

PLUMBLINE

ORANGWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2019

Pastor Page's Pastor's Page

A few times over the last decade I have experienced my smartphone slowing down. Every time, it is because my phone is almost completely out of memory. I have so many apps, songs, pictures, texts, downloads, etc., that my phone was unable to work properly. Of course, what I want, at this point, is to buy a new phone. Usually, the budget says "no" to this. There is a better solution. Get rid of some stuff and then "restore factory settings."

Our lives are not too different. We can pack so much into our days that we are unable to function properly. Much of it is fluff – we don't need it. Like the download on my phone of the 0 – 60 times of the Corvette, the Viper and the Dodge Hellcat, we have stuff that held our interest for about 30 seconds and we never got rid of it. We have a choice: Get a new life (move to Australia?) or restore factory settings.

Metaphorically, that's what we're about on Sunday mornings – restoring factory settings. We take time out from our week. We slow down. We confess and are forgiven. We let God speak to us through Scripture and sermon. We sing praises to God to deepen our connection with our creator. We get recharged to live a life of service rather than a life of being served. When we leave, the processor is running much more cleanly with a lot less clutter.

We were reminded on Easter that our old lives have died with Christ, and new selves have been resurrected with him. God designed our factory settings so that we would live in communion with God, in love with our fellow people, and in harmony with God's creation. We have been rebooted into new life! Hallelujah!



Ken

SAGES

Orangewood's SAGES fellowship enjoyed their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, April 9, in Page Hall. The theme of this event was ANIMALS, and members found an animal mask provided by Jeanne Matt as they sat down for the meal. Favors by Lois Manning continued the theme, with animal cutouts on cupcake holders, which were again filled with her famous "treats." Our delicious meal was provided and served by our Presbyterian Women's Bible Study, coordinated by Phebe Packer. Her team included B Van Mantgem, Judy Lippman, Bernale Wright, Sandy Snyder, and Jeanne Matt. Although not a PW member, Dan Lippman also served on the crew! A highlight of the meal was a tasty pineapple upside-down cake, homemade with love by Bernale! Our featured entertainment was provided by the Nostalgic Harmonica Trio. Mr. Richard Lawrence, the spokesman, introduced musicians Lee and Terry. In addition to their renditions of a few popular tunes, and an explanation of their instruments, Richard gave a brief lesson to members Kaydie Marshall and Jean Lee. Jean then requested that the trio play her favorite tune, "DIXIE," and they complied, accompanied by enthusiastic clapping by the group! Our final luncheon of the program year will be held on Tuesday, May 14, in Page Hall. Plan now to attend. Our meal will be provided by "Men of Orangewood," coordinated by Dennis Daniel. Let the office know if you would like transportation. If you have not attended a SAGES lunch this season, why not try this one! Be sure to let the church office know, so Dennis will plan to have enough food for all.

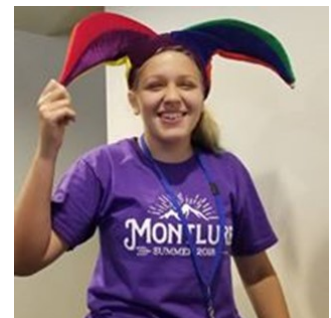


Montlure Traveling Day Camp

Have you made plans to register your child for Montlure Day Camp? The registration deadline is May 21. The cost of \$50 covers the entire week of this engaging and powerful camping ministry to young students. Campers who have completed grades K-5 are invited to attend from June 3-7, 9 am-3 pm. We also have an extended care available until 5 pm for an additional \$30. Registration after May 21 is \$60.

Register at orangewood.church

We are still looking for a few volunteers to assist counselors and cook in the kitchen. Please email orangewoodkids@gmail.com to volunteer in the kitchen or to play in the band. Assistant counselors please sign up at montlure.campbrainstaff.com.



Congregational Life Committee

Small Groups. Ten groups are in the process of forming and will begin after April 28. Ken Page will provide "discussion guide" questions in the Sunday bulletins for group discussion use.

Parish Life

All-church picnic (3/24). Good attendance and lots of food! Carol Hunter will work on ways to assist African Fellowship in publicizing upcoming events.

Website renewal. The new website www.orangewood.church is up and running!

New List of Members. Pam is working on updating the information through the Deacons.

Visitors and New Members.

- A revised "Welcome Visitors!" card will be both in the pews and on the patio. Many thanks to Bev Arthur and Mary Turkel for volunteering to make telephone calls to visitors who leave a card.
- A Visitor Center table has been established on the patio, complete with a special orange tablecloth created by Luci Sherwood. The table has a key ring gift for visitors and the new church business cards put together by Melissa Hooper.
- A new member class is scheduled.

Plumblin Input

- The chairs of Session committees have begun sending in monthly summaries for publication in the Plumblin. A new feature in the Plumblin called "On the Bookshelf" has been started with recommendations for both fiction and non-fiction. If you would like to be a "reader" to help develop the recommendations, contact Phebe Packer.

Adult Education

- The summer we will offer a 5-session study of Max Lucado's book "*Anxious for Nothing, (finding calm in a chaotic world)*". Check the weekly church bulletins for sign-up information.



The poster features a green background with a forest scene. At the top center is the Montlure logo, which includes a stylized 'M' with a cross above it. To the left, a wooden sign hanging from a rope reads "Overnight Camps". The main title "2019 Summer Camps" is in large, dark green letters, with "Wilderness Ranch, Pinetop, Arizona" written below it in a smaller font. Below the title are three photo boxes, each with a title and dates: "Senior High" (June 2-7), "Junior High" (June 23-28), and "Juniors" (July 7-11). At the bottom, a dark brown banner contains the registration website and more details.

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Overnight Camps

2019 Summer Camps
Wilderness Ranch, Pinetop, Arizona

Senior High
Sunday - Friday,
June 2 - 7

Junior High
Sunday - Friday,
June 23 - 28

Juniors
Sunday - Thursday,
July 7 - 11

Register at Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com
More details at Montlure.org

Women

Every woman in the congregation is invited to come to a **Spring Tea** on Saturday May 18 at 11:00 am in Page Hall. Friends, neighbors and family are all invited. Reservation signup sheets will be on the patio on May 5 and May 12. The theme this year is "A Celebration of the Beauty of Creation." Come to enjoy the music, the buffet tables with tea-time goodies, and green tea in beautiful cups.

OPW Bible Study has two segments left for this season. On May 1 the theme for discussion is "God with us as the Holy Spirit." On June 5 the theme is "God with *Us*." Join the discussion at 1:00 in Room 11. All are welcome.

Breakfast Out Bunch is a year round monthly outing that gathers at 9:00 am at various restaurants. To make a reservation call Helen Hopkins at 602-861-1525. The May 15 location is IHOP at 2000 West Northern (1/2 block West of 19th Ave on the North side of Northern).

Atlanta Adventure

As reported last month our itinerant baseball fans, Sandy Snyder and Jackie Collier, travelled to Atlanta in April to see the Diamondbacks play the Braves. Of course the D'backs won the game with Sandy and Jackie there to cheer them on. Just to prove it, see the photos below! While they were in Atlanta, they also visited with Tully and Natalia and little Eleanor. Tune in next month as we continue to report on the travels of our congregants!



FINAL STATS	
DIAMONDBACKS	8 12 0
BRAVES	6 10 0
W: Y. HIRANO (1-0)	
L: A.J. HENNER (10-7)	
SV: G. HOLLAND (1)	



On The Bookshelf

A 116-page book that is getting a lot of attention is "The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning- How to Free Yourself and Your Family from a Lifetime of Clutter." In Sweden there is a kind of decluttering called *döstädning*, *dö* meaning "death" and *städning* meaning "cleaning." This surprising and invigorating process of clearing out unnecessary belongings can be undertaken at any age or life stage but should be done sooner than later, before others have to do it for you. In *The Gentle Art of Swedish Death Cleaning*, artist Margareta Magnusson, with Scandinavian humor and wisdom, instructs readers to embrace minimalism. Her radical and joyous method for putting things in order helps families broach sensitive conversations, and makes the process uplifting rather than overwhelming. The title says it all. The Phoenix Public Library has a number of copies available. (Don't buy it; then you would have to store it or give it away or...)



Farm Worker Follow-up

After the March homilies about farms and farm workers, I spoke with my sister-in-law Gloria Wheeler and she told me it goes farther than thinking about hands. We need to think about the whole person. Mike Lawson told me the talks prompted him to think about the plight of farm workers and how we depend on them without recognizing them. He was inspired to write two poems, one in English (printed below) and one in Spanish (available on request).

Phebe Packer

Whose Hands

Whose hands are these that harvest our crops
and bring food and nourishment to our tables?
They perpetually toil in our agriculture's shadows,
while unappreciated in our homes and kitchens.



Families push their carts down supermarket aisles
of beautifully arrayed, trimmed and clean edibles.
They seem clearly delighted with appreciative smiles
with this bounty of delectable fruits and vegetables.
Do we talk with our children about these magical happenings?
Do we offer thanks to these workers at our mealtime prayer?
Our God, to whom we pray and thank for our many blessings
would surely recognize these hands that toil for our daily care.
Farm workers perform grueling labor on behalf of our families.
That their hands are brown, not white, diminishes not their ability.
They share a human commitment to provide for their loved-ones.
The risks and challenges they face are part of a their quiet nobility.

Should we recognize and give thanks for their contributions?
Many have migrated out of desperation from foreign places
while those more fortunate have work in their native countries.
Gratitude requires we hold their hands and see their faces.

Michael Lawson,
April 2019



SET-UP KIDS NEEDED

We are looking for new set-up kids. We like to have two because we know that kids have a lot going on and you can trade off duties. We try to give enough notice that you can plan ahead. You must be able to take the tables down and put them back, move stacks of chairs, and get to Orangewood by yourself. If you live close that is the best, or if you drive here by yourself. Contact Pam at the church office if you are interested or have more questions.



Mission Committee Report

Upcoming Events

- Butterfly Tree – Back-to-school packs – July Collection and Distribution – be on the look-out for bargains on school supplies including backpacks.
- Agua Fria Uniform Drive – May 19
- Desert Mission Food Bank – scheduled for April 6 with 17 people signed up – WOW!
- Grace Lutheran Pancake Breakfast for the Homeless, March 10, served 209 plates and 10 new and former volunteers! NEXT ONE – June 16
- Habitat for Humanity – March 30 – framing work, need MORE VOLS for April 13, May 4 and May 18

New Business

- Gene Vogel's granddaughter, Dori Hjalmarson will be coming to Phoenix in Nov. and the Mission Committee would like to hear her present – money was approved for her travel costs.
- Discussion about application through the Presbytery program "Cents-Ability" to help some of our programs that address hunger - e.g. Grace Lutheran Pancakes.
- The Special Pentecost offering goes to an organization that focuses on "Youth at Risk" if anyone has a favorite , *please let us know.*

The Committee reviewed the current Charter for our committee and revised it to the following:

The Mission Committee endeavors to humbly serve our neighbors in the local community and worldwide through financial, physical and spiritual support. We plan and communicate opportunities for members and friends of Orangewood to share the love of Christ with those who are in need. A thanks to all who make our mission here work and grow.

Committee in attendance: Leeann Spangler (Chair), Gene Nix, Joe Miller, Bernale Wright, Phebe Packer, Christina Suarez and David Griep.

OOAC Luncheon

Longtime member Lois Manning was recently recognized by the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon at the Senior Service Awards Luncheon, held at Valley Presbyterian Church on Thursday, April 11, 2019. Rev. Ken Page announced Lois's award at our service on Sunday, April 14. Rev. Ken spoke of her many accomplishments, including her service as an Elder and Clerk of Session at Orangewood, her participation in many Vacation Bible Schools, and how the SAGES are always excited to see the party favors she makes for the monthly luncheons!" Lois faithfully calls and visits many homebound members of the church and community. For many years, she volunteered at voting polls and several local schools. We are very proud of Lois, and congratulate her on this honor by the Presbytery!



Facilities Update for April

We completed 10 projects this spring, with another 19 in progress / planning and another 6 new requests this month, bringing our list for the year to 35 total requests.

Budget Summary: as of March

Utilities \$10,328 of \$42,350 spent

Custodial \$7,115 of \$28,600 spent

Grounds \$2,866 of \$13,950 spent

Maintenance \$3,276 of \$23,360 spent

Manse \$1,570 of \$6,750 spent

Total \$25,143 of \$115,010 spent.

Completed Projects:

Page hall—Replaced three trees on north side; Purchased and installed with the African congregation's help.

Manse—Removed tree in back yard and cleaned up tree on 10th street north

Manse—replaced missing decor fence block and block by west entrance of main parking.

Orchard—dead tree holes filled, safe to walk.

West concrete irrigation wall—repaired

Wright center—stained fence on north side with UV protection and color to blend.

Sanctuary- painted vent stacks in east and west entries to match walls

Choir room—patched/painted as room was reorganized for new music director

Sanctuary cooling tower—pump replaced - Foothills Mechanical

Trees trimmed around Sanctuary/Page Hall

Next scheduled meeting is May 8 at 1 pm (new time) in Room 11.

New way to give to Orangewood:

Vendors tithing your business with them to help pay our OPC bills!

When you call our list of vendors to do work at your home or business, they will give OPC a 10% credit for work performed at our facility.

How it works: You call a vendor from our list of "tithing" vendors to perform work for your home or business; you turn in a copy of your paid invoice to the church office / facilities mailbox; When the church needs work done, we receive 10% of all the \$ you spent as a credit for work we contract with that vendor.

Our first vendor just in time for summer:

Lee Collins Air Conditioning: Applies to both service of existing units or replacement of aging units with new equipment. You save money and send 10% of what you spent to pay for A/C units and services at OPC. Call them at 602-944-1571 or email at leecollinsac@gmail.com

Thanks to our Facilities Committee for another month of great progress on our campus: Brent Upson, Bob Jenson, Terry Frost, Greg Harris, Joe Miller, Bob Wells and Pam White.

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