

Plumbline

ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 2019

Pastor Page's Pastor's Page

And now, for something completely different. For the month of July, the Session has voted to combine our contemporary and traditional worship services.

When? We will have one worship service at 10 am on July 7, 14, 21 and 28.

Where? In the Sanctuary.

Why? Many Orangewood members have expressed to us that while they like having multiple styles they lament being somewhat two separate congregations. This will give us an opportunity to worship together.

Why else? We are excited about the opportunity to partner in music. For example: Our choir loves to do gospel numbers, and is really good at them. What a joy to do a gospel piece with the band! We can do different arrangements of classic hymns. We can do full-on choir versions of contemporary worship songs. We're going to work hard to do music together – not just "this is a traditional slot," "this is a contemporary slot."

Why else? While not our primary reason, we estimate that not air-conditioning Page Hall for worship will save us significant money. Our African Fellowship will also worship in the Sanctuary, which has to be kept climate-controlled for the sake of the organ.

No seriously, why? That's it. Seriously. Your Session specifically wants you to know that we have no plans at this time to combine our services forever. We think it is a strength of Orangewood that we have multiple music styles and are blessed to do them well. We hope you enjoy our combined services. May God be praised! May God's people be fed!

Ken



SUMMER ADULT EDUCATION BOOK STUDY

Beginning in July, Phebe Packer and Becky Cederquist will lead a book study on Sundays at 11:45 am in Room 11. We will have 5 discussions about Max Lucado's book "Anxious For Nothing (Finding Calm in a Chaotic World)" on July 14, July 21, July 28, August 4, and August 11. Please sign up on the patio so that we can order the correct number of study guides!

ON THE BOOKSHELF

This summer we will be studying Max Lucado's book "Anxious for Nothing." Another book of his that you may find interesting is "Unshakable Hope (Building Our Lives on the Promises of God)." An interesting new book is called "Jesus for Atheists (Why He Still Matters in Our Secular World)" by Amy -Jill Levine. In this book she explores Jesus' most famous teachings from the perspective of how they have continued to shape ethics and civilization in the West for two millennia. I am still looking for volunteer readers to help recommend books. Please come see Phebe on the patio or drop her a line at phebepacker@cox.net.

TRAVEL ALERTS BY PHEBE PACKER

We all enjoyed hearing about Jackie Collier and Sandy Snyder's travels to Atlanta and their visit with Tully, Natalia and baby Eleanor. I am going to Branson, Missouri the first week of July and will report back on that trip. I am really hoping to hear from all of you about your summer plans. Meanwhile, safe travels to all! Phebe

E FOCUS

Each week the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon publishes an online newsletter called "E Focus." This is a great way to find out what's going on in the Presbytery and to read regular contributions by our Presbytery Pastor, Brad Munroe. Committees and individuals can also use E Focus to publicize events or seek input and/or resources for projects. Sign up by contacting pbyoffice@gmail.com.

REMEMBER FARM WORKERS ALL YEAR LONG

As June rolls around, California's harvest season is just beginning. Men and women are rising before dawn and are hard at work harvesting all the beautiful fruits and vegetables you see in your local store—including the sweet dark cherries that so many begin to have on their tables at this time of year.

A promotional poster for Montlure's 2019 Summer Camps. The background features a green forest scene with a logo at the top center that says "montlure" with a cross and a sun. Below the logo, the text reads "2019 Summer Camps" in a large, green, serif font, followed by "Wilderness Ranch, Pinetop, Arizona" in a smaller, green, sans-serif font. On the left, a wooden sign hanging from a rope says "Overnight Camps". Below the main text, there are three green rectangular boxes, each containing a photo of campers and text describing the camp level and dates:

- Senior High**: Sunday - Friday, June 2 - 7
- Junior High**: Sunday - Friday, June 23 - 28
- Juniors**: Sunday - Thursday, July 7 - 11

At the bottom of the poster, a dark brown banner contains the text: "Register at Montlure.CampBrainRegistration.com" and "More details at Montlure.org".

WORSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee voted to ask the Session to combine the first and second services into one worship service for the following Sundays: July 7, 14, 21 and 28, at a time and place to be determined.

This was proposed as an experiment to see what the reaction is afterwards. The thinking is that some combined services may help to build relationships between the 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 am congregations and reduce the workloads of church staff.

The Committee noted that Page Hall would be better for contemporary music. Utility savings are not a significant reason for one service, but, even if they were, the African service would still be using Page Hall anyway. The temperature will be maintained, as needed, in the Sanctuary for the organ.

The Committee voted to set a \$100 music consultation fee for the OPC Organist and Choir Director when outside groups are included in OPC weddings and funerals.



SPECIAL OFFERINGS

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. 40% of the Pentecost offering can be retained by individual congregations wanting to make an impact in the lives of young people within their own community. The remaining 60% is used to support ministries of the Presbyterian Mission Agency:

- Young Adult Volunteers
- Ministries for Youth
- Children-at-Risk

Pentecost Offering Financials

This year's locally retained portion of the Pentecost Offering will go to the Angel Tree 180 Camp for children of persons who are incarcerated. This program is an extension of the Christmas Angel Tree program of Prison Ministries.

FINANCE/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The committee is happy to report that financially, Orangewood is on plan through April.

The Finance/Stewardship Committee is working with other OPC committees to identify needs and opportunities. The team is investigating additional opportunities to share our facility space with organizations needing a place to meet. Other things are being considered to support the best use of our resources including use of volunteer help rather than paying outside contractors.

Preliminary work on the 2020 budget is starting with the Stewardship campaign to take place in the fall.

We are truly fortunate that the gifts OPC has (both financial and talent) allow us to be a blessing to our community and members!

HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

OPC is a collection station for humanitarian relief efforts at the Douglas/Agua Prieta border. Churches there are overwhelmed and welcome any help. We will have a collection box on the patio on Sundays. A list of needs includes diapers, hygiene products, clothing and more. Presbyterian churches in the Central Phoenix area will be bringing collections here. A Presbytery volunteer will transport all collections.

FACILITIES UPDATE

We completed 16 projects this year, there are 12 in progress/planning, and we have another 14 new requests this month.

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, and 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 money 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 them at leecollinsac@gmail.com

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



MEDICAL SUPPLIES

At Orangewood we have a medical closet that is free for everyone to use as needed. We have crutches, wheelchairs, walkers-both with and without seats, potty chairs and more. You just take what you need, and sign it out and bring it back when you are done. Also if you have anything to donate you can bring it down. Call the office for more details.



Christian Family Care

CHRISTIAN FAMILY CARE

The Christian Family Care ministry provides adoption, foster care, and support programs. To give a little background on foster care, CFC advises we should be aware that the services provided by the state of Arizona for these children are woefully inadequate. Children are placed in foster care because their home is unsafe for them—and right now, there are nearly 16,000 of these boys and girls in Arizona. With numbers so large, it's easy to forget that each one of them is uniquely made in God's image, with their own dreams. Tragically, many will never achieve their best hopes. In fact, a full 20% will be *homeless* when they age out of foster care at 18. Even more will experience PTSD from the sheer trauma of their childhoods. As we celebrate the season of Pentecost and think about children at risk, a new opportunity has presented itself. Christian Family Care offers a large variety of volunteer opportunities, such as being a mentor to a child, working in one of the thrift stores, office and administration, and handyman services. You can find more information online at www.cfcare.org or by calling Howard Saccoliti at 602-396-2574.

The Christian Family Care thrift store at 32nd Street and Greenway urgently needs more volunteers to help during the summer season when people take vacations. They are open Monday – Saturday from 10 am to 4 pm. If you are interested, please visit the mission table on the patio for more information.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MAY MEETING

Help our congregation grow in vitality as a family, in spiritual depth, and in bringing the good news to our community.

Small Groups

- The small groups are going well. One group has postponed it's start to the fall and we are still working on how to do a group at the Beatitudes.
- Participation:
 - 9 groups are currently meeting
 - 70 group members are actively attending
 - 6 members have signed up to begin attending in the fall

Thank you to everyone for their efforts to organize meeting times and places and to welcome their members. Thank you also to Ken for providing the weekly study questions.

Parish Life

• Events

- Honduras Presbyterian Day, Wednesday, July 17. Publicity and planning will start soon.
- All-church Strawberry and Games Party, Saturday, August 3, 5 pm, Page Hall.
- **Online communications.**
- We discussed how to improve communications with members who do not have email. Phebe Packer will attend the next Deacons' meeting to discuss ideas.
- **New List of Members.** Information is being updated through the Deacons.
- **Visitor Issues.**
- The Visitor Center is up and operating. We have a sign-up for volunteers to be at the Visitor Center or Mission table after both services.
- **Name Tags.** Bob Orf is gathering names of people who need/want name tags.
- **Plumbline Input.** Thank you to all the committees who are submitting reports.

Adult Education

- A 5-week study of Max Lucado's book "*Anxious for Nothing (Finding Calm in a Chaotic World)*", will begin in July. We will meet after second service in Room 11. Leaders will be Becky Cederquist and Phebe Packer.

Because there are videos and a study guide for this book study, it can be presented at additional times and locations as requested.

HONDURAN PRESBYTERIAN DAY

When our team was in Honduras in January, we visited the community of Cerro Azul. This is the community of people who came out of the hills to finally have land for a community. They preserved the beautiful fig tree in the center of the property as a gathering place. We worked with them several years as they built houses, added doors and windows, and built a school and a water filtration facility (named for Bernale Wright!). The children in Cerro Azul have received scholarship funds. When we were there, they told us that they plan to celebrate "Presbyterian Day" on July 17 not because they are Presbyterians, but because of all the Presbyterians they have worked with through the years. The OPC Congregational Life Committee decided to hold our own celebration on the same day Wednesday, July 17, at 5 pm. Mark the date on your calendar now and stand by for updates on these plans!

MONTLURE TRAVELING DAY CAMP 2019

Orangewood's Page Hall once again was the site of the Montlure Traveling Day Camp, which ran from Monday, June 3 through Friday, June 7. In addition to the professional staff headed by Director Kellie von Borstel, our Director of Christian Education Melissa Hooper fielded an awesome supporting group of youth counselors. A number of our OPC members acted as registrars and kitchen helpers. This year's theme is "Unplug to Connect;" kids explored sabbath practices. As the campers arrived on Monday morning, they were each given their own tee shirts, water bottles, and then assigned to small groups. Returning campers said "hello" to old friends from previous Orangewood camps and got re-acquainted with the Montlure counselors and helpers. First-time campers jumped right in, and began to make new friends. After a brief period of introductions, the week began with energetic camp songs and a scripture orientation. Then the camp week really began, with periods of exhausting games, quiet times, more camp songs, story times, snacks and delicious lunches! God does incredible things during our day camp, and campers departed on Friday looking forward to next summer's program!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S SPRING TEA

Five tables were filled on Saturday, May 18, for the PW Spring Tea. The tables were beautifully decorated and set with tea services provided by members who also acted as hostesses at the table (i.e., they poured the tea). The tea was of the green variety in keeping with our environmental theme of the beauty of God's creation. To accompany the tea, we enjoyed a delicious variety of finger sandwiches, deviled eggs, scones, and many other tasty treats. Phebe Packer provided a slide show of nature photos interspersed with Scripture passages that were read by Jean Lee. The highlight of the afternoon was a musical interlude which featured Salome Klaasen, a piano student of OPC Music Director Chuck Sedgwick. The birthday offering was taken and yielded about \$300 to send to the national PW organization. Many thanks to everyone who contributed tea cups, food, set-up and clean-up services. In the coming months, Out & About excursions will include Streetlight, MIM, Heard Museum, and movies. If you didn't get a chance to sign up for these, let us know. Dates and times are still TBD. Have a wonderful summer!



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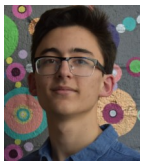
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DEACONS

Did you know the Orangewood Deacons have a discretionary "Deacon Fund"! The Deacons collectively vote and disburse these funds to a variety of worthwhile causes as special needs arise in our own congregation as well as our greater neighborhood community. In 2019 we have used funds to support: Chris Becker Dining Room with bus tickets, memorial guest books for the Sanctuary, emergency rent (screened & approved by Pastor Ken), van insurance for the African Fellowship, St. Vincent DePaul Dining Room, and most recently scholarships for deserving children to attend a variety of our Orangewood summer camps, such as Montlure. Oftentimes funds will come in by way of memorial contributions to honor someone who has passed away. There are also a few members who donate regularly to this fund, and we thank you for that! But funds are welcome anytime you feel the call to contribute. Be sure to notate "Deacon Fund" on your check memo line so funds will get posted to the appropriate account. Thank you all for your continued support of our Board of Deacons!

GRADUATES



Ethan Howard Swartz graduated from Sunnyslope High School on May 20, 2019. He will attend Northern Arizona University Honors College in the fall, studying civil engineering. This summer he is working at Boy Scout Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island, off the coast of Los Angeles. While there, he hopes to earn his Advanced Open Water Scuba Certification.



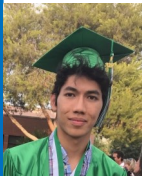
Matthew Ramella graduated from Brophy College Preparatory and will be attending the University of Arizona Eller College of Management in the fall.



Spencer Case maintained straight A's throughout his high school career, graduating in the top 4% of his class, playing varsity tennis and being crowned Prom King at Sunnyslope High School. He will be attending Barrett The Honors College at ASU to study Mechanical Engineering in the fall.



Abby Kaup graduated from Veritas Preparatory Academy and She is accepted into the Journalism program at Boston University



Shawn Kroodisma graduating from Sunnyslope High School. He is going to NAU Honors College.

YOUTH NOT TRIP Q AND A

What is the Youth Not Trip?

This extended weekend experience includes overnight accommodations in the Wright Center or the Manse, delicious food, day trip to Feed My Starving Children, on campus stewardship projects, Habitat for Humanity speaker and project, games, small groups, and bible study.

Thursday June 13 starting at 5 pm to Sunday June 16 with Worship at 9 am.

All youth entering grades 6-12 and volunteers are invited. We are in need of a female volunteer to stay overnight the evening of June 15 and a day volunteer on June 15.

To register go to our website orangewood.church and click on the register button on our homepage

The cost is \$100. Pay on our website or by check sent to 7321 N. 10th St. Phoenix, AZ 85020



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