

Plumbline

ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2020

Pastor Page's Pastor's Page

About 30 years ago, there was a minor worship reformation in the Presbyterian Church. The rubric of this reformation was to get back to the practices of the Early Church. The assumption was that the closer we got to Jesus' time, the closer we got to Jesus' practices. It was during this reformation that we got our Book of Common Worship.

People have commented to me that my communion prayers sound "awfully Catholic." They are correct, but not because I am copying the Roman Catholics, but because we are both copying the practice of the Early Church. I consider it a benefit that this draws Presbyterians and Catholics closer together.

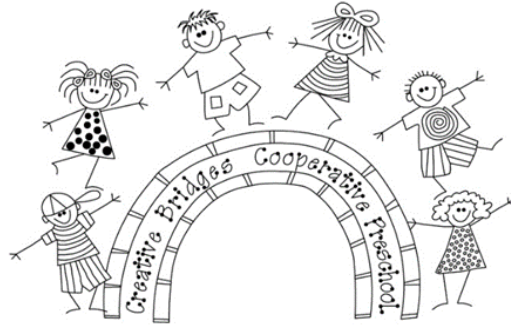
One of the additions to Presbyterianism from this mini-reformation is the office of Daily Prayer. There is a section of our Book of Common Worship entitled "Daily Prayer." You can also buy just that section in the *Book of Common Worship: Daily Prayer* (Westminster John Knox Press). My favorite is that there is now an app for that. Go to your app store and search for *Daily Prayer PC (USA)*. Any of these resources will give you the prayers for different hours of the day as well as morning and evening scripture readings, to assist you in daily prayer.

In Lent, we will be praying together, the service of Evening Prayer on Wednesday evenings. You will find this service to be simple, yet profound, with lots of time for silence and a strong use of the imagery of light and darkness. It harkens back to a time when survival through the night was much less assured than today. People prayed before bed in the knowledge that it might be the last thing that they did, and to remind them of their hope of heaven. I suspect that this is something all of us could use!

Ken

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT – 7:00 pm – March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1





Calling all Orangewood Presbyterian Parishioners!!!

Happy 30th Anniversary to Creative Bridges Cooperative Preschool

Come back and reminisce with us!

April 1 5:30-7:00 pm

We will have food/snack trucks available for food purchase, cake, an art walk, games and raffle baskets

Remember the Singing Cowboy, Gary with horse Dusty?

They will be performing from 6:00-7:00

Please join us!!

Creative Bridges Cooperative Preschool

7321 North 10th Street

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Please RSVP to bwatts8@cox.net to help us plan for food

Your Mission \$ to Presbytery at Work

Perhaps you have wondered why a portion of the Mission budget goes to support our Presbytery. What does it actually do? Well here it is:

Last year our funds supported four leadership training workshops, two for Grant Writing and one each for Officer Training and Conflict Management. The Congregational Resourcing team was able to allocate funds for 15 grants totaling \$76,740. These funds primarily go to special projects in small churches with fewer assets and to supplement salaries of pastors serving such churches. Your money also goes to support First Light Fellowship, a new worshipping community in Anthem, led by Revs. Kristin and Brandon Willett, and the Evangelical Arabic Church led by Rev. Estawri Khjeek, which is a growing presence in the Middle Eastern refugee community. Our Presbytery mission dollars work hard to ensure that our brothers and sisters in Christ continue to worship and serve in their communities.

Engagement Announcement

The Zandlers are happy to let their Orangewood family know that John has become engaged to Rebecca Bookman. The wedding will be celebrated in Rebecca's hometown of New Orleans on January 3, 2021. John and Rebecca met here in Phoenix while she was finishing a master's in counseling. She is now employed as a counseling therapist at Arizona Center for Change. John works as an accountant for Southwest Foodservice Excellence.



Presbyterian Women

Thank you

Many thanks to so many OPC volunteers who made the community Health and Wellness Fair a success! Presbyterian Women were delighted to have had the opportunity to make available resources for folks who are striving for better health.

PW Bible Study

PW Bible study continues to explore the Ten commandments. This month's discussion on Wednesday, March 4, at 1:00 pm in Room 11 focuses on a better understanding of God's desire for deep and faithful relationships with us. Judy Lippman is this month's discussion facilitator. All are welcome.

Breakfast Out Bunch

This month we are meeting at Candy's Kitchen at 13216 N 7th St. If you would like to go, call Jean Lee at 602-589-8228 to let her know you will be there on Wednesday, March 18 at 9:00 am.

Presbyterian Women

We are having a meeting on March 21, at 9:30 am in Page Hall. The morning's focus will explore the gifts all women bring to the future. At 11:30 there will be a Tostada Salad Bar luncheon. Reservations may be made on the patio March 8 and 15. At this meeting an assortment of silver-plate platters (17 of these), a punch bowl, coffeepot, teapot etc. will be available at very moderate prices. These are items which came from the OPC pantry and are no longer being used. Unsold items will be available to the congregation as a whole during coffee hour on Sunday, March 22. All proceeds go to support OPC.

Non-English Bibles for Eloy

The Peace and Justice Network of the Presbytery is looking for Bibles in different languages for the detainees in Eloy. Selena Keesecker brought to our attention the need for these Bibles and said the most needed are African languages and Spanish. Bilingual NIV and Good News New Testament Bibles are fine. If you are out browsing in used book stores and come across any non-English Bibles, the Network will reimburse you for the cost of purchase. Let's get out and hunt!

Honduras 2020

Our trip to Honduras this year was filled with many great experiences. We will be doing Minutes for Mission over the next couple of months to share details from team members, but here is an overview:

We assisted the people in Estanzuela (also now known as Estanzola) in getting six houses ready for roofing. We were able to purchase the materials for all six tin roofs. We also donated funds to a family with special circumstances who are building a house on their own. This photo shows women carrying roofing up a hill to that location.

We saw more than 335 patients in six clinics held throughout the week in five different communities. We have worked in all of these communities before, so it is like returning to visit people we know. Very special.

We gave funding to support 6 students in Trinidad and 24 students in the Copan area for school this coming year. Last year we met Kenia and Luis Ramirez and their mother, Hilda, who told us about riding three hours standing up in the back of a truck to go pick coffee so that Luis could go to school. This past year we gave scholarships to both Luis and Kenia and they achieved the top grades of all the students. This coming year we will support them again, along with their younger sister.



We took three prayer shawls with us. One went to Angelina, the community leader from Copantle where we worked in 2009 -2011. One went to Dona Irma, whose house we stayed in several years in Trinidad. The third went to Luisa, who prepared delicious hot lunches for us each day out in Estanzuela, using a propane stove that she carried up the hill to the community!

We took Sunday off from our labors and went by bus to Trinidad, where we visited with the mayor's assistant and attended a celebration in Cerro Azul. It is always a treat to sit beneath that fig tree in Cerro Azul, their symbol of community. This day it was dripping with rain but still a wonderful place to be. The community is thriving.

We give heartfelt thanks to everyone in the congregation who supports the work in Honduras in so many ways.

Amor Celebration Picnic

Mark your calendar for Sunday, March 8. That is the day of the all-church Amor Celebration Picnic, which will start right after second service. Wear your shorts to church and don't forget to bring a side dish. Jikhara is planning some intergenerational games for us to enjoy together. Come one, come all! Amor is celebrating their 40th year and we want to celebrate along with them!

Habitat For Humanity

OPC will be working on a Habitat home in downtown Phoenix. The work dates are March 21, April 18, May 16 and June 6. No experience is needed to help with the house. There are Team Leaders, like Dirk Oosterwyk and Spencer Case from OPC, who will be able to find a project for you to learn and work on. If you haven't filed your 2019 tax return yet, you might be able to help fund this house by allocating part of your state income tax payment to Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona, with a memo line of Orangewood Presbyterian. There is no additional cost to you for this allocation. The designation just needs to be done with your tax return to be filed before April 15, 2020. There is a pamphlet available at the Mission table with more information.

SAGES

Orangewood's SAGES fellowship group met for their February luncheon in Page Hall and were treated to a delicious meal prepared and served by Orangewood's Chancel Choir. Choir members who contributed were Luci Sherwood, Linda Rychener, Bernale Wright, Sandy Frost, Sally Haskins, Becky Cederquist, Joe Haught, and Judy and Dennis Proffitt, with Sandy Snyder on our coffee detail. Thanks to you all! Our theme for our luncheon was "Pennsylvania Amish", and featured hand-painted items as centerpieces from Jeanne Matt's extensive collection. G.G. George, noted Arizona historical preservationist, gave a wonderful talk, with slides, on the history of the Encanto-Palmcroft neighborhoods of Phoenix. She highlighted the architecture and notable residents of the past, and gave insights into how the neighborhoods banded together to preserve these two districts. A current map of all Phoenix historical districts was given to each SAGES member by G.G. Our next luncheon will be held in Page Hall on our regular 2nd Tuesday, March 10. We will have a group from the A Cappella Syndicate men's chorus come to entertain us, so you won't want to miss this exciting entertainment! Please remember that guests are welcome; just let the church office know, or advise Jeanne when she calls. Also, let Jeanne or the church office know should you need transportation.



LENTEN SERVICES

Evening Prayer—Every Wednesday in Wright Center at 7:00 pm March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1
Maundy Thursday—Simple meal—Thursday, April 9 at 6:00 pm in Page Hall,
Tenebrae Service—Friday, April 10 at 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Youth Lock in—Saturday, April 11 at 5:00 pm in the Wright Center

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunrise Service—6:00 am on the patio
Contemporary Service—9:00 am in Page Hall
Easter Egg Hunt—10:00 am on the patio
Traditional Service—10:30 am in the Sanctuary
African Service—11:30 am in Page Hall



Congregational Life Committee – February Notes

Evangelism

- Sign-ups for Growth Groups will begin February 23. Ken will send the lists out from the data base on the church computer.
- 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.
- The committee discussed how to start a new group.

Parish Life

- All-Church Picnic – March 8
- The picnic will include celebration of Amor’s 40th anniversary.
- Jikhara is working on plans for intergenerational games. Volunteers are lined up for cooking and the congregation will bring pot luck dishes.
- Visitor and New Member Issues

Three people in the new member class on February 16.

SAGES – Good attendance so far this year; still need a coordinator for entertainment

Adult Education

- Book Study: Short Stories by Jesus; Sunday, February 2 – March 15. Good attendance – about 17-20 people each week.
- Phebe will contact Gayle Watkins to see if he will present a summer study in partnership with Ken. This could be for all the partnership churches with the location rotating each week.

New Business

- New Church Brochure. The brochure is being finalized for printing by February 29. It will be placed in the pews and on the Welcome table on the patio.
- New Directory. We hope to publish a new directory in early 2021, with photos being taken in the fall of 2020. We will recruit volunteers to assist with the process.

Children’s

A cute little example of what our new Children’s Director is doing in the Manse.



Mission Notes

Recent/Completed events

Heifer Project: OPC sent a check for \$3,040 to Heifer project along with a report listing the animals purchased.

Honduras Mission trip, 1/16-25: See summary in separate Plumline article.

Desert Mission, 2/1/20: The February work group of 25 people sorted and packed over 5,000 pounds of food for the food bank in our two hours of work. Thanks to all! We were able to stock the previously-empty shelves of their market for their Monday clients. Check out the pictures from the work day on the Mission table. You'll also find more information and a sign-up sheet for the next work morning on Saturday, March 7.

Souper Bowl collection by youth, 2/2: The youth selected Feed My Starving Children to receive the donations.

Upcoming events

Habitat Build: The work schedule has been pushed back for the spring build. Please check at the mission table for the new schedule. Spencer Case has been awarded the title of Team Leader because of his hard work and great aptitude on a current Habitat build. Way to go Spencer!

Rocky Point House Building Trip, 2/14-17: Twenty-nine people are currently registered for the trip, including a group of youth from California brought in by Oliver Page. These youth will be staying at the Manse the night before departure and the night of return.

Grace Lutheran Pancakes, 3/15: This date was changed from 2/16 to avoid conflict with the Rocky Point trip. Christina will ask Pastor Sarah at Grace Lutheran about applying for a CentsAbility grant for 2020.

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper, 2/25

One Great Hour of Sharing Special Offering – Lent, 2/26-4/12: The committee is working on ways to improve the communications about the 4 annual PC(USA) offerings by using the screens and patio displays. Bernale Wright will head up this effort.

Desert Mission, 3/4: Sign-ups underway on the patio.

ICM Grocery Bags, Distribute 4/5, collect 4/12: Jikhara Williams will lead the children in preparing, distributing and collecting the bags on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Workload/Organization of Committee

The committee is working on ways to increase the number of volunteers who lead and work on mission projects. We are thinking of the committee as a "mission coalition" of leaders and volunteers, not all of whom attend committee meetings. Jeannie and Dirk Oosterwyk have served in this manner with the Desert Mission and Habitat for Humanity Projects for the last three years. They are the official leaders of these projects, recruit volunteers, do publicity and reporting, and are liaisons with community leaders of the projects. They do not attend mission committee meetings, but report in by email. Some other projects lend themselves to this model. Lisa and Glenn Campbell have volunteered to lead both the Angel Tree and the Beans & Rice campaigns for 2020. We are in the process of establishing an "Opportunity to Serve" board on the patio which will have listings of small, medium and large opportunities.

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