

# Plumbline

ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 2021

## Pastor Page's Pastor's Page

In Youth Ministry we have something called the 17-hour rule. The 17-hour rule is that you don't have a group until you've spent 17 hours together. What this means to youth leaders is that it's really hard to get your 17 hours in by spending one-and-a-half hours together per week. It's especially hard when youth are over-programmed and you have different youth every week on Sunday evenings.

So, you plan a retreat, a lock-in, or a mission trip, and you get your 17 hours in all at once in the beginning of the year. Plan a good mix of fun and games, ice-breakers, deeper fellowship, spirituality and work you do together, and you will have a cohesive group. Then you do it again next semester!



Why am I telling you this? None of us has gotten our 17 hours in over this past year due to COVID-19. As a result, we've lost our cohesion in our youth group, among our kids, among our adults, and among our older adults. The solution is the same for all of us – get our 17 hours in.

Jikhara and I are already planning for Traveling Day Camp for the kids and something cool for the youth so that we can get our 17 hours in together. Orangewood's plan for our adults is to get our Small Group Ministry going again. Starting the week after Easter, we're going to be launching a new 6-week period for our Small Group ministry. Our goal is to get **EVERYONE** in a group!

Studies show that in order to grow spiritually, you need three things:

1. Corporate Worship
2. Private Devotions/Prayer
3. A Small Group

Synergism happens when we put all three of these together. For many of us, a small group is the missing piece. We were created to be in community with each other. That community must involve a small group where we can share our lives, study, struggles and prayers with our sisters and brothers in Christ.

Please watch for a form that is coming your way to sign up for a small group. You can let us know if there is a group already formed that you want to join, or you can ask us to facilitate you getting into a group.

Many of us long for deeper community, but we don't quite know how to get it. Well, we do know! Join a small group.

*Ken*

## **Orangewood African Fellowship**

**Ron Carmichael**

If you would like to see God's Love flowing out of our Church into the community, drop in on one of the African Community's services at 11:30 any Sunday. Don't feel like you have to stay for the whole service, just stop in and feel the "Love." They translate in English, but I suggest you sit up front to hear well.

The Orangewood African Fellowship (OAF) is growing in spirituality, congregants, leadership and organization. Venant and Nelly and Felipe and Mimosa got it started and the new leadership of Pastor Joseph Lavi and several other Pastors, Deacons, Evangelists and Ushers are taking this congregation to a whole new level of God's Love. Their choir and musicians bring joy and excitement to their services, and don't plan on sitting still.

Last month's Plumline included the OAF Charter and I suggest you read it. A Multicultural Task Team created out of a Town Hall met several times and found that a vibrant spiritual community has developed on our Campus. They sincerely desire to become more Presbyterian and are making great strides in worship, youth activities, financial transparency, Deacon training and integration into the Orangewood Presbyterian Church. They understand that particularly their older community needs English instruction and we could use volunteers and programs to make that happen. We also need volunteers for a joint liaison team with 3-4 members from each community to address opportunities and issues. Doris Lawson and Ron Carmichael are aboard from OPC and we need 1-2 others. If interested, contact Ken, Doris or Ron.

The Multicultural Team also recommended that we get to know each other better through interviews of individuals from the respective communities and showing them in the Plumline and during the respective services. It is believed that these interview exchanges will significantly improve communication, understanding, interaction, inclusiveness and Love. We would love to hear your feedback on the progress of the African Fellowship's immersion into our Orangewood Community.

## **Join in Celebrating Our April Birthdays**

*Wish them a happy birthday with a card, email, phone call or prayer.*

- April 1: Lois Manning, Victoria Widener
- April 2: Rusty Thumma, Dennis Proffitt
- April 5: Dennis Daniel, Noah Williams
- April 6: Mike Lawson
- April 7: Sandi Workman
- April 9: Ruth Hall
- April 10: Spencer Case, Terry Frost
- April 11: Judy Lippman, Ryan DeBenedetti, Bob Jenson
- April 13: David Rathman
- April 14: Mae Hicks
- April 15: Edna Miller
- April 18: Marilyn Jacobo
- April 23: John Van Mantgem, Kathleen Geary
- April 25: Ruth Van Westrienen, Aurora Kleinschmidt
- April 27: Carol Mandile
- April 30: Jeni DeBenedetti, Charlie Bladine

Note: If you do not want your birthday published, please contact Phebe [phebepacker@gmail.com](mailto:phebepacker@gmail.com) or call the church office.

## Mission Committee

**First Light Fellowship**, a new Presbyterian church in Anthem, is well attended and needs more space. It was approved that we donate \$500 to help them. Pinnacle Presbyterian and Presbytery are also involved in supporting them.

**Mission Budget Review:** All the items of the Mission budget affecting PCUSA and Presbytery have been paid for the year, over \$7000. Phebe will write an article about World Missions for the Plumline \$375 from line item 6925 Presbytery Youth Workers will be moved to undesignated funds.

### Reports:

**Tohono O'odham Project:** Christina has not received news this month - still hoping to investigate how youth can be involved.

**NEW PROGRAM: Grace Lutheran Sandwich and other programs:** Preparation of 80 meat/cheese and PB&J sandwiches every second and fourth Friday, 7 am at OPC – 3 people made them in 1.5 hours. Grace Lutheran also has need for volunteers to deliver food boxes to families on Sat. morning or sort the clothing closet. *Passed unanimously that we allocate \$150 per month from Undesignated funds to cover participation costs.* Phebe will apply for a grant from the Presbyterian Cents-ability fund to try and cover the cost.

**Grace Lutheran Breakfast:** Is not yet open to serving breakfast. Our Sundays are April 25, June 20, Aug. 15, Oct. 17, Dec. 19.

**Hygiene Kits:** 2.5 hours with 12 people: 297 hygiene kits were made. Total cost: \$500 for kits that included: toothbrush, toothpaste, washcloth, shampoo, lotion, bar of soap and tissues. *Unanimously passed: Any cost that isn't covered by personal donations will come from unallocated funds, up to \$500.* A second event will be planned after Easter.

**Desert Mission:** Is using the National Guard. We will get an update in April.

**Habitat for Humanity:** Anticipating starting back up end of March/early April. Volunteers limited to those with 8 hrs within the last 2 years.

**Family Promise:** Our dates: March 31 and April 2 (food Only), July 25, August 1, November 7 and November 14 (food and chaperoning in person – hopefully).

**Rocky Point/Amor:** Still under restrictions, Amor crews working, but no visiting crews. Hoping for OPC trip Nov. 11 or 12 – 15. Review of equipment to see if anything needs to be replaced in preparation.

**Honduras:** No vaccine, not sure if trip will resume in 2022. Investigating sending medical team

**Nourish Phoenix, FKA—ICM:** Has resumed picking up from the church. **OPC Can Nourish** – annual food collection is happening! Lists of what is needed will be sent in the Plumline and by e-mail and anyone wanting to participate can either gather items from their pantry and drop them off at the church on Easter Sunday or order from Safeway and have it delivered to the church. Details to be included in bulletin.

**Beatitudes Church solicitation:** Challenged us to make donations – however they seem to be involved in the same or similar programs. Ron suggested we do a similar program asking the Simis community to help us help the community. Grace Lutheran has programs that involved the larger faith community too. It was suggested that we reach out to Beatitudes and let them know we received the invitation. Does any collection box need to be monitored??

## Small Group Update

Small group interactions promote fellowship and spiritual growth and we hope that everyone will try to take part. At least two small groups are currently meeting, one led by B Van Mantgem that meets on Tuesday at 10:30 am and one led by Dennis Daniel that meets on Sundays at 2 pm at the Wright Center. We will begin a new set of small groups the week after Easter, Monday, April 5. These groups will continue through the week of May 24. The meetings will be in person and/or via Zoom. We are asking former group leaders if they will lead a group this spring and we are seeking new leaders for additional groups. If you would be willing to lead a group, you can sign up through the website or by calling Pam White in the church office. There will also be a form on the website for participant sign-ups or you can call Pam.

## Session Notes

At its March meeting, the Session:

Heard that the annual denominational assessments have been paid, as has the first quarter of insurance premiums. As of March 16, income exceeded expenses by \$9500.

Learned that our Presbytery of Grand Canyon continues to work on staff sharing with de Cristo Presbytery...many of the publications will be managed by Synod of the Sun.

Heard from Dennis Daniel that the implementation of the Congregational Care Teams is going well....many thanks to all who are helping!

Approved the Worship Committee's recommendation that Pam White serve as worship director in the Sanctuary, where she will monitor the broadcast and problem-solve. The Committee continues to work toward implementing best practices. We are grateful to our tech volunteers!

Heard from the African Fellowship that they are exploring grant possibilities and are establishing a women's ministry group which will collaborate with our Presbyterian Women's group.

Learned that small groups will begin soon...watch your email and the Plumblines!

Heard that Mission Committee is providing fresh sandwiches to Grace Lutheran and that our project to pack hygiene kits resulted in 297 kits for refugees.

Learned that Christian Education is exploring collaborating with other congregations for children and youth programs and that plans for VBS are underway.

Approved renewal of a 5-year lease with Creative Bridges Preschool.

**Voted to call a congregational meeting for Sunday, April 25.....watch your email and church announcements for details.**

Earth Day is April 22. Let's do our part to help restore the earth.

## PROTECTING OUR PLANET STARTS WITH YOU



**BIKE MORE  
DRIVE LESS**



**reduce  
REUSE  
recycle**

Cut down on what you throw away. Follow the three "R's" to conserve natural resources and landfill space.

**choose sustainable**



Learn how to make smart seafood choices at [www.FishWatch.gov](http://www.FishWatch.gov).

Trees provide food and oxygen. They help save energy, clean the air, and help combat climate change.



**PLANT  
A TREE**



**EDUCATE**

When you further your own education, you can help others understand the importance and value of our natural resources.

**CONSERVE WATER**



The less water you use, the less runoff and wastewater that eventually end up in the ocean.



Buy less plastic and bring a reusable shopping bag.



**Don't send chemicals into our waterways.**

Choose nontoxic chemicals in the home and office.



**Volunteer!**

Volunteer for cleanups in your community. You can get involved in protecting your watershed too!



**Long-lasting light bulbs  
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Energy efficient light bulbs reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Also flip the light switch off when you leave the room!



## Christian Education Committee

In spite of the pandemic, a lot of Christian education activity is underway! In addition to what you see below, a meeting is being scheduled with the African Fellowship youth and children leaders to develop a way forward with the Fellowship children and youth.

### Children:

- Jikhara Williams, our Children and Youth Leader, has been busy planning Easter activities. Since we are able to meet in person, children's activities will be conducted at the church beginning at 10:15 am.
- Planning for the Montlure Traveling Day Camp (VBS) is underway for June 7 – 11. Please see the Orangewood website for details and registration. A few volunteers are also needed. If you are interested, you can register on the Montlure Traveling Day Camp (VBS) page on the Orangewood website. (Volunteers over the age of 65 must have had the COVID-19 vaccine.)
- You will also find additional information about the curriculum as well as activities for the kids on the website.

### Youth:

- We are thrilled to have Jikhara take on additional responsibilities as our Youth Leader! She has some great ideas that you will hear about throughout the year! Two of these ideas currently being worked on are a family cooking contest (...think OPC version of "Chopped"... ) and some athletic activities including possible volleyball tournaments with other youth groups and possible participation in a 5K run. Stay tuned for news!!
- The youth will act as liturgists at the Easter Sunrise service.
- Our youth have been meeting via Zoom and are once again able to meet in person! Planning is in progress for activities. Things being considered include a possible overnight "lock-in", a "Mission Not Trip" during the summer, and potential camp opportunities. As we learn more about progress against COVID during the year, additional things (including a Rocky Point trip) will be evaluated.
- The possibility of having the youth participate in a work camp at Montlure this summer is being pursued. As you know, the camp was badly damaged during a forest fire a few years ago and a lot of effort is required to get the camp ready to return to service. The OPC youth have skills for this type of work learned from all the trips to Rocky Point!
- Opportunities to create joint youth activities with other churches are currently being investigated. This would allow us to have a larger group and provide additional opportunities to our youth as well as those in other churches!

### Adult:

- The Thursday night Bible study is continuing. The "Love is the Way" Wednesday night book study will continue through Lent. All our welcome to both! Ideas for future studies are being collected. If there is something you would like to see offered, please contact Carol Hunter or Pam White.

## SAGES

Orangewood's SAGES fellowship is planning for the future and will be sending out a questionnaire survey to our members. We are very encouraged about the current trends, and have tentatively set Tuesday, May 11 for our next meeting in Page Hall. Please respond when you receive your information! As you know, our regular program year ends with our May meeting, so we are hopeful that we can gather before we resume in October!

## Presbyterian Mission

Each year, Orangewood sends a portion of its annual budget to the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon and the PC/USA. We call these funds "Presbyterian Mission" to distinguish them from the much larger portion of the budget dedicated to local missions and special Orangewood missions such as Rocky Point and Honduras. About 25% of the budget goes to "Presbyterian Mission" – this year that amount is \$9,750. What does this funding support? \$1,000 goes to General Assembly and \$3,000 goes to Presbytery of the Grand Canyon to support their mission programs. They decide how the funds are spent specifically, through the PC/USA Mission Agency and the Congregational Resourcing Committee of the Presbytery. One such area is the Presbyterian Mission Yearbook. Take a look! <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/yearbook/>

The OPC Mission Committee also contributes an additional \$5,750 to specific mission areas that are carried out by PC/USA and the Presbytery. These are:

- Presbyterian Border Ministries: \$1,000. This is now called Presbyterian Border Region Outreach (PBRO). PBRO is a binational organization with five ministry sites along the US-Mexico Border, from Arizona to Texas, and from Sonora to Tamaulipas. PBRO engages with a wide variety of people on both sides of the border.
- Montlure Camp: \$500. Montlure's primary objective is to provide a safe and memorable Christian camping experience for children and youth in Arizona.
- Presbyterian Seminary Scholarships: \$500. These funds assist Presbyterian seminary students through programs approved by Presbyterian Mission Agency including Presbyterian Study Grant, Racial Ethnic Supplemental Grant, and Native American Supplemental Grant.
- Theological Education Fund: \$1,000. These funds help prepare the next generation of pastors. The Presbyterian Foundation manages the Theological Education Fund, which combines gifts from Presbyterians for students at Presbyterian seminaries throughout the U.S.
- Native American Churches: \$1,000. These funds help support Native American churches in Arizona.
- Hispanic Churches: \$500. These funds help support Hispanic churches in Arizona.
- World Mission (Guatemala): \$500. These funds help support the ministry of Rev. Leslie Vogel, who is the Regional Liaison for Guatemala and Mexico within the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Follow Leslie at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/missionconnections/rev-leslie-vogel/>
- World Mission (South Sudan): \$400. These funds support the South Sudan Education and Peacebuilding Program (SSEPP) Read more about this at: <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/south-sudan-education-and-peacebuilding-pro-164395/>
- World Mission (East Africa): \$350. These funds support the Presbyterian Church of East Africa (Kenya). Find out more at: <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/donate/E862130/>

## Reunion Celebration Picnic – April 11

Mark your calendars, wear your picnic outfits, and plan to join each other after church in celebrating our return to in-person community!! OPC will provide the hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Please bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share. There may be an opportunity to dunk your Pastor as he insults your throwing skill. We will be outdoors with several shade structures provided. Jikhara is planning a Luau theme and something special for the kids, so if you have a Hawaiian shirt, plan to wear it! Let's all get into the spirit as we have come through a difficult time of isolation and fear with the help of our awesome God!



## Meet Peter Ladigo

Pete and his family moved to Phoenix in 1948 from Chicago. He attended Heard grade school and West Phoenix High School. He graduated from University of Arizona in 1964. He also graduated from two banking schools at the University of Washington and the University of Colorado. Pete met his wife, Carol, while attending the U of A and they were married a year after graduation in 1965.

Pete served 6 years in the Arizona Air National Guard. During college he worked part time in the banking business both in Phoenix and Tucson. He and Carol adopted 2 children, Hunter and Patti, and raised them in Phoenix with both attending elementary and high school in the central Phoenix area. Pete now enjoys his 3 grandsons and their sports activities. All 3 grandsons are attending Sunnyslope High School.

Pete's career was in the banking industry, all in Phoenix, starting at the Bank of Douglas, which became the Arizona Bank (The Bank of America). He moved on to Harris Trust Bank (now BMO/Harris) and retired as President and CEO in 2001.

Pete was involved in many community organizations including The Thunderbirds, where he was chairman of the 1986 Phoenix Open & Big Chief of the Thunderbirds the following year. In addition he served on the board of directors of the Phoenix Symphony, the Heard Museum, and the Boys and Girls Club of Phoenix, and was Chairman of the Boys and Girls Club of Scottsdale Foundation Chairman of the University of Arizona Foundation. Pete had the most fun coaching his children as a Pop Warner football coach, Little League coach and Madison soccer club coach. He was always willing to help where help was needed.

Pete enjoys a summer home in Pinetop and a fishing cabin in Alaska, along with staying active in sports especially golf.

Long time Presbyterian and member of Westminster Church, Peter came to Orangewood through his friendship with Ron Carmichael. Peter was drawn to Pastor Ken and the sermons he preaches. Peter transferred his membership to OPC and is now an Elder on Session, where he serves as Chairman of the Finance Committee.

We welcome Pete to Orangewood and to Session, and we are grateful for the experience and servant heart that he brings to our congregation!

## Presbyterian Women

### Spring Luncheon

Mark your calendars now for the May 15 luncheon in Page Hall for every woman who worships on the Orangewood Presbyterian Church campus and their daughters and friends. Invitations will be issued with lots of details in the coming weeks. Save this date for this special luncheon.

### Bible Study Circle

The PW Bible Study Circle continues to meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 1:00 in room 11 and on Zoom if requested. On April 7 Judy Lippman is the discussion leader for exploring our natural world, using Chapter 7 of "Into the Light-finding hope through prayers of lament."

### Page Turners

Readers are invited to join this new circle of readers to discuss a different book each month. The April selection is "Peace Like a River" by Leif Enger. The first meeting will be Wednesday, April 28. For additional information please contact Lois Pearch (602)973-0580 or Jeanne Matt (602-216-9844).

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**The deadline for the May Plumblin will be April**