



The Chimes

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

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- Preschool Director - Maddy Simpson
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Attention: Bidders Wanted

Auction for PDCPC Preschool/Kindergarten Scholarship Fund

You might say that this auction is "for the birds." And it is!!

Our beloved Preschool Advisory Board Member and Elder, Miss Ruth Hunter and Miss Sharon Ratliffe will be hosting The Third Annual and Final Silent Auction of their beautifully decorated birdhouses.

Displays and silent bidding began Thursday evening, October 25th at the Action Night Festivities in Miller Hall. They are on display and the bidding will continue for the first three Thursday evenings of November. In addition to the Thursday evening biddings, a daytime bidding will take place on Sunday, November 18th, in Fellowship Square. Please take the opportunity to stop by, take a look, and bid!

Profits from the silent auction will be donated to the Preschool/Kindergarten scholarship fund.

A BIG THANK YOU to Miss Ruth and Miss Sharon for all you hard work on behalf of the children and staff here at the Preschool and Kindergarten. We send you lots of love!!

Respectfully submitted,
Maddy Simpson
Program Director.





Giving Thanks at Thanksgiving and Throughout the Year

Pastor King

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It's Christmas in November at PDCPC

Time for PDCPC to fill the shoeboxes!



Every year, Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church celebrates the Lord's birth by filling shoeboxes for the poor and needy children around the world. Operation Christmas Child is a vital part of our church's mission.

Each shoebox, which is personally delivered, not only contains toys, clothes, candy and other things that delight a child, but also a booklet about Jesus Christ and His great love for children.

This project is sponsored by Samaritan's Purse, an international missionary-

relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Last year, 7.6 million shoeboxes went to children in 96 countries and Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church did a great job by contributing approximately 400 shoeboxes.

Stop by our display table after church, pick up a shoebox and fill it with items of your choice ~ along with your joy and prayers. Filled shoeboxes must be returned by November 18. For more information, call Barbara Peters at 760-578-7161.

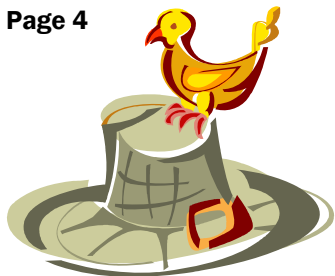
Correction to 2007 Pictorial Directory

On page 22 of the new 2007 Pictorial Directory, Linda Donnelly is pictured with her daughter and granddaughters. Linda's last name is spelled incorrectly. It should be spelled 'Donnelly'. She is pictured with her daughter, Elizabeth Donnelly Grimes, and granddaughters Sayre and Kyah Grimes.

Dear Members and Friends at PDCPC,

Most of you know I became a widow last spring. During my transition period I have felt God nudge me many times. Mending Hearts has been an answer to His nudging by helping me to find joy in serving others. Now you will be seeing me as one of your ushers at the 8:30 service. Also when you see a name on the Prayer list in the bulletin, the "Prayer Patrol" (as we call our little group) will be praying for that person. The Prayer and Share Group meets every Monday at 9am sharp, to pray for each name on the list individually. We praise the Lord and thank him for all His blessings. Being a small part of the volunteer staff of the church is a blessing that continues to overflow. Truly my cup runs over.

In His love,
Mrs. Connie Roller



Happenings

Mariner Holiday Trips

Usher in the holidays with a Mariner trip that accentuates the reason for the season.

A Christmas Carol

Enjoy this Charles Dickens Christmas classic which recaptures the spirit of an old-fashioned Christmas and brings 19th century London to life. The bus to the South Coast Repertory Theater in Costa Mesa

leaves at 8:30, November 28. The \$55 per person price includes transportation and the performance.

Glory of Christmas

Experience the miracle of Jesus' birth in this living nativity through music and drama. The bus to the Crystal Cathedral leaves at 2:00, Wednesday afternoon on December 5. The \$55 per person price

includes transportation and the performance.

White Christmas

Based on the beloved, timeless film, this heart-warming musical features 17 Irving Berlin songs. The \$90 per person price includes lunch, transportation and the performance.

For more details, call Bob or Lois Whitney at 7341-0529 or come to the Mariner's Booth.

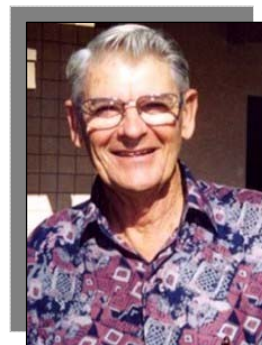
Sunday Morning Studies

AT LAST!

An 8:30 Bible Study Sunday Mornings!

Began October 28

Those of you who attend the 10:15 church service, come at 8:30, bring your coffee and goodies, and study God's word with Tom Straeter as he continues his teaching from The Book of Luke.



AND!

A 10:30 Bible Study on Sunday Mornings!

Begins November 4

If you attend the early service, grab your coffee and a goodies in Fellowship Square and join Frank Christian in the study of Isaiah.



Learn how Isaiah shared God's hatred for people who lived a double life, how he challenged them to shape up and love God with all their hearts and minds, and how The Book of Isaiah relates to Christians today.

Action Night's "Fall Forum"

PDCPC Inside & Out

Everything you wanted to know about

Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church

(but were afraid to ask).

November 8: *"Helping Hands, Hearts & Lives— Ministering to our Congregation"*

Stephen Ministries and Deacons Ministries—similar, yet very different. Enjoy a "musical" explanation of their purposes and testimonies from those whose lives have been touched.

November 15: *"Opportunities for Spiritual Growth"*

Do you know about the many Bible Study and Fellowship Groups on and off campus every week? Hear from those who have learned, grown in their faith and been blessed by participating.

Each evening will be moderated by one of our Pastors with participation from elders, deacons and just plain folks. Visit our table on the patio for more information.

ALL THIS AND DINNER, TOO, FOR JUST \$5.00 PER SESSION!!

Please register in advance to help us with meal planning.

***Dinner at 5:30 pm Speaker at 6:30 pm Call for dinner reservations only
at 346-8195 ext 0***

All Church Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 2, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.
Woodhaven Country Club - \$35.00 per person

"A Christmas Feast in Song"

featuring Gail Beckman

Sign-Up after the 8:30 or 10:15 service.

Men's Reminder

Be sure to attend the Men's Fall Breakfast at Desert Falls Country Club on Nov. 10 at 7:00 AM.

Bring a friend and prepare to be "double teamed" by Jim Riley, former Miami Dolphin Defensive Linebacker, and his pastor, Dr. Joel Baker, as they share how God delivered Jim from addiction. Sign up in Fellowship Square.

Missions Corner

Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship



Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship (PFF) - ever hear of it? Ever wonder just what it is all about?

PFF is about stepping out in creative witness among unreached people groups for whom the gospel is new. On the PFF web site, Rev. Bill Young, PFF Executive Director, states that "PFF wants every Presbyterian church to have a mission vision, in particular a vision to reach out to peoples who have no church. And we want newly planted churches to share that same vision for others."

What defines a people group? It is an ethnic group with specific language and customs. It is estimated that there are

nearly 8,000 people groups in which the Gospel has not taken root. These groups live in every country of the world, including the USA. They even live in our own little corner of California.

Started in 1981 as United Presbyterian Frontier Fellowship by Dr. Ralph Winter, the goal of PFF is "to support mission on the frontiers among unreached people groups; and to encourage first believers and first congregations as they claim Christ as their Lord and take on the call God has given all Christians."

In 1991, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church USA officially recognized this goal and in

1999, the PFF Board approved a mission statement encapsulating the mission of PFF as follows:

"We challenge, mobilize and empower Presbyterian congregations into global partnerships that establish indigenous churches among unreached people groups."

There are two connections which must come together in order for PFF to reach its goal: (1) For Every (established) Church: A Mission Vision, and (2) For Every People: An Indigenous church.

As an established church, Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church can prayerfully support the

PFF mission by becoming more passionate in carrying out the Great Commission so that every ear will hear and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord.

At this writing, PFF field offices span the country coast to coast and are staffed by 11 Associate Directors with expertise and a passion to help churches connect with partners around the world who are involved in cutting-edge frontier mission work. Currently, over 60 different people groups on every continent are hearing the Good News of Jesus for the first time.

Submitted by
Joan Macfadyen

Southern California Wildfires



Fire Relief Fund

PDCPD is accepting financial contributions for the victims of the So. Calif. Wildfires. If you want to participate, please make your check

payable to PDCPC and designate "Fire Relief Fund" on the Memo line.

We will get these funds to the appropriate

agencies as soon as possible.

Please continue to pray for all those affected by this devastating disaster.

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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.



Mending Hearts by Maureen Mulcahey—360-1922

For the past six months, Mending Hearts has been very involved in meeting the needs of the Mercy Ships. Our small group of active members has been busy like little bees - sewing and sending 60 adult cot blankets, 110 hospital gowns, 46 small blankets, and 35 sets of matching child's jackets, blankets and dolls. We have also sent the many Ty Beanie Babies that you have donated.

A special thank you to the "invisible members" of Mending Hearts - all of you in our congregation who have given so generously to our efforts. You keep us in business. Terri Armstrong's donation of some high-quality light flannel (great for hospital gowns) means that we need extra hands to cut and sew. Projects can even be taken home. If you want an easy project, we have a few gowns that just need the binding and back ties applied. Even a man could do this!

A special thank you too, to Victoria Allen for setting up the Sunday Table and making all the matching blanket, jacket and doll sets.

Today in CBS we were reminded that the Holy Spirit can pass on the gifts of Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self Control. Come and share your gifts with us and we'll share ours with you. Such fun. Do join us. Amen