

# PLUMBLINE

ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2019

## Pastor Page's Pastor's Page

You may have heard about OPC's new Small Groups program. I launched it in our worship two weeks ago, and we are currently gathering leaders to facilitate the groups. Soon it will be time to sign-up. I want to let you know a little more about how the groups form and run.

Most of the group formation will be organic. Leaders will just start inviting people that they know. Other leaders will feel called to invite people who aren't already connected within the church so that they can make connections. Some groups will simply be open for sign-ups on the patio, or will fill part way by invitations and then be open by sign-up on the patio after worship. It's also possible to form your own group. Simply get the people you know together to be a group, pick one of you as the leader, and let the Congregational Life Committee know that you have a group. We will be training leaders on April 14 after church, so you have a little time, but not much.

The main focus of the group will be fellowship. We're aiming for everyone to have a group of people in the church with whom they are connected in deep ways. So, our fellowship will go beyond "how's your golf game" and into "how's your faith?" As a part of encouraging deeper sharing, I will be producing a companion page to the sermon each week. It will have the scripture at the top, threeish questions at the bottom that will encourage interaction with the sermon, and plenty of space for notes. A portion of your small group time will be discussing the sermon and the "what difference will it make in your life" questions. The remaining time can be hanging out together and prayer. There's also plenty of room for your group to find its own rhythm within the goal of deep fellowship. Sermons and the companion sheets will be available online for those who miss worship in a given week.

Groups can meet at the church (Schedule this with Pam) or can meet in someone's home. Many groups will find it useful to have a leader/facilitator and also a host. The host can be in charge of SIMPLE refreshments like bag popcorn and lemonade. Or, the job of host can be rotated. Keeping it simple will be key to keeping it going. I don't want to provide refreshments the week after you bring caviar and Dom Perignon!

Your leaders believe that these groups are the key to growth for Orangewood. Growth in our individual faith and growth for our community. Please be a part of this with us!

*Ken*



A big thank you to Greg Harris for getting this idea started and to Phebe Packer for getting it organized!

## NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website!! [www.orangewood.church](http://www.orangewood.church) It is simple and easy to navigate and will allow you to share with your friends, a place where they can find Jesus. There are directions, events, service times, youth and children's programs, online giving, ministries, sermons, and more. There is more to come. Soon you may be coming to the [www.orangewood.church](http://www.orangewood.church) for all of your church needs and communication. The old web address, [www.orangewood.info](http://www.orangewood.info), will send you directly to our new [orangewood.church](http://www.orangewood.church) website. Thank you to Carol Hunter, Pam White, Melissa Hooper and Bob Wells for going on this journey to bring us a new way to evangelize. Stop by the Welcome table to pick up business cards that you can carry in your purse or wallet to invite others to Orangewood Presbyterian Church and our events.

## SAGES

The SAGES held their monthly meeting on Tuesday, March 12, in Page Hall. The theme for the decorations was "Money..Money..TAXES," and featured centerpieces of income tax forms, piggy banks and play money— a reminder to all that the season for our yearly "contribution" is fast approaching! The meal was provided by our Orangewood Deacons, and served by "Head Chef" Becky Cederquist and her kitchen crew of Jean Lee, Sandy Snyder and Hedy Martin. Our speaker for this luncheon was Ms. Lupita Ingram, Principal of Ombudsman Metro, a charter school. Many of the students at this school come from homeless families, group homes, shelters, foster homes and temporary housing. Programs are designed to fit their particular schedules and learning abilities. Ms. Ingram explained the startup of this school in Phoenix, and her involvement in the design of the curriculum around the targeted student population. The success of this school is inspiring! From an initial enrollment of 70 students to a current enrollment of approximately 400 students, there currently is a 95.95% graduation rate. The school also connects students with agencies that will help with post-high-school endeavors. We are always pleased to welcome guests; just be sure to let us know so our kitchen volunteers will be prepared!



## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN – FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

(Information gathered from PW website)

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is a global, ecumenical prayer movement that was begun in 1951 by Shanti Solomon of India who believed that women anywhere could have a sense of being a part of a world-wide family of faith.

Her vision is that this connectedness could arise from women praying for peace and reconciliation and setting aside the least coin of their country as a symbol.

Today an International Committee awards grants from this collection funding special projects of evangelism, services of ecumenical solidarity, awareness-building among women, and relief throughout the world.

We are inviting all women of OPC to participate by praying the following prayer and setting aside least coins to be collected for donation at the PW Tea in May.

### Prayer:

O Loving Creator, we present ourselves in your divine presence to thank you for all the bountiful gifts of life. We are especially grateful for the Fellowship of the Least Coin which binds us together in love and forgiveness around the globe. Free us from all doubts and prejudices, we pray. Inspire us to live in Solidarity with humankind, that we may know the joy of giving and receiving.

Dear God, accept the least coin "symbol of love." Make us mindful of the miracles of these coins. Let us honour your creation with love, as shown through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen

## WOMEN

Second Monday and the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in Seminar Room West **Knot Just Knitters** meets for folks who knit, crochet and create plarn.

Wednesday April 17 **Breakfast Out Bunch** gathers at Chompies at 9 am, 4550 E. Cactus. Make reservations by calling Helen Hopkins 602-861-1525.

## ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

More than 20 women gathered in Page Hall on Saturday morning, March 16 for an Orangewood Presbyterian Women's meeting and program entitled "Invisible Hands – Issues of Farm Workers." Jean Lee gave the opening prayer which centered on International Women's Day and a call to action for the coming year.

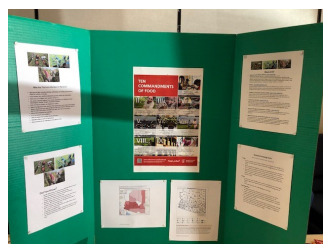
Our business meeting included:

- Out & About Event Suggestions. "Out & About" events are intended to be smaller groups of women who get together to pursue a particular interest or just to have fun. A list of possible ideas was brought by Marilyn Mollman and circulated to each table where the women indicated their top three priorities. When collated and summarized, the leadership team will publish the results and set about arranging some future events.
- Offering for PW Mission pledge and OPW programming.



Following the business meeting, we had a group activity: folding and cutting plastic bags to prepare "plarn" for crocheting mats for the homeless. This ministry is led by Wilma and Jeannie Oosterwyk. Everyone is invited to continue making plarn using the instructions and materials provided. A box will be placed on the church patio for receiving donations. In addition, everyone is encouraged to attend a meeting of the Knot Just Knitters group, which meets on the second Monday and fourth Wednesday of each month in Seminar Room West. These meetings offer great fellowship as well as the opportunity to learn to knit and crochet for a worthy cause.

The main portion of our meeting was a program by Community Legal Services about the issues of farm workers. Naquana Borrero and Amanda Caldwell presented many interesting and moving facts about who the farmworkers are, the challenges they face in their work, and the recourse available when things go wrong. Of particular interest was the information about workers in Arizona – where they are located and how they differ from many other states. Amanda's background and experience give her the ability to speak about other states such as Michigan, North Carolina, and Florida. We were glad to increase our awareness and to learn about ways that we may help these workers. The group voted to send a letter to our U.S. Senators and Representatives stating OPW's endorsement for continued funding of legal aid organizations such as Community Legal Services in our upcoming national budget.



The meeting closed with a traditional circle and reading of the Purpose of Presbyterian Women. Many thanks to all who assisted with this event – Lynda Rychener, Judy Proffitt, Judy Lippman, Jeanne Matt, B Van Mantgem, Jean Lee, Lois Peach, Judy Beach, Marilyn Mollman, Debra Kaup, and Carol Hunter.

Calendar Updates: **The final meeting of this season will be a tea on Saturday, May 6 at 11am in Page Hall.** A "nature and environment" theme is still "under construction".

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

OPC's spring build home is in Glendale this year. Work days are April 13 and May 4 & 18. No experience is needed to help at this work site and Habitat provides all the tools. Anyone 16 and older is encouraged to help with this project. There is more information at the Mission table or contact Dirk Oosterwyk.

## FACILITIES

The year is off to a good start as our expenses are tracking to our budget for the year. At the request of Pastor Ken, the committee approved a revised charter to guide the committee in our actions as both stewards of orangewood donations as well as preparing the environment that enables our many programs.

Budget Summary: As of February  
Utilities \$6,829 of 42,350 spent  
Custodial \$6,592 of \$28,600 spent  
Grounds \$1,600 of \$13,950 spent  
Maintenance \$2,315 of \$23,360 spent  
Manse \$914 of \$6,750 spent  
Total \$18,250 of \$115,010 spent.

Facilities committee charter: Approved

Provide for an environment that is welcoming, safe and efficient to enable worship, education, youth program, fellowship of our membership and mission outreach as requested by the session committees as they lead Orangewood as called by God.

The project list is long (as usual for a large campus) and the committee is actively managing the items to be timely and efficient by using Volunteer workers or Hired contractors, or deferred to future Capital Campaign.

The youth group has offered to do a work project in support of the church. The committee approved the repainting of the Page Hall kitchen as a great project for the youth team. The kitchen is the last room to be repainted on campus!

Thanks to our Facilities Committee members: Joe Miller, Bob Jensen, Bob Wells, Greg Harris, Terry Frost and Pam White. All those improvements you see around the campus are their handiwork.

Looking ahead: A/C updates and repair, railings, painting, tree trimming, replanting trees and fence repair. Brent Upson

## JIM DIGGES BIRTHDAY

Former Orangewood member Jim Digges celebrated his 94th birthday with family and friends in Virginia on March 17. As many of you know, after living 50 years in Phoenix, last fall Jim returned to the family farm in Virginia where he grew up. He's living with one of his grandsons, surrounded by chickens, cows, sheep, and pigs. Four grandsons and 8 great grandchildren live within half an hour so there are frequent family get-togethers where Jim, in his own words, "is treated like a king."



Jim enjoyed the birthday greetings from a number of his Orangewood friends. At the birthday celebration, after tapping his glass, as is his habit, to get everyone's attention, Jim invited all of us back next year to celebrate his 95th.

Jim would love to hear from you at 1362 White Post Road, White Post, VA 22663 or [jdigges@cox.net](mailto:jdigges@cox.net).



## SMALL GROUPS BEGINNING AFTER EASTER

Are you a leader or member of a Small Group at Orangewood yet? Need to find out more? A description of the groups and sign-up sheets are now on the patio. Visit us to see about joining in the renewal and enrichment offered by Small Groups. If you need help connecting with a group, please note it on the sign-up sheet. We'll start our meetings the week of April 28.



## MONTLURE TRAVELING DAY CAMP

Our camp dates are June 3-7 at Orangewood Presbyterian Church Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm and aftercare until 5 pm. Registration for the entire week is \$50 and an additional \$30 for aftercare. Payment in the form of a check can be mailed to Orangewood Presbyterian Church c/o Melissa Hooper 7321 N 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020. This fee covers lunch, a cool T-shirt, and a water bottle. Scholarships are available to OPC members.

Payment is due May 13 with a \$10 late fee after that date. Space is limited.

Register today at [Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com](http://Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com). For further information you may contact Melissa Hooper at 602-684-6067 or email [orangewoodkids@gmail.com](mailto:orangewoodkids@gmail.com).

Date: June 3 - 7

Time: 9 am - 3 pm (Extended care available until 5 pm)

Cost: \$50 (\$30 for Aftercare)

For: Students *entering* grades 1-6

### Payments:

Pay on-line at [www.orangewood.church](http://www.orangewood.church) or send a check to Orangewood Presbyterian Church c/o Melissa Hooper 7321 N 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

## Youth Week Crossings: The Lord Will See Us Through

Date: June 23 – 29

Time: Meet at Orangewood at 10:30 am travel to Ghost Ranch in New Mexico and return to Orangewood late evening on June 29.

Cost: \$425

For: Students *entering* grades 7-12 and Freshmen in College

Payments: Pay online at [www.orangewood.church](http://www.orangewood.church) or Orangewood Presbyterian Church c/o Melissa Hooper 7321 N 10th St, Phoenix, AZ 85020.



## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

Two of Orangewood's members are such big Diamondbacks fans that they travel to away games in cities all over the country. So far, Sandy Snyder and Jackie Collier have attended games at the SF Giants (twice), LA Dodgers, SD Padres, Houston Astros, St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs, Pittsburgh Pirates, Baltimore Orioles, Washington Nationals, Seattle Mariners, and Colorado Rockies. This year they are going to watch the D'backs play the Atlanta Braves. While in Atlanta they plan to visit Tully and family - but especially they are going to meet Eleanor. And of course they will be watching every home game here in Phoenix! We'll be checking in with them later for an update on the Fletcher family.



## Nancy Hartkamp's 100th Birthday

On Sunday, March 11, Long-term member Nancy Hartkamp celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at her residence at Good Samaritan Society. Many friends and family were present to celebrate Nancy. Orangewood members present were Barbara and Tony Denboer, Lynda Rychener and her Deacon, Jean Lee.



## HONDURAS STORY FROM PHEBE PACKER

We have been hearing through Minutes for Mission about the scholarships, school building, and medical clinics from this year's trip to Honduras. Now I would like to share a special email that I received from my grandson, who went on the January trip. Joshua is a member of a military family and as a 17-year-old he has already lived in many places with varying cultures, including Italy and Hawaii. What a treat it is to read about the community of Nueva Estanzuela from his perspective. Here is his message:

At a young age I have been exposed to many cultures and ways of living different from here in the US, but nothing has come close to this year's trip to the village of Nueva Estanzuela. After experiencing this village firsthand I have learned many important lessons that I would like to share. On the first day in Nueva Estanzuela I got to see the living conditions these people had to deal with and was shocked. They lived in houses made of mud and straw and were slowly crumbling away only being held together by scraps. Seeing this made me think of how lucky I was to have a sturdy house with electricity and water. At the introductions the villagers were extremely kind and thankful to have us here and helping their community. Working on the school was hard work and I was surprised by how the villagers were risking their own health and well being for their children's education. You could see from walking around the village that there were several completed houses but they were all missing roofing. The community explained that they wanted everyone to do their part in the work so they decided to do the roofs all at once so nobody would skip out on work once they got their roofs. The villagers were working so hard that they were causing themselves medical problems. This really showed how much they cared for their community and for their children. One day when we finished working early I was able to play soccer with the kids of the community. They seemed to really enjoy playing soccer and I was surprised by how much fun they were having and I soon found myself to be genuinely enjoying myself. One of my favorite memories from the trip was every time we went to lunch I got to play with the kids that lived at that house. I would make bird calls for the kids which they thought was funny and try to imitate me. At the conclusion of our trip the community expressed how thankful they were and I was sad to leave the community I had just created a bond with.



## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE COMMITTEE

### Parish Life

- Website renewal: a supplier has been chosen and Session will view the proposed new site at its next meeting.
  - New Directory: Sandy Snyder is working with Pam White on an insert for the bulletin to capture needed information for a new member list. They are also looking at possibilities for a new directory.
  - Visitor and New Member Issues: Developing information for a "rolling" visitor center on the patio. Activities in this area will be tied into the new website.
- Name Tags: Looking into new name tags needed in the congregation.

### Evangelism

- Our major focus is the introduction of small groups for Orangewood. Timeframe will be the week after Easter through June 16 for the first set of group meetings.

### Adult Education

Plans will be made for the time period from June 16 – Labor Day.

**NEXT MEETINGS: Wednesday, April 3, 10 am; Wednesday, May 1, 10 am**  
**New members needed and welcome!**

## THE BOOK SHELF

The Congregational Life Committee is discussing ways to review books before recommending them to you. If you are interested in becoming a "reader and reviewer", please contact Phebe Packer at [phebepacker@cox.net](mailto:phebepacker@cox.net) or see her on the church patio. Meanwhile, here is the list of books recommended by Presbyterian Women of the Grand Canyon for 2019-2020. If you would like to see descriptions of these books, contact Jeanne Matt or Phebe Packer.

**Fiction:** *Behold the Dreamers*, Imbolo Mbue; *The Women in the Castle*, Jessica Shattuck; *The Chilbury Ladies Choir*, Jennifer Ryan; **The Great Alone**, Kristin Hannah; *Little Fires Everywhere*, Celeste Ng; *Last Bus to Wisdom*, Ivan Doig; **Beneath a Scarlet Sky**, Mark T. Sullivan, *Daughters of the Night Sky*, Aimie K. Runyan.

**Non-fiction:** *In Order to Live, A North Korean Girl's Journey to Freedom*, Yeonmi Park; *Code Girls, The Untold Story of the American Women Code Breakers of World War II*, Liza Mundy; *Lincoln and Whitman, Parallel Lives in Civil War Washington*, Daniel Mark Epstein; *Evicted, Poverty and Profit in the American City*, Matthew Desmond; *Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans*, Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger; *First Women, the Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies*, Kate Andersen Brower; *Disturbed in Their Nests, a Journey from Sudan's Dinkaland to San Diego's City Heights*, ALephonsion Deng and Judy Bernstein; *Educated. A Memoir*, Tara Westover.

At the Presbyterian Women's spring meeting in 2010, women who have read 5 or more of these books receive a small gift. Try some of them and see what you think!



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE

### 1. Combined services.

The Worship Committee debated the issue of moving to one service, either for special occasions or more frequently. The Committee has no immediate recommendation, except not to make any abrupt changes. Possible pros and cons as to a single worship service include:

Pros: 1) Improving congregational cohesion. 2) Creating time for Sunday morning Adult Ed.

Cons: 1) Personal preferences for the style and time of service members now attend

2) Music:

- Sound problems (amplified instruments in the Sanctuary)
- Choir dissatisfaction due to less contribution to worship
- Worship Band dissatisfaction due to less contribution to worship
- Preparation necessary for a good blended service, the majority of which work would fall to our new Organist/Choir Director, who is only a half-time employee

The first service attendees in particular often feel left out and apart from those who attend the second service. On the other hand, there is concern a combined service could actually disrupt things, as it may be that we attract more people to the two services than we would with only one.

Chuck Sedgwick and Brady Putzte will confer to see if a combined service is something they could manage. Chuck seems to think it can be done and that we might be able to have one for Pentecost.

The Committee will try to get more feedback and suggestions from the first service attendees.

2. **Taize Service.**— We're "working on" the idea of having an occasional Taize service. No recommendation yet.

### 3. Items for the Facilities Committee's consideration:

Cleaning the carpet in Page Hall

Painting the flower stands in the Sanctuary

Installing a railing on one side of the Sanctuary steps

Providing hearing aid devices as used in the Sanctuary in Page Hall

Painting the kitchen and choir room

4. **Flowers.**— We are getting some silk lilies for Holy Week services.

5. **Easter.**— Pastor Ken and Melissa are working on what to do at the Easter sunrise service; there will be no children's skit this year.

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