



# The Chimes

Sunday Worship Services 8:30 & 10:15 am

October, 2009

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## PDCPC Scholarship Blessings



Nicholle Corwin, Scholarship Recipient

Thanks to your generosity, PDCPC Christian Student Scholarships are helping nine members of our church family to further their education. Since the Scholarship Committee can only allocate funds already received, we are extremely grateful for your support.

This month, the Scholarship Committee would like to share a letter written to the members of our church from Nicholle Corwin. Nicholle continues to study Music & Worship Arts at Vanguard University and plans to

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### Church Staff

- Pastor - Doug Garrard
- Associate Pastor - Denn Denning
- Pastoral Associate— Marilou Booth
- Transitional Associate Pastor - Julie Hodges
- Interim Church Administrator - Floyd Vail
- Youth Director - Kathy Aposhian
- Director of Children's Ministries - Diana Miller
- Volunteer & Event Coordinator - Shirley Darrow



## Music Notes *by Jon McGihon*

It's time again to begin our musical season! I am excited about the upcoming 2009-2010 year in which we will continue our tradition of meaningful musical worship at PDCPC. God has blessed us with enthusiastic participants in all of our musical groups: the Chancel Choir, Pilgrims, The Desert Bell Tones and Children's Choir.

Our Christmas Concert was again warmly received by you and our community, and our special events and concerts including "Best Friends", Dr. Calvin Taylor, Sook Lee's Classical Concert, The Westmont College Choir and Big Band Dance were very well received, as was our Chancel choir con-

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### *From Pastor Doug*

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Faith, Hope and Love !!!

## Why Do We Have Stephen Ministry?



JESUS SAID:

"Dear children, let us not love with words alone, but with actions and in truth."

1 John 3:18

Stephen Ministry can be a wonderful outreach of Christ's love both to our own members and to the community. In the second chapter of his epistle, James tells us, "Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." He says we need to be "doers of the Word, not just

hearers." Just talking about loving and caring for one another doesn't automatically make us a loving and caring congregation. We need to be doers!

Stephen Ministry is a wonderful way to be doers of the Gospel. We can knock on the door of an unchurched person and say, "Jesus loves you," and he or she *might* listen. But if we meet his or her needs for care during a difficult time in his or her life and let that person experience Jesus' love and forgiveness working through a Stephen Minister, he or she will listen. Jesus gave us his Great Commandment: "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39) and his Great Commission: "Therefore go and make disciples" (Mat. 28:19).

Stephen Ministry is one tangible way we can fulfill Jesus' Great Commandment and Commission. Please be in prayer for our Stephen Ministers as they care for members

of our church family and community. If you (or someone you know) are struggling with a challenge in your life right now, please call and ask to be connected with a Stephen Minister. You will experience a wonderful caring relationship that is confidential and filled with God's love.

Please call Patti Hartley:  
760-200-1111 or email her at:  
[pattihartley@gmail.com](mailto:pattihartley@gmail.com)

Stephen Ministry welcomes Earl Pratt to the Stephen Ministry Leadership Team. Earl has been a Stephen Minister for two years. He was commissioned during the service, Sunday September 20th, after attending Leadership Training in July in Dallas, Texas. Earl is enthusiastic and ready to help grow this ministry!

*What a blessing it is to be part of such a caring church family! My son Keith and I received so many cards and expressions of love, kind thoughts, prayers and lots of hugs in the days following my grandson Will's accident and death. "Thank you" to each of you who took the time to write and call, and show your love. You were a great comfort and strength to us when we needed it the most. Because we had a large extended family here for Will's service, receiving the Deacon's care basket was truly a blessing. May God bless you all for your love and care.*

*Keith Genereaux and Marilou Booth*

# Church Financial Update

As you know, the Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church has not been immune from the many economic challenges that have faced all of us over the past year.

We have been able to continue to provide the

vital services and programs of our church and still stay below the 2005 Budget level.

However, despite our best efforts, we project an estimated \$100,000 shortfall by the end of the year.

The Trustees and Session

want to thank you for your unceasing prayers, time, talent, treasures, and encouragement. We also want to ask you, if at all possible, to please increase your level of financial support to the ministry and mission of our church.

## HARVEST CARNIVAL



**SATURDAY**

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**

**From 4 - 7pm**

**The Harvest Carnival is our church's biggest event for serving our community and it is also an awesome opportunity to reach out to others!**

This outreach to our community will bring great glory to our God. Where will you serve?

Email Kathy Aposhian at [kathya@pdpresby.org](mailto:kathya@pdpresby.org) or call her at 346-8195 ex. 26 and let her know that you want to help.

# Dinners for Eight

## ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, FOOD AND NEW FRIENDS

Dinners for Eight are returning. The dinners will take place this fall—the hostess and group decide on the date. Please join us for one of these very popular gatherings. You will enjoy good food and fellowship.

Groups are established for a one-time meal. Your hostess will call you to arrange a time and ask you to bring a dish to complement the entrée. She will also provide other details.

To register, fill out the form below and drop it off at the Congregational Life Table on the patio or mail it to the address below. You will be contacted this month by a hostess about a date and time.

### *Dinners for Eight Registration Form*

First and Last Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Desert Address/City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Local Phone Number or Cell \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Mark your preference: Lunch/Brunch \_\_\_\_\_ or Dinner \_\_\_\_\_

I am willing to host: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Which service do you attend? 8:30a.m. \_\_\_\_\_ 10:15a.m. \_\_\_\_\_

If you are a winter resident, when do you expect to return to the Desert? \_\_\_\_\_

You may mail this form to Barb Napier, 79390 Canterbury, La Quinta, CA 92253 Phone: 760-771-1589

### *Attention Women*

#### *Beth Moore Study*

Join Pastor Julie Hodges at PDCPC on Monday mornings from 9:30-11:30 in FLC Room 205/6 for the Beth Moore study, *A Woman's Heart: God's Dwelling Place*. Childcare is available. Contact Pastor Julie at julieh@pdpresby.org; 346-8195 ex. 14.

#### *Christmas Brunch*

Save the date: December 12, 2009

#### *Women's Conference*

Mark your calendar: January 30, 2010



### *Kids Club*

Kids Club has started.

Wednesdays  
Sept. 30 thru Nov. 18  
4:00 p.m.

Kindergarten thru 6th grade

Call Diana Miller for more information at  
346-8195 x 19





# Learning *time*

Palm Desert Community Presbyterian Church

## Happenings

### *New Adult Education Classes for the Fall*

#### **C. S. Lewis**

A study of C. S. Lewis' *The Screwtape Letters* continues at 8:30 a.m. in the Library through October 11. This class is led by Dereth Pendleton and Carol Benford and includes a review of each of the book's chapters with plenty of time for discussion.

#### **John Calvin and The Reformation**

Beginning Sunday, October 18, we will celebrate with reformed churches around the world the 500-year anniversary of the birth of John Calvin.



On Sunday, October 18 at 10:00 AM, we will have with us Dr. Barbara Pitkin, Professor at Stanford University. She is a renowned scholar and a foremost authority on medieval Christianity and 16th century reformation. She has authored a book and many articles about John Calvin.

This will be the first session of a six-week study on John Calvin and the reformation, using an excellent DVD series: "John Calvin – His Life and Legacy." These sessions will be led by Pastor Denn Denning. Pastor Denn has a great knowledge of John Calvin and his writings, and also spent time, during his summer study leave, at Fuller Seminary's Library studying additional

materials.

#### **The Scottish Reformation**

The first two weeks in December Dr. Roy Pitkin will lead the class at 10:00 focusing on the Scottish reformation and the relationship between the Scots and their clergy.

#### **Tom Straeter Class**

On Sunday, November 1, Tom Straeter returns to teach at 8:30 a.m. in the Library. Tom will conclude the study of Genesis (started last winter) and then move into the book of John. This popular class is both a great study and time of warm friendship.

Come to worship and then to a class – you'll be enriched and blessed.



# Vineyard *focus*

There are so many people to thank and show appreciation for in the past month. For example, everyone involved in the viewing and huge service held for Roy Wilson on Wednesday, September 2nd. Thank you to all who gave of their time to make it a memorable time for the Wilson family. First of all, I would like to thank **Woody Hulseberg** for getting ushers together for the service. Thank you to **Carl Meade, Larry Darrow, Milt Olander** and **Ruth Kim** for helping to seat almost a thousand people in five different locations: The Sanctuary, Fine Arts Building, 205/206, the Speck Center, and the tent. You all did a great job!

Kudos to **Carol Shaw** who was in charge of the kitchen and library where the Wilson family met. She met their every need before and after the service. Thank you, Carol, for making sure they were well taken care of at all times.

Special thank you to **Ruth Hunter** and **Sharon Ratcliff** who were there to help and do whatever needed to be done. I think you could have been overwhelmed with all the people and their needs. Thank you for always being available to help when needed.

I had asked **Floyd Rhoades** to man the three wheelchairs for peo-

ple who needed help getting to the service. I wonder how much they were used. Then also, thanks to **Pete Del Rio** and **Bill Heck** for driving the golf carts. It was a great help to transport people from cars to the church. Thank you, **Teresa**, for being here to babysit or to just help where needed.

Special thanks to **Darla Burkett** and the twelve volunteers who came from the C.V.R. Mission. They took care of shuffling the people from the service to Miller Hall after the service. They provided a much needed service to the people attending that day.

This was without a doubt the largest memorial service I have worked on in my ten years with the church. I am so proud of all the Vineyard Workers. Thank you and God bless!

I would be remiss if I



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## MUSIC NOTES

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cert with Louise Dobbs Barringer at St. Margarets. This year we have a few special musical events planned which I think you will also enjoy.

The special summer music by our soloists, small groups and the volunteers in the summer choir was greatly appreciated. Special thanks to Joan Shoemaker, Robert Brown, Ray Allen and Ruth Teaford for their assistance in bringing beautiful music to our summer services.

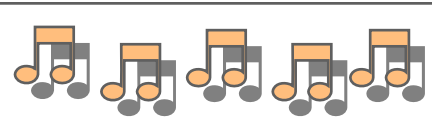
The Children's Choir will continue to be directed by Heather Stanley who did a fine job with them last year. Also, David Hilbich will be sharing his talents at the piano as accompanist for the group in addition to other occasional offerings. Thanks, David! I am pleased to have the rest of our talented music staff (Bob Brown, Ray Allen and Sook Lee) returning for another season.

Again our biggest need in the music ministry department is for men singers for both Chancel Choir and Pilgrims. While all new singers are enthusiastically welcome, men are critically needed to maintain the balance and blend of our choirs. Please use the talents you possess and prayerfully consider participating in this important aspect of worship.

Here is a list of our music groups and their schedules along with special events as noted.

**Chancel Choir**

Rehearsals began Thursday Oct. 1st at 7 PM, meeting every Thursday in the Taylor Fine Arts room. The Choir provides our Sunday morning music each week through May. No auditions required, but you need to carry a tune. A couple of special services and concerts are planned. Winter visitors are welcome to sing when you arrive. We have a robe waiting for you. Child care is provided upon request.



*"Praise the Lord.*

*Praise him with the sounding  
of the trumpet,*

*praise him with the harp and  
lyre,*

*praise him with tambourine  
and dancing,*

*praise him with the strings  
and flute,*

*praise him with the clash of  
cymbals*

*Let everything that has breath  
praise the Lord.*

*Praise the Lord.*

Psalm 150 v. 1, 3-6

**Pilgrims Choir**

Rehearsals begin Thursday Oct. 8th at 6 PM, meeting every other Thursday in the Taylor Fine Arts room. This group is ideal for those who like to sing contemporary or gospel styles of music or can't make the weekly choir commitment. The Pilgrims sing about once a month. Child care is provided upon request.

**Desert Bell Tones**

Rehearsals began in Sept. and are every Wednesday at 5 PM. This hand bell group plays in worship six to seven times a season and at special events. Reading music is required. For more information, contact their director, Ray Allen at 360-9323.

**Children's Choir**

Rehearsals will be in coordination with our Kid's Club events in the fall and winter from Sept. 30th through Nov. 18th. at 4:00 pm every Wednesday for children K thru 6. The choirs will sing occasionally at worship services and possibly at two special concerts. Their director, Heather Stanley will also work with our Sunday school classes the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of each month at 10:30 am. Please involve your children and grandchildren in this wonderful learning experience. Diana Miller, Dir. Of Children's Ministries can be reached at 346-8195 ext 19 for more information.

All of these groups would welcome new members enthusiastically. I look forward to worshipping with you through music.

Jon McGihon  
Director of Music Ministries



## *Fund Raiser Can Help CVRM*

*Dancing with our Stars* pairs leaders of our community with local dance professionals for a multi-charity fund raiser where each couple dances for the charity of their choice!!!!

Your votes will help Suzanne Zens and Christian Hohmann support the Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. Vote(s) are priced at \$20 each (no maxi-

mum). The "stars" with the most votes win 1st place.

You are invited to attend the competition at 5 PM on November 8th at the Embassy Suites in La Quinta. The evening will also include plenty of time for guests to dance, along with hosts to dance with those without dancing partners. Tickets are \$75 including

dinner, dancing and a \$20 vote donation.

If you cannot attend, you can send in your donation for any amount to: CVRM, PO Box 10660, Indio, CA 922-2. (Tax ID #95-2684844)

For more information, visit [DancingWithOurStars.com](http://DancingWithOurStars.com) or call 760-218-1687.

### *NICHOLLE CORWIN THANKS YOU*

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graduate in 2011.

Nicholle 's note to the congregation expresses just how important these scholarships are to each of the recipients.

We hope you enjoy hearing from the recipients each month so you can get to know them and keep them in your prayers. If you have any questions regarding our Christian Student Scholarships or if you would like to donate, please contact Susan Avise at 564-0405.

Dear PDCPC,

I receive scholarship money from PDCPC every year, and it means so much to me. I would not be able to get the amazing education that I am getting now if I was not receiving money from PDCPC. I am currently attending Vanguard University of Southern California, which is a private Christian university in Costa Mesa, California. It is so nice to be able to go to school 10 minutes away from the beach and in the heart of Orange County.

Not only does this school have the perk of being in a great location, but it also has the amazing gift of great faculty that supports you and helps you with whatever you need. Having a Christian community to support you through your college education is so important. I have felt the spirit of God moving on Vanguard's campus since the first day I went there.

It has been such a blessing to see how God has used PDCPC to bless me with the funds that I need to go to a Christian college. Christian education is not cheap, and it is only with financial help that I could possibly have made it to where I am today. I have grown so much in my two years at Vanguard so far, and I plan on growing even more as I go on to graduate in only two more years!

Thank you, PDCPC, for all of your help, prayers, and support! Your contribution to my education has meant more than you will ever know.

Sincerely,

Nicholle Corwin

# 2009-2010 Mariner Trips Are Scheduled

Join us for some wonderful adventures. For more information on any of our 2009 - 2010 trips, contact Bev Johnson at 253-927-2764.

### LAWRENCE WELK

Tuesday, December 1st - \$100pp  
 "A Christmas Carol" is a classic that you will not want to miss. The cost includes transportation, the show and a lovely buffet lunch. You will also have some time to relax and enjoy.

### CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL

Tuesday, December 15th—\$60pp  
 Don't miss this glorious production of the birth the Christ in music and drama. The memory will be with you throughout the season. This is always a favorite.

### LONG BEACH AQUARIUM

Tuesday, January 12th—\$75pp  
 Join us for a trip that includes viewing the wonders of the ocean at the Long

Beach Aquarium of the Pacific which is the largest aquarium in the US and features over 500 species and then we will have a harbor tour.

### CARNIVAL CRUISE

February 8—12  
 We are repeating the opportunity to cruise from LA on Carnival Paradise. This will be a 4 night 5 day cruise leaving Monday and returning Friday with stops in San Diego, Ensenada and Catalina.

### GETTY VILLA

Monday, February 22nd—\$50pp  
 The Getty Villa in Malibu has re-opened and features Greek, Roman and Etruscan antiquities arranged by themes including gods and goddesses as well as the story of the Trojan War. The architecture is magnificent. This will be a trip you will never forget.

### TUCSON INCLUDING TOMBSTONE, BISBEE AND YUMA

March 9— 12—\$400pp  
 The destination for our 3-night trip this time will be the Tucson, Arizona, area with visits to Tombstone and the Karchner Caverns, Bisbee and Yuma. We will leave Tuesday and return Friday.

### MISSION SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO

Tuesday, March 23rd—\$55pp  
 Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded more than 200 years ago. The Mission now embraces the Native American, Spanish, Mexican and European heritage. After enjoying the serenity of the gardens, you will want to visit the Serra Chapel, Padres Quarters, Soldiers Barracks and the Great Stone Church. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please call Al or Bev Johnson at 253-927-2764, or e-mail ALBEVJOHN123@MSN.COM

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday November 21 at 7:00 AM

At The Desert Falls Country Club

Featuring

**DR. PAUL CEDAR AND MICHAEL LANDES**

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND? YOU!**

THE COACHELLA VALLEY UNITES FOR CHRIST - AN EXCITING NEW PROGRAM!

Learn how we can make Christ more visible in Coachella Valley by participating in the Festival of Life. This six-month Fall / Winter initiative involves more than 90 churches uniting to reach the Valley for Christ through praying, caring and sharing the good news!

Dr. Cedar and Michael Landes will tell us how!

Sign Ups: Mid October

Contact: Harry Covert 200-0094 or email him at [hncouvert@gmail.com](mailto:hncouvert@gmail.com).



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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.



VINEYARD CONTINUED

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didn't express my gratitude to **Lynda Duncan**, assistant coordinator, for being there for the whole day to help me. Without her I'm sure I would have been at the church much longer. Thank you, Sister Lynda!

Thanks also from the Staff to **Lelani Vail** for the wonderful lunches she provided for us during that very busy week. If dreams came true, we would have you fixing our lunches every day. Sure was a

*"I am the vine  
and you are the  
branches.  
Remain in me  
and you will bear  
much fruit."  
John 15:5*

blessing to us!  
Now it is time to welcome back our winter residents. I hope you had a very good summer and are now ready to pitch in and help here at PDCPC for another season. Coming

up real soon is Alpha, Dinners for Eight, New Member Classes, Study Groups and the annual Harvest Carnival. All are events that take lots of Workers in the Vineyard of the Lord to make them happen successfully. Please feel free to call me if you would like to be a part of any of these groups.

Welcome back to **Sue Templeton** who has been out for surgery for the past six weeks. She is one of the four who come

in once a week to enter the data from the pew pads into the computer. It is so good to have you back again, Sue.

Fall is upon us and the busy time of the year is approaching. Thank you to all the Workers in the Vineyard who are so faithful in volunteering here at PDCPC. God bless you all!

Love & Prayers,  
Shirley Darrow  
Volunteer and  
Event Coordinator