



# The Church Crier

October-December 2016

## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS**

We were pleased to welcome Judith Kreger as a new member in September. What a joy to have Judith as a new member who has professed her belief in Jesus Christ and her desire to be a true part of the Desert Congregational Church family. Welcome!!!

## **IN MEMORIUM:**

One of our beloved church members, Gene Lafond, passed away the morning of 21 Sep 2016 after a lengthy illness. We'll always remember his gentle nature and big sweet smile. On 05 Jul 2016, we lost another beloved church member, Ginnielee Shrake. Ginnielee had been living in LaJolla for quite some time, with one of her daughters, as she had gotten too frail to live by herself. May God give peace and comfort to Marie Lafond and family as well as to Ginnielee's family. The DCC family mourns their loss.

## **CHURCH COOKBOOK RECIPES – WHO ARE YOU???**

Ginny Whaley has 3 recipes from two different contributors with no names on the forms. The first three are titled: Soy Sauce Green Beans, Slow Cooked Creamed Corn, and Pumpkin Pound Cake. The second three are titled: Rice-A-Roni Patties/Balls, Dr. Pepper Pulled Pork in the slow cooker, and Bacon Wrapped Smokies with Brown Sugar & Butter. Please call Ginny at 760-880-4693 if these are your recipes as she won't publish them without having your name to give you the credit. Thanks!

## **DCC LIBRARIAN (PEGGY KING):**

Your Library is open to all and contains many Bibles in many versions, books on church history and some nice Christian novels. If you have any Christian novels, extra Bibles or any good reference books that you no longer want or need, they will find a good home in the DCC Library. We will be having an in-depth fall cleaning in the library after the fall rummage sale. If you would like to help, please let me know! "Many hands make light work".

## **WANTED – DRIVERS FOR CHURCH VAN**

Please see Floyd Carlson if you are interested in becoming one of the authorized van drivers for the church. Members of the congregation occasionally need rides to and from church and to attend special functions. If you meet the qualifications, your time and talent as a driver would be most appreciated!



## **TRUSTEES BRIEF:**

The Trustees have ordered 62 chairs and 2 chair dollies at a cost just over \$5,000. We've received donations for chairs at this time of just over \$2,000. We have a temporary groundskeeper who will be here until the end of November when he goes into the Navy. Hopefully one of the other two past applicants will be able to take over at that time. Our church custodian gave his 30 day notice that he would be moving to Alabama the end of September. We quickly found 3 applicants for the position. Two of them dropped out as they did not have the required bonding and insurance. We hired Sonny's Cleaning Service from Yucca Valley and they started the first of September 2016. We are waiting for the results of the special congregational meeting as to when we will start fixing the grounds erosion problem.

**FLOYD CARLSON, CHAIRMAN**

## **MEN'S FELLOWSHIP:**

The men continue to turn out in good numbers for the monthly Men's Fellowship Breakfast which is always a meal sure to please! Although Food Handler training is highly recommended in order to safely prepare and handle food for our fellowship, it has been verified with the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health that churches are exempt from having certificates unless they are selling food. In the past DCC held community dinners for fundraising and that's when this requirement for certification began and continued until this recent update was received. The men voted to provide Christmas gifts to the children of DCC. Men's Fellowship will not meet in November or December due to Thanksgiving and New Year's holidays.

**JIM LAMON, PRESIDENT**

### **DEACON UPDATE:**

Happy Fall DCC Friends! Our SCRIP fundraiser is off to a fantastic start. I hope to be growing the program in the very near future. If you are still unsure how the program works, please feel free to call me and I will be glad to explain it. The events we have planned are: Participation in Pioneer Day Parade (22Oct); Thanksgiving Feast (20Nov); Possible group trip to view A Christmas Story at Theatre 29; Food for Life at Church of the Nazarene (17Dec); Bonfire, cookout & potluck at church (17Jan). We are open to suggestions of other outings and events that capture your interest. We will be having four openings on the Board of Deacons for which the nominating committee will be looking for candidates. If you are willing to volunteer your time to help with the various activities for our church, I encourage you to consider a position. While it doesn't take a lot, we need those willing to give some of their time and talent. Many hands make light work!

**DENICE PEREZ, CHAIRMAN**

### **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP:**

We are back in full swing after a summer break. Our meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> was ably conducted by Vice President Tammy Sandoval in my absence. Barbara Hinderliter assisted with hostess duties. The kitchen got a much needed overhaul during the summer. Cabinets were strengthened and organized and thanks go to Phylis Croonenberghs for arranging the work to be done and to her helpers who braved the summer heat. As of this writing we are getting ready for our Fall Rummage Sale on September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>. Chair Phylis Croonenberghs is once again organized and has assigned the various areas for members to oversee. Our new Bible Study began on September 15<sup>th</sup> and will be facilitated by various attendees. "The Family of Jesus" by author Karen Kingsbury looks to be a great study and is aimed at an in-depth look at those closest to Jesus. We will follow up with "The Friends of Jesus" for our next study. If you need further information or have a question, call Chair Jean Hill. We will be presenting a proposed slate of officers for 2017 at our October meeting, voting will take place at the November meeting and new officers will be installed in December. Upcoming hostesses are: October, Vida Hamilton and Gale Yawn; November, Phylis Croonenberghs and Mary Ann George; and December, Sally Hedgecock and Barbara Hinderliter. There is still time to submit your favorite recipes for our recipe book. We want to encourage EVERYONE in our congregation (both men and women) to submit recipes. This is a fundraising project and there is a collection box in the Narthex – also forms for filling out your recipes. Call Ginny Whaley with questions. We expect to publish this spring. Laurel Morrow is already busy with our "Shoebox" project for the Samaritan's Purse in December. She is collecting items to be put in the boxes or better yet, a monetary gift would help her obtain the correct items for each age group of boys and girls. Any help for this

wonderful project is greatly appreciated – see Laurel for details. All women of the church are cordially invited and welcome to join us as we work and play in Christian Fellowship. Call me at 760-831-4524 for further information. Submitted with a thankful heart for God’s blessings,

**PEGGY KING, PRESIDENT**

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:**

Our board is pleased to have facilitated a one week camp experience for 8 of our youth in grades 6, 7 and 8. The two adult chaperones, Tim and Dian, have expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for what they all shared during the week at the Forest Home Christian Camp. Our youth had some life-changing moments, and we want to express our sincere thanks to all of you for helping them earn the money, or for any donations, which enabled them to attend. Sunday school has resumed the series, “What's In The Bible,” with Volume 7-- “The Exile and Return”. This will complete the last 3 of the 12 books in the historical section (Ezra, Nehemiah, and Esther). We are also using other materials to spark discussions about our faith, and we will have crafts and games on occasion. We are in need of more adults to help teach or facilitate these activities. Please consider giving one Sunday occasionally to help. Talk with Laurel or Peggy for more details. As our youth numbers grow, the need for help grows. This is the only way to sustain the mission of our wonderful DCC. Our youth are our future!

**PEGGY FRESHOUR, CHAIRMAN**

**PASTOR’S CORNER:**

*Be still, and know that I am God."*

PSALM 46:10

I found this quote that I thought might help us in this hurry, hurry life we lead.

Wayne Muller, in his book *Sabbath: Restoring the Sacred Rhythm of Rest*, relates what a physician once told him:

“I discovered in medical school that the more exhausted I was, the more tests I would order. I was too tired to see precisely what was going on with my patients. I could recognize their symptoms and formulate possible diagnoses, but I couldn't hear precisely how it fit together.

But when I was rested, I could rely on my intuition and experience to tell me what was needed. If there was any uncertainty, I would order a specific test to confirm my diagnosis. But when I was rested and could listen, I was almost always right.”

We perform best when we are not overloaded, hurried, and sleep-deprived. That is simply how the human system works, and it is no accident. The Lord designed and created us to function this way. He knows everything about how our bodies work, right down to the tiniest atom. He also fully understands our overzealous tendencies and how easy it is for us to put off regular periods of renewal. This must be why He set an example of rest for us at the very beginning of human history and why He commands us to put aside a day each week to relax, pray, and rejuvenate.

**PASTOR ALLAN**

### **CHRISTIAN WITNESS**

Former Phoenix Suns forward, now guard/forward with the Cleveland Cavaliers, James Jones often visits schools to warn students about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse. He tells them to communicate more with their parents, teachers and role models. He testifies that his parents, coaches and friends helped him to develop a good pattern for living.

Jones says his faith in God has sustained him and is an integral part of his life. “From the beginning of my career,” he says, “I have wanted to help students and present a Christian example.”

We can’t all be professional athletes, but we can present Christian examples for others.



## **BIRTHDAYS**

**October**-02-Don Huffman; 04-Chris Burch; 06-O.J. Shealy; 13-Robert Wallace & Caden Eckes; 14-Rick Buckles & Denice Perez; 20-Helen McElwee; 21-Glenn Freshour; 25-Julaine Barber

**November**-07-Phillys Mackey; 09-Terry Hinderliter; 10-Toshi Buckley & Kenny Hill; 15-Jeanne Bussell; 21-Bob Pilgrim; 22-Jeff Johnson; 23-Tierra Atherley; 24-Ed Hill; 28-Ryan Brooke; 29-Edward Sandoval

**December**-01-Rob Bergey, Kathy Overstreet, & Travis Gaines; 10-Pearl Burch & Leona Ammerman; 11-Dian McCullough; 16-Susan Harz; 25-Michele Burch



## **ANNIVERSARIES**

**October**-09-Ed & Jean Hill; 17-Pastor Allan & Laurel Morrow; 31-Mike & Nokie Harz

**November**-04-Don & Nancy Lake; 10-Edward & Tammy Sandoval; 11-Jim & Becky Lamon; 18-Patrick & Wendy McCollum

**December**-15-Rob & Lore Bergey & Chris & Michele Burch; 17-Floyd & Lorrie Carlson

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

- 30 Sep & 01 Oct – Fall Rummage Sale
- 02 Oct - Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 08 Oct – Adopt-A-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 08 Oct - Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 22 Oct – DCC Pioneer Day Parade Float
- 06 Nov - Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members & CAL BAPTIST SINGERS DURING WORSHIP SERVICE
- 12 Nov – Adopt-A-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 12 Nov - Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 20 Nov – Thanksgiving Feast after church service
- 04 Dec - Food Donation, Holy Communion, Reception of New Members
- 10 Dec – Adopt-A-Street Cleanup @8:00 am
- 10 Dec – Saturday Nite Church @7:00 pm
- 17 Dec – Food for Life–Church of the Nazarene–help wanted!

## **WEEKLY MEETING DAYS/TIMES TO REMEMBER:**

- Adult Bible Study – Sundays @ 9:00 am
- Youth Group, Grades 7-12 - Sundays @ 6:00 pm
- Pioneer Club – Wednesdays @ 6:00 pm
- Prayer Team – Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm
- Adult Bible Study – Thursdays @ 6:00 pm
- DCC Musicians & Singers Practice - Thursday @ 6:00 pm-  
except week of Sat Nite Church when they practice @7:00 pm  
on Friday
- Deacons – First Sunday of Each Month @11:15 am
- Trustees – Second Sunday of Each Month @11:15 am
- Christian Ed- Dates to be determined
- Men's Fellowship-Last Sat of Month @8:00 am (Not meeting  
in Nov or Dec due to holidays)
- Women's Fellowship/Shared Luncheon-2nd Mon of the month  
@10:30 am