

# Plumblineline

ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

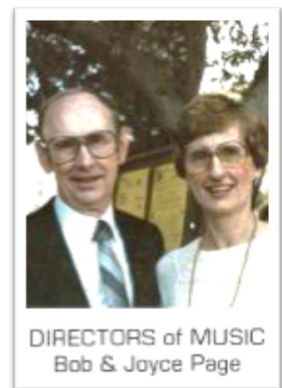
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## ***DID YOU KNOW?***

that Page Hall is named for Bob and Joyce Page. Bob and Joyce Page with their five children moved to Phoenix in June 1965. They came with 10 years of full time experience in church music. Bob agreed to help Orangewood plan the summer music program for 1965, however they both joined the Orangewood staff in the following September.

The Pages organized Orangewood's music program into five choirs: Adult, Senior High, Junior High, Junior (4th to 6th grades), and Primary (2nd and 3rd grades). Bob Page administered the program and led the Adult, High School, and the Junior Boys Choirs. Joyce Page directed the Junior High, Junior Girls, and Primary Choirs. She was also the church organist and later was director of the Hand Bell Choir. These choirs not only served by leading in Sunday worship services, but produced over 20 cantatas, oratorios, masses, and sacred musicals.

About this time there was a growing number of worshippers expressing an interest in more contemporary music and hymns. Bob, who was steeped in the more classical traditions, was not anxious to move into this area of music. Finally, Sam Lindamood, head pastor, said to Bob, "Either get your daughter or someone else to lead the people, if you don't think you can, because we are going to have contemporary services with contemporary music and very soon".



Thus, a contemporary worship service was established. To satisfy everyone's likes the second Sunday of every month was dedicated to the new type of service. Both the adult and youth choirs supported this service. This arrangement was used for more than a decade.

There was also music for fun. In 1982, and continuing to 1990, Bob Page wrote and produced a yearly stage show called "The Dessert Theater". These became very popular events. Nine of these productions, involving the Music Ministry, and the Parish Life Committee, were to delight Orangewood people and visitors. For a small fee, devotees of these shows got a dessert and a fun show.

Bob and Joyce retired in August 1990. Their philosophy of the music ministry was from little children to grandparents, all are welcomed into the choral program.

*Some from Bob Pages notes*

Written by Bob Wells

## Goodbye to Melissa

After the 10:30 am service on Sunday, January 12, Orangewood youth and parents gathered in the Wright Center to celebrate outgoing Director of Youth Melissa Hooper, and welcome our new Youth and Children's advisors Brian Stevens and Jikhara Williams. After a lunch of pizza and salad, with cake and ice cream for dessert, Pastor Ken Page presented Melissa with a gift from our congregation for her dedication to our program. Melissa is leaving to return fulltime to teaching at Cortez High School. Thanks, Melissa, and best wishes! New advisors Brian and Jikhara got a firsthand opportunity to meet parents, and we are pleased that our commitment to our youth is in capable hands!

### **DID YOU KNOW. . . .**

that the Orangewood youth program and church life were significantly impacted by the arrival in September of 1968 of a second associate pastor in the person of Eugene (Gene) Lefebvre. Gene was an avid outdoors person. He enhanced the weekly Church School and Sunday evening programs by adding in occasional outdoor adventure events. The youth and adults worked together in groups to accomplish the adventure and develop a sense of community, caring, and mutual respect; at the same time developing a sense of self-reliance, self-esteem, and personal worth.

With Gene Lefebvre we explored God's beautiful world throughout the West. We did camping with volleyball and outdoor Communion Services, backpacking, river trips and more.



**Backpacking**



**Camping with Volleyball**



**River Rafting**

Orangewood's good fortune to have these educational experiences derived from Gene's being on the governing board of the PAK Foundation, which was formed in 1968 by the Patmans and the Aikens, parents of two associates of Gene's. One of their sons was accidentally killed on a backpack outing when an earthslide occurred. The other son was a Marine killed in the line of duty. So, convinced that outdoor experiences were beneficial to the development of youth, and especially under the gifted leadership of Church-oriented persons, the bereaved parents formed the PAK Foundation. They chose Gene as its leader.

Orangewood's program was used as the pilot for PAK's main effort, the **Challenge Program**. Using the experience gained with the adventures at Orangewood, the Challenge Program was carried into various High Schools. In addition to the benefits to Orangewood, PAK and the Challenge Program benefited hundreds of youth in its 17-year existence.

My son Robert was a member of the Challenge Club at Orangewood and had several learning adventures and experiences. I recall that on one occasion he wanted to show me some of the equipment that they used in their outings. The home base of Orangewood's Challenge program was the Sanctuary attic and empty organ loft. I recall that I was impressed with the amount and quality of their equipment. Backpacks, good sleeping bags, mountain and rock climbing gear, camping equipment, etc. How nice!

*Note: With assistance from Dorothy Chamberlin's notes*

*By Bob Wells*

## Mission

### Habitat for Humanity

It's just about time to start our annual spring Habitat build as part of the East Valley Presbyterian Coalition. The build dates this year are Saturdays, February 22, March 21, April 18 and May 16. No experience is needed. Do you have questions? Contact Dirk Oosterwyk (602-320-3290). Ready to help? Please sign up at the Mission table on the patio. Minimum age for this project is 16 years old.

### Heifer Project

Thank you to the many people who made contributions to Heifer for 2019. We sent them a check for \$3,040! The animals you selected included chickens, ducks, honey bees, rabbits, sheep, a llama, water buffalo, and of course a heifer. You also gave for tree seedlings, sending a girl to school, and the general fund for "where most needed," "Helping a person to fish" rather than "giving a fish" is a value we embrace at Orangewood and it is great to witness this message being passed along each year.

### Racial Equity

As we recently celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day on January 20 and are now entering a time of learning about Black History during the month of February, it seems like a good time to take part in the 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge, which was prepared by PC/USA in collaboration with several nonprofits, organizations and school systems for our use. During the 21 Day Challenge, you will have the opportunity to become aware of many excellent resources available through PC/USA. The Presbyterian Mission website has information about structural racism and includes a sample 21 Day Challenge complete with links to related information. You will become very aware of how far we have come since King's "I Have a Dream" speech but how much further we still have to go!

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/matthew-25/racism/>

## Community Health & Wellness Fair

On Saturday, February 29, from 9 am–1 pm on the Orangewood Campus, We have plans for a health fair, sponsored by OPC Presbyterian Women. We will have professionals from ASU Nursing and HHS to do simple screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, body/mass index, and memory abilities, as well as counseling on managing medications. DUET, Area Agency on Aging, the local chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, Sage Hospice, the Maricopa County Department of Health, and other providers will have booths/tables in Page Hall with information resources. In addition, we will be running 4 mini-workshops on nutrition, fall prevention, fitness, and mindfulness for self-care in the Wright Center. We are developing a new OPC brochure to distribute at an Orangewood Welcome table along with orange bags for toting information. A small task force is doing the planning and implementation, but we will need volunteers, both men and women, to help with set-up, tear-down, and acting as hosts/hostesses during the event. Please contact Jeanne Matt if you can help! Meanwhile, we are sending publicity to local retirement communities, the local newspaper, and community centers, as well as contacting all the organizations that have activities at OPC. We hope for a big turn-out and that you will be part of it! Please share your ideas and comments with Elizabeth Reifsnider, Cathy Witte, Jennifer Olsen, Hedy Martin, Jeanne Matt, or Phebe Packer when you see them.



## Congregational Life Committee

### Evangelism

Sign-ups for Growth Groups will begin February 23

The new "season" of Growth Groups will be the week of March 15–the week of May 31, with the exception of the weeks of Palm Sunday and Easter.

### Parish Life

- Farewell for Melissa–Jackie will order cakes and pizza. Sunday, January 12, Wright Center
- All-Church Picnic–March 8
- Three volunteers will be needed to put out food and clean up. Jean Lee and Dennis Daniel will cook hot dogs.
- Visitor and New Member Issues  
The committee discussed the idea of assigning "shepherds" for new members. Phebe will discuss with the new Deacons' Moderator, Dennis Daniel. New member class scheduled for 2/9.
- SAGES–still need coordinator for entertainment

### Adult Education

Book Study: Short Stories of Jesus; Sunday, February 2–March 8 at 11:45, Room 11; books ordered; 19 sign-ups

### General Business

- Budget: \$4,000 for hospitality; \$100 for Parish Life; \$500 for adult education programs
- Annual Report – Phebe will finalize with information from Jackie about hospitality events

### New Business

- New Church Brochure: Phebe distributed draft copy for comments and suggestion; new colors will be chosen; goal is to have some printed by February 29.
- Calendar: Phebe distributed copy of 2020 Congregational Life calendar. We will use this to plan events in all our areas.
- New Directory: To be discussed at next meeting.

Job Board. A board for volunteer opportunities will be on the patio beginning sometime in February and will be used to recruit assistance with projects of this committee as well as mission and other areas. More about this will be described in an upcoming Plumblin.

## Pancake Supper

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 25, from 5:00-7:00 pm in Page Hall. This is the Youth's largest fundraiser of the year. We will send Youth of OPC to Ghost Ranch and Triennium with the money that is raised. You can help by attending, donating bacon, sausage, eggs, or syrup, and inviting your friends and neighbors.



## Mission Committee

### Recent/Completed events

Angel Tree-gifts for 20 families/41 children, \$630 Bead for Life, \$3040 Heifer Advent Service Projects-Angel Tree Wrapping/Delivery, made Plarn mats at/for Westminster, Filled vitamin bottles for Honduras, 100 hygiene kits for Agua Fria, wrote Christmas cards to Eloy detainees and collected reusable bags for homeless  
Grace Lutheran Pancakes-Dec. 15—231 plates served  
Christmas Joy Offering-\$11630  
Desert Mission Jan. 4-low turn out following the holidays

### Upcoming events

Honduras Mission Trip Jan. 16-25  
Desert Mission Food Bank Feb. 1  
Habitat Build Dates Feb. 22, March 21, April 18, and May 16.  
Rocky Pt. House Building Trip Feb. 14-17  
Grace Luth. Pancakes Feb. 16 (requested date change for Feb and Nov) coordinators David/Christina  
OGHS Special Offering-Lent Feb. 26-April 12  
Blanket Sunday pushed out to March 15-giving this to youth/Brian  
Black History Month / Racial Reconciliation-Phebe will do M4M Feb. 16

### Other Items/New Business

Rocky Point update: Safety, logistics - \$170 per person (family of 3 or more get discount), limit of 35 per trip, strict registration cut off date, Christina following up on Amor costs  
Plumline/Bulletin announcements written for youth events-Mardi Gras, Blanket Sunday - Bernale and Phebe; David will ask Jikhara to do ICM Grocery Bag Collection-Palm/Easter  
Grace Lutheran (Grant money covered \$950 2019) will ask Leeann about this  
Opportunity Board/Calendar and OPC Brochure by Phebe-postpone until back from Honduras  
Special Offering-announce/promote ministry recipient earlier & throughout period of Offering

## SAGES Luncheon

SAGES gathered in Page Hall for a delicious lunch prepared by Jackie Collier and Bernale Wright, with help from other members of the Bible Study Group, including Jean Lee, Judy and Dan Lippman, with Sandy Snyder. We enjoyed two types of homemade soups; broccoli cheese and hamburger vegetable, served with garlic French bread. Dessert consisted of apple cobbler, topped with vanilla ice cream and drizzled with caramel topping. Our entertainment was vocalist Don Forrest, whose repertoire included favorites from artists like Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Nat "King" Cole, Bobby Darin and others. Planned for our February event, on February 11, is a presentation by G.G. George. She is a leading voice for historical preservation, and has just received the Arizona Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award for her efforts in this area. Plan now to attend for more fellowship and fun! Social time begins at 11 am, with lunch served at 11:30 am. Please call the office should you need transportation.





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**February**

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