

Plumbline

ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 2021

Pastor Page's Pastor's Page

I had the privilege of singing at my father's funeral. Even more of a privilege is that Lori and my children sang with me. What did we sing? My father wrote a creed in 1972. One of the kids in the youth group set it to music. I got to sing it.

One of the verses includes the words: "And I believe in smiling through the pain; in getting up and going round again." My father had been a championship runner in high school. He was probably making a sports metaphor, but it became a metaphor for his life. My father was a survivor of multiple heart attacks starting in his 40's; lymphoma with surgery, chemo and radiation; Parkinson's-like disease; and several strokes that left him paralyzed on one side of his body. Smiling through the pain was his thing. Getting up and going round again was what he did!

His creed ends with the line: "Praise be to God, creator of us all, for life as it has been and as it will be!" What an amazing thing it is to have a relationship with God that sees us through the good times and the bad – to be able to praise God through blessings and hardships. My father's life and his creed left everyone he knew with a powerful example of faith.

What if we all did this? What if we left a legacy of faith? Most of us are on this journey. We are trying to live as God would have us live, to love as God would have us love in the world. But what if we added some words to that example. How amazing would it be for your loved ones to have a creed, a statement of faith, a poem, a song, whatever could express your faith that could be read after you are gone?!

I want my loved ones to know that to whatever extent they admired my life, it was rooted in my relationship with Jesus Christ. To whatever extent (probably greater) that they found flaws in my life, I have forgiveness rooted in my relationship with Jesus Christ.

After my first heart attack I wrote each of my kids a letter to be read after my death. My missives expressed my love for them, my love for God and my trust that God would bless them as God has blessed me. Those letters are still stashed several places in my house. Given that I was writing to them as eight- and ten-year-olds, it is probably time to update those letters. I have a new opportunity to express my faith and my love to my wife and my adult children.

You have a similar opportunity. Write something, make something, sing something and put it in places where it will be found: Your Bible, your files, with your will, at the church (I have a "last wishes" file for such things as well as funeral plans). This kind of thing is hard to face and easy to put off – our own mortality. But this is also an opportunity to redeem our mortality and one last opportunity to communicate love and faith as we go to be with God. May God bless our efforts!

I Believe . . .

Ken

Worship Committee Liturgy Study

In October the Worship Committee is beginning an eight-month study of a book titled *CALENDAR – Christ's Time for the Church* authored by Laurence Hull Stookey, Ph.D. *CALENDAR* is a book about the church liturgical year. The Worship Committee wants very much to share the highlights of their study of this book, in the hope of enhancing the congregation members' worship experiences. The Worship Committee plans to share the study highlights by writing articles in the OPC Plumblines each month and by writing worship service notes in the Sunday OPC bulletins. The church liturgical year historically begins with Advent in December and continues through Christmas, Lent, Holy Week and Easter and after Pentecost into Ordinary Time. Worship Committee Liturgy Study Highlights will provide the congregation with new information on liturgical enhancements of both a visual and sound nature. Examples of visual enhancements are banners and paraments, Pentecost and Holy Week and Easter cloth draperies, Advent Wreaths and Candles, and Crismon Trees. Examples of sound enhancements include hymn singing, playing of organ and instruments, and choir and handbell music.

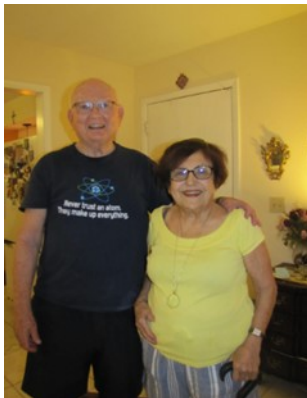
Look for the first Worship Committee Liturgy Study Highlights article introducing the church liturgical year and showing the strange nature of church time, which will appear in the November Plumblines. The December Plumblines will include the Highlights of the Worship Committee's study of Advent.



Need a ride? Call Duet!

If you are a Senior who no longer drives and could benefit from free transportation to your medical appointments or to do your grocery shopping, schedule a ride with Duet! They offer a variety of free-of-charge services to homebound adults, including (but not limited to) rides to medical or social service appointments (with at least 4 business days of prior notification) and to the grocery store on a regular schedule that you can discuss when you contact them with your needs and intake information.

Orangewood has long been a supporter of Duet, going back to the days when they were known as Center DOAR (Developing Older Adult Resources, changed to Duet in 2009). In fact, our own David Haskins has been a volunteer with Duet for 18 years and can vouch for the value this organization brings to Seniors throughout the Valley. (photo shows Dave with Duet neighbor Arlette K., who he drives to a lot of doctor appointments)



We know many of our Seniors are not digitally connected, so you may call Duet at 602-274-5022 to schedule a ride or find out more about the services they offer. If you do have Internet access, visit <https://duetaz.org/homebound-adults-2/> for more information. Your Orangewood Deacons are aware that rides to medical appointments are a particular need of our Seniors, but Duet has much more to offer, so be sure to check them out.

Annual Meeting

There will be an Annual Meeting of the Congregation on October 10, right after service, at 11:45 in Page Hall. Our fiscal year has changed so this is the end-of-the-year meeting. Hospitality will provide chicken and biscuits. Please bring a side dish of veggie, salad, or a dessert to share.



Presbyterian Women

This year's Horizons Bible Study begins Wednesday, October 13 in Room 11 and continues once a month through next spring. "What My Grandmothers Taught Me, Learning from the Women in Matthew's Genealogy of Jesus" promises to be an interesting study of the 5 women in Matthew's genealogy and how their lives are reflected in the ministry of Jesus. If you need a copy of the study guide, contact Jeanne Matt or Phebe Packer. An adaptation of the study will take place with the Women's Ministry of the African Fellowship on the second Sunday of each month, beginning October 10. Join one or join both! It is an illuminating study, based on the idea that our family history informs our identity and the histories of these women helped shape the ministry of Jesus!

OPC PW's first regular program will be on Saturday, October 16, in Page Hall, pandemic allowing. More to come on this one, but mark your calendars now!

SAGES

Orangewood's senior fellowship group, our **SAGES**, will be holding our first luncheon meeting since activity had been curtailed last Spring for health reasons! Mark your calendar now for Tuesday, October 12, and we gather in Page Hall no earlier than 11:15 am. Cost remains \$4.00/person, which has not changed in the last 10 years! Your committee asks that if anyone would like to help set up the table place settings, and arrive at 10:15 am, please call Bob Orf at 602-549-4346, or respond by email to robertorf@cox.net- it would be much appreciated! If you have not been contacted about your participation for the luncheon, please call the church office so that we will have an accurate count for our meal. Also, should you need transportation, please let the office know. It will be a great time to visit and get ready for a brand new SAGES season!

Fall Festival

On October 31 right after service at 11:45 will be the Fall Festival!! Lots of good fellowship, games for the kids and yummy food. There will be hot dogs and chips. Please bring a side dish of veggie, salad, or dessert.



Join in Celebrating Our October Birthdays

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

October 1: Cooper LaVoy

October 2: Debra Kaup

October 4: Susan Hoeft

October 5: Greg Harris

October 7: Becky Cederquist

October 8: Kris Rennell, Jan Upson

October 10: Matthew Miner-Diamond

October 12: Judy Passalacqua

October 14: Doris Lawson, Miffie Seideman

October 16: Matthew Bladine, John Sullivan

October 19: John Hayes

October 21: Gregory Geary

October 22: Travis Seideman

October 25: Helen Hopkins

October 26: Carol Khazai

October 28: Ken Page

October 29: Doug Hall

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

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