.co.ug
- ◆ Nate and Dawn Kruger, Wycliffe Bible Translators, Southeast Asia - natekruger@wycliffe.org
- ◆ Scott and Jan Luley, Christian Leadership Ministries, Campus Crusade for Christ, New Jersey - sluley@clm.org
- ◆ Rev.Dan and Shirley Matsche, Good News Jail & Prison Ministry, Colorado - dmatsche@qwest.net
- ◆ Glenn and Carol Price, Mercy Ships, Texas - priceg@Mercyships.org
- ◆ Jim and Beverly Streit, Africa Inland Mission, Kenya - aaopermgr.is@aimint.net
- ◆ Bruce and Lisa Coggins, Global Outreach, Uganda - coggink@globaloutreach.org



Milo and Rose Biron
C.A.R.E., Philippines



Rebecca Haver
Micah Project, Central America



Nate and Dawn Kruger
Wycliffe Bible Translators, Southeast Asia

Don't Miss this Series—Register Early

“The Christian Faith and the World of Islam”

Presented by Fuller Theological Seminary Professors



Dr. Dudley Woodberry

Beginning Sunday, January 13, at 10:00 am, our Adult Christian Education Committee will offer a six -week seminar series entitled, “The Christian Faith and the World of Islam.” Dr. Dudley Woodberry and Dr. Douglas McConnell from Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, two foremost authorities on Islam, will present these topics:

January 13:

“Islam and the Changing Face of World Missions”

January 20:

“A Christian Perspective on the Palestine-Israeli Conflict”

January 27:

“A global Perspective on Cordial Witness to Muslims”

February 3:

“Terrorism and Mission”

February 10:

“Our Global Witness to Islam”

February 17:

“The Fullness of Time for the Muslim World”



Dr. Douglas McConnell

An introduction to this series on the roots of Islam will be presented on Sunday, January 6, by Dr. Denn Denning. Please join us for what we know will be a great time of learning about and understanding these timely and vital issues.

ATTENTION GOLFERS !!!!



Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church is supporting the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission's 5th annual charity golf tournament. This outing is the major fund-raiser for the Rescue Mission. Funds will be used for their emergency shelter, food, clothing and counseling for homeless men, women and children.

The event will be held on Monday January 21, 2008, at Palm Valley Country Club. It will include 18 holes of golf, lunch, a full array of prizes, raffles and auctions. "Mr. 59", Al Geiberger, will be on hand to hit one ball with each foursome on a par 3, for a closest to the pin prize.

Foursome reservations can be made now through Bill Heck, 564-8653, at \$150.00 per player. Don't miss out on this fun day.

For more information, contact Bill Heck.



Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church
47-321 Highway 74
Palm Desert, CA 92260-5946

PRESORTED
NON-PROFIT
US POSTAGE PAID
PALM DESERT CA
PERMIT NO 35

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a Christ-centered church family rooted in Biblical truth. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are passionately committed to love God through Jesus "Christ, our Lord and Savior. As believers, we support one another, serve people in need and proclaim the Gospel message to our community and throughout the world.

WE ARE ON THE WEB AT PDPRESBY.ORG



(Continued from page 1)
ample of a worker in the vineyard of the Lord.

Every once in a while God nudges one of our members to step up and accept a job that needs doing. That is what *Connie Roller* has done. She wrote a very moving letter which appeared in last month's Chimes that explains her position and how God has called her to respond. Thank you, Connie, for your part as an usher and for keeping the Monday morning prayer group going. You are just another example of a true

worker in the vineyard of the Lord.

The Harvest Carnival has come and gone for another year and I must give many kudos to *Kathy Aposhian and Jonathan Brown* for the long hours they put in to make it such a success. Also, thank you to the many volunteers who came to help wherever they were needed. This is our big community outreach event and it gets better each year! We hope and pray that we have reached some of the unchurched in the Palm

Desert area who might now choose to become part of a church family.

Alpha and Fall Action are under way. If you would like to volunteer with either of these events, please let me know by calling (760-346-8195 ex 23). Many volunteers are needed for both of these events.

Now Christmas time is upon us and once again the Sanctuary Guild will be busy decorating the church for the holidays. We all thank you for the

magnificent job you do at this special time of year.

I would like to wish each of you and every one a Merry Christmas. May God bless your time with family & friends.

Remember what it says in John 15:5, "if we work together with the Lord, we will bear much fruit."

Love and prayers,
Shirley Darrow
Volunteer & Event
Coordinator
