

Plumbline

Orangewood Presbyterian Church

March 2022

Pastor Page's Pastor's Page

Off to Mexico again on our Rocky Point house building mission trip. I'm sometimes asked why we go—after all, it is hot, windy, dirty, and we work hard enough that most of our backs hurt for a week. On top of all that, this time, we are camping. We will not have the comforts of our usual beach house.

All of that is a bit of the point. Our faith and trust in God get bigger when we are taken out of our comfort zones. When we see the extreme poverty in which many people live, we are reminded of our tremendous blessings and how much responsibility we have to share those blessings with others. When we are tired and thirsty and hangry is when loving our neighbors becomes hard—and when we can learn something and grow. When we go through shared hardships with the rest of our group and with our sisters and brothers in Mexico, we draw closer to each other and to God.

Then, there is the work we are able to accomplish. We have built sixty—some houses, sometimes for families who were living in shacks made of shipping pallets and cardboard. Those houses are life-changing for multiple generations.

Of course, maybe Mexico mission trips are not your thing. There are many other ways for you to allow God to take you out of your comfort zone. What is God calling you to do that makes you uncomfortable: Share a story of your faith with a neighbor; take on a new volunteer opportunity; be ordained as an Elder or a Deacon; become a Big Brother or a Big Sister to a child in need? There are so many possibilities! Don't let your discomfort stop you from doing it! Sometimes discomfort is a mark that you absolutely SHOULD do it.

When we get uncomfortable we turn more to God!

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Web Address Change

We have gone back to our previous web address due to circumstances beyond our control:

Orangewood.info

Orangewood.church does not work.



All-Church Picnic

The annual All-Church Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, March 13. You are invited to come and enjoy food and fellowship on the patio after worship led by our African Congregation. They are excited to have this opportunity to praise and worship God with us. Recognizing the need to meet us at our comfort level, the sound will be adjusted accordingly, and ear plugs will be provided to any who want them. We know you will enjoy the chance to share this joyful expression of faith and culture. They have requested that the OPC choir also take part in the service. Hot dogs and chips will be provided. Please plan to bring a salad or dessert to share. Can't wait to see you there!

SAGES Luncheon

After a pause in January due to an abundance of caution during the current pandemic, Orangewood's SAGES fellowship group met for their regular lunch on Tuesday, February 8, in Page Hall. Our meal was prepared and served by Luci and Dan Sherwood, assisted by Sandy Frost. We enjoyed a special "baked potato bar" with a topping of chili or broccoli cheese, and a sugar-free Jell-O salad. Toppings for the potatoes on the individual tables included choices of chopped bacon, cheese, sour cream or chopped onion. Guests could select some (or none!) of the add-ons, creating an individual meal for each of us. Dessert was a generous helping of cinnamon-swirl cake, with whipped cream topping. Table centerpieces were from Jeanne Matt's extensive mineral and gem collection. Jeanne then gave a talk on each of the individual samples found on the tables. Her collection, Jeanne explained, came from three generations of collecting effort. Her mother started in Tucson, and Jeanne and her son have continued to exhibit, and acquire, new items. On their napkins, each guest found a small stone on a valentine cutout from Jeanne's collection as a take-home gift. Thanks, Jeanne, for your presentation! Also displayed was a large map of mines in Arizona where some of the mineral samples were collected. We are planning our next lunch on our regular date, Tuesday, March 8' in Page Hall. For our entertainment, we will have a dance group – Precision Dance and Dancing Delights! Plan now to join the SAGES for this sure-to-be enjoyable event, and another

delicious meal!



Pancake Supper

Join us for our Annual Pancake supper, sponsored by our youth. They will be serving pancakes, and bacon, with some toppings. It is free to everyone, but donations will be accepted. Invite your friends and neighbors. March 1, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Proceeds will go to help the kids go to youth camp.

Reconciliation in a Divided Time

Join us on Wednesday evenings in Lent for education, discussion, and actual practice of reconciliation. In this divided time in America, how do we reconcile with God, with ourselves, with our families, with our frenemies and with our true enemies? Take a deep dive into these questions with us at 7 pm in Room 11 from March 9-April 6.



One Great Hour of Sharing

On Easter Sunday, we will be joining Presbyterian churches around the world in a combined offering to support all those who are hungry, who suffer from disasters, and who are part of communities in need. Each gift will help to restore hope, end hunger, and empower the oppressed. When we combine our efforts, great things can be done. Donations can be made in church, through the office, or online at orangewood.info.

Valentine's Day Outreach

Fifteen folks gathered in Page Hall on February 9 to prepare a valentine for each Orangewood household. Messages of caring and friendship were handwritten on each red heart. A special message was included for those who have been largely homebound during the pandemic. We hope they may be able to join us for one of the upcoming Lenten services. A schedule of these services was included with each valentine.

Prior to the card writing, we were treated to a supper of tomato soup and grilled cheese sandwiches, provided by Bernale, followed by the passing of the dessert plates filled with iced sugar cookies and mini-brownies.

We hope that recipients were delighted at seeing a hand-addressed envelope in their mailbox and reading the valentine's greeting.



The Orangewood Memorial Garden

by Barbara Digges

Many of you have family or friends who are inurned or memorialized in The Orangewood Memorial Garden, frequently known as the Columbarium. Perhaps you intend for this spot to be your final earthly resting place. So I thought it would be interesting to share some of the Garden's history. Most of my historical information comes from Terry Frost.

The Columbarium is tucked between the Orangewood sanctuary and Page Hall and was constructed in 1998. It was built primarily under the urging of Bob Page (Page Hall). He wanted to have a place for his wife Joyce, who died in 1996. Her ashes were the first in.

Bill Baker and Glenn Wood fronted some of the money with the rest paid by the Church. Mr. Baker and Mr. Wood were subsequently repaid by the Church. The basic structure was built by a contractor; however, Lyle Six drew up the plans for the utilities. Jim Digges did the electrical; Terry Frost installed the plumbing and hung most of the brass plaques. Dr. Bill Burke added concrete pots and did the initial planting; Bill Baker sold most of the plots.

Terry and Sandy Frost were the initial caretakers. Together they built and installed the fountain. Sandy planted a Bradford flowering pear tree which has marvelous white blooms in the spring and colorful foliage that is dropped in the fall. Bill Baker tended the garden when the Frosts were out of town.

The formal name is the Orangewood Memorial Garden and the large letters were hung on the north wall. Over time, however, many of the letters were removed by vandals and the enclosure became better known as The Columbarium. Currently there are 85 occupied niches on the south side and 53 cenotaph memorial plaques (no ashes) on the west wall. Additional niches and/or memorials can be added on the north wall if needed.

About 5 years ago, Terry and Sandy "conned" Hedy Martin into taking over the care of the Columbarium. Hedy says she really wasn't conned since her parents were there, her husband Hugo is inurned there, and she will be also. Hedy donates the plants and does the planting and watering. She also rakes and sweeps as needed, particularly after the Bradford pear sheds its blooms and leaves. This tree, although beautiful most of the time, is not beloved by either Sandy or Hedy, due to the work it creates and the unpleasant aroma when in bloom (think cat pee). The greatest challenge for Hedy and the plants is the searing heat in the summer and the extended drought. After 2020's record-breaking heat, nearly all of the potted and in ground plants had to be replaced. Terry still helps out when there's heavy pruning to be done or there's a problem with the fountain.

Both the Frosts and Hedy speak of tending the garden as a labor of love, since so many of their friends are there. Hedy shared "When I work in there, I feel a connection to my family as well as the people from Orangewood who I knew well. Every so often when I am working there on a Saturday, a family member of someone who is memorialized or inurned in our garden will stop by to pay a visit to their loved ones. Sometimes it is an emotional visit and I often like to leave them alone as they mourn their loved one."

Everyone who has someone in a niche has a key, so they can go in any time they want. For security purposes, the entry gate is locked most of the time, but the garden is open during the Sunday worship service. The water gurgling from the fountain and lush foliage create a cool and serene environment where any Orangewood member is invited to pray, meditate, or visit with departed love ones.

If you are interested in purchasing a niche or adding a memorial plaque, please contact the Orangewood office.



Our February & March Birthdays

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

February 2:	Dorothy Vandenburg	March 1:	Jeff Jordan
February 2:	Abby Kaup	March 1:	Courtney Teerink
February 5	Jackie Collier	March 2:	Elizabeth Upson
February 6:	Ernest Workman	March 4:	Chris Kaup
February 8:	Russ Seideman	March 5:	Ben Griep
February 9:	Drew DeBenedetti	March 6:	Teddy Bladine
February 11:	Phebe Packer	March 10:	Joe Miller
February 13:	Dean Rennell	March 18:	Lindy Huffine
February 16:	Lynda Rychener	March 19:	Linda Schreiner
February 20:	Ray Bladine	March 19:	Judy Proffitt
February 20:	Kathryn Rasmussen	March 20:	Julia Zandler
February 22	Sheena Kroodsma	March 20:	Melissa Hooper
February 24:	Daniel Lippman	March 21:	Bernale Wright
February 24:	Mitra Khazai	March 24:	Ev Noice
February 25:	Anita Shipley	March 24:	Gene Nix
February 27:	David Harms	March 25:	John Zandler
February 27:	Catherine Witte	March 26:	Kathryn Ramella
February 27:	Eric Hiser	March 28:	Ray Ramella
		March 29:	Erica Krobot

Support the Church on Social Media

Hi everyone! This is Sammi! I've been working with the Plumblin committee ladies to brainstorm new ways of increasing communication inside our church, as well as with people outside our church. We've decided to create a church Instagram as a new outreach tool to help show what a fun congregation we are and attract potential visitors- especially those who are of a younger generation who may not be particularly active with Facebook. This will also act as another source of information for those within the church and we can post reminders about events, etc. there. But in order to get our Instagram page seen, we're going to need followers, so I'll need your help. I know the majority of the congregation is not currently using this social platform, but if you'd like to, in order to support the church, I'd be more than happy to help you set up an account and teach you how to use it. It's free to sign up and all you'll need is an email address. I'll be hanging out on the patio after the service for the next several Sundays and can help you then, or feel free to stop by during my office hours on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for assistance. I look forward to starting this new outreach project with you!



Names of Sundays

The Worship Committee article in the November Plumline described Christian Time. "The name for our tracking of Christian Time is THE LITURGICAL CALENDAR. The most important days in this calendar are the Sundays. The Life, Death and Resurrection of Jesus told in the New Testament adds special meaning to some of the Sundays that we celebrate. EASTER SUNDAY and PENTECOST are lifted up to acknowledge how God intervenes in our lives. There are also special seasons set aside to help us keep track of God's intervention. The four Sundays before the birth of Jesus are the SEASON OF ADVENT. The six Sundays before Easter are the SEASON OF LENT."

There are two great Christian pairs of seasons totaling 19 Sundays except (rarely) 18 when Epiphany (January 6) falls on a Saturday. The first season pair is Advent/Christmas, which has 6 Sundays, except (rarely) 5 when Epiphany (January 6) falls on a Saturday. The second season pair is Lent/Easter, which always has 13 Sundays. The Sundays in the seasons are named by using the prepositions "in" (e.g., The 1st Sunday in Lent) or "of" (e.g., The 4th Sunday of Advent, The 2nd Sunday of Christmas, and The 5th Sunday of Easter). Note that Easter is properly considered a season and not just the Easter Sunday commonly held.

The rest of the Liturgical Year is generally referred to as Ordinary Time, because Sunday names use ordinal numbers. This part of the year has 33 Sundays, except 34 when the year has 53 Sundays or (rarely) when Epiphany (January 6) falls on a Saturday. There are several complications with naming Sundays in Ordinary Time:

Ordinary Time is split between the time gap between Christmas and Lent and the time gap between Easter and Advent.

The first day of Christmas is fixed by a calendar date of December 25. However, the first day of Easter (Easter Sunday) is fixed by astronomy. Easter Sunday falls on the first Sunday after the Full Moon date, based on mathematical calculations, that falls on or after March 21. If the Full Moon is on a Sunday, Easter Sunday is celebrated on the following Sunday.

Some Sundays have second specific names that always take precedence as the official name over the numbered name. For example, the 1st Sunday after Epiphany is always named Baptism of the Lord and the last Sunday before Lent is always named Transfiguration of the Lord. In addition, the 6th Sunday in Lent is Palm or Passion Sunday, and the 2nd Sunday of Christmas is named Epiphany (only when January 6 is a Sunday). When a specific name is used it is still counted as a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The result of these complications is that the Ordinary Time between Easter and Advent can vary from 25 to 28 Sundays. The Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent can vary from 6 to 8 Sundays.

Ordinary Time Sundays were once named by counting from 1 to 33 (or 34) (e.g., The 23rd Day of Ordinary Time) or the preferred specific name. The Roman Catholic Church still uses this naming system. Most mainline Protestant churches (including the Presbyterian Church USA) use a simpler naming system. We now count Sundays in Ordinary Time (using "after") from two specific fixed days: Epiphany (January 6) and Pentecost (The Sunday following the 7th Sunday of Easter). The only exceptions are four specific names (Baptism of the Lord is the 1st Sunday after Epiphany, Transfiguration of the Lord is the Sunday before the start of Lent, Trinity Sunday is the 1st Sunday after Pentecost, and Christ the King Sunday is the Sunday before the 1st Sunday in Advent). The other Sundays in Ordinary Time are named 2nd Sunday after Pentecost, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost, etc., and 2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 3rd Sunday after Epiphany, etc.

Worship Committee

What Does Fair Trade Have to Do with Us and How Can We Support It?

By Phebe Packer

We know that Fair Trade aims to reduce poverty for farmers and workers in developing countries. How does this benefit everyone? The answer is evident in the principles that guide fair trade: Direct Trade, Fair Price, Decent Conditions, Respectful Relationships, Community Development, Environmental Sustainability, Respect for Local Culture. It is readily evident in reading these principles that fair trade helps individuals and communities become self-sufficient. Not only do the principles promote fair treatment of people but they also promote care for the environment.

Recently I contacted Tamera Zivic and Cynthia Mudd at WHEAT and its Fair Trade Store. Tamera reported that the pandemic is not just a health issue with the artisans, but the income derived from fair trade is sometimes the only source of income they have. Those that usually work in cooperatives are having to be very selective on how and when they work – and then there is the whole issue with transporting the goods out of country.

This means that shopping fair trade is really, really important since the artisans get compensated up front from Fair Trade organizations, like WHEAT, and this helps them stay in existence while making the items and getting them to us.

Cynthia emphasized that many stores are branding items as fair and ethical but aren't truly following all of the principles of Fair Trade. That isn't to say that you can't find Fair Trade items at businesses like Target, Fry's, Costco, etc., but consumers should be aware of what the widely-recognized labels look like when purchasing items. In the U.S. there are 5 recognized labels: Fair Trade International, Fair Trade U.S.A., Fair for Life, the World Fair Trade Organization and the Fair Trade Federation. So there's our answer – we can look for specific labels when we shop. To help with this, we've put together a little printed guide showing products and labels. Pick one up at the Mission Table on the patio and take it with you when you shop!



Session Highlights

OPC Session met on Tuesday, February 15 with the following actions and points of information:

Financial Report Year-to-Date

Member Income = \$196,895

Total Income = \$233,795

Total Expense = \$218,930

Excess = \$14,885

Presbytery Report:

Montlure Camp will take place this year at Camp Jackson, outside Flagstaff.

The Palo Cristi church has a new name: Gloria Cristi.

There is a new translation of the New Testament called "First Nations Version."

Josephine Amanada from the de Cristo Presbytery has been named co-moderator for GA.

The Session voted to make masks optional while encouraging all who wish to remain masked to continue to attend and sit in a socially distanced area if desired. Online services will continue.

The Session approved the submittal of two grant request to the Presbytery Congregational Resourcing Committee. Both grant request will be submitted by the Orangewood African Fellowship and OPC: one is for training to obtain driver's licenses; the other is for English as a Second Language classes.

Handrails are being planned for the front of the sanctuary.

Session approved the following Facilities projects:

Replace AC in the Wright Center

Make ADA modifications to the women's restroom in the office area.

Replace tile in office bathrooms with matching linoleum wood pattern.

Install light strings in courtyard and pathways to parking.

Paint Page Hall partition lower 1/3 after removal of torn fabric cover.

The roofing work preliminary to the solar panel installation will take place in mid-March.

Honduras Scholarships Update

Orangewood supports scholarships for students in Honduras in three different ways. As the new school year begins in Honduras, we find ourselves short on donation funds, although we did have donations at the end of 2021. If you have not already donated, we hope you will think about it now. The three scholarship funds are:

Scholarships in Trinidad. These scholarships are for students with special needs who are pursuing education beyond the 6th grade. Last year's program supported 40 students with donations from multiple churches. We hope to be able to send \$2,000 to help support this year's students.

Scholarships in Copan. The scholarship program in the communities near Copan Ruinas is supported solely by Orangewood. Each student in our program receives \$125. We would like to be able to support 20 students in this program this year for a total of \$2400.

Individual Student Pursuing an Advanced Degree. Greylin Nayelly is the daughter of Wilfredo Miranda and Maria Francisca Santos Cruz. We have worked with Wilfredo on several housing projects. Last year we supported Greylin with a scholarship of \$1250 to cover her expenses for food, transportation, and wi-fi as she works toward a degree as a science teacher in Santa Rosa. We received her grades for her first year and she did very well! This photo shows Greylin with her parents.



Honduras Eye Clinic Update

Two pieces of equipment remain to be purchased – a Phaco Emulsifier used in the surgery and a headrest for the operating table. We hope to be able to travel to Trinidad in October or November to do the final inspection and set up working relationships with local resources. Meanwhile, we can help with financing for the last two pieces of equipment, as well as donating sunglasses for the many people who work in the fields in the bright sun.



Invitation for Small Groups

Small groups will begin again at Orangewood the week of April 24. Rev. Page will provide thoughts and questions about each week's sermon for the groups to use in their discussion. This makes it very easy to facilitate a group. We hope you will think about taking on this role with a group or perhaps teaming with someone else as co-facilitators. In the coming weeks we will put together groups and then publish the schedule and locations. To facilitate this process, we have put together a questionnaire to select the days, times, and locations that people prefer. The questionnaires will be emailed and will also be available in the Narthex. As we emerge from the pandemic, we especially need to share with each other, and we hope you will join a group. You'll be glad you did!!

Caring Through Quilting

As you walked towards the sanctuary on a recent Sunday morning, you were likely greeted with lively colors, geometric patterns, and fanciful whimsy---these attributes were represented in the 20 quilts on display created by Luci Sherwood to be donated to Family Promise. This non-profit that guides and supports homeless families to transition into a more stable environment is supported by Orangewood. Luci and fellow quilter Sally Haskins are passing their quilts to Family Promise to help send off each person who completes their 60-day program with a personal quilt for warmth and comfort. The quilts are sized for child or adult.

Luci provided some details on creating these works of art and comfort. Each quilt varies in time, but takes an average of 10-15 hours each. Luci has 2 Bernina machines that she uses for quilting. Most of the fabric comes from donations. Occasionally fabric is bought at estate sales if the yardage looks good. The latest donation was 4 bins full from a lady who was trying to find a home for her deceased mother's "stash." **Donations of fabric** are always welcome **as long as the fabric is cotton**. Other fibers can be difficult to incorporate. Luci prefers full yards or more for her purposes but fellow quilter Sally Haskins very skillfully uses smaller pieces.

Luci uses the series of patterns by Donna Robertson for her 48 x 60 inch quilts, but sometimes creates her own pattern to incorporate available fabric. Husband Dan Sherwood supports Luci's quilting with math calculations when they start to get cumbersome. He helps fold and spread yardage. He sets up the work tables for spreading the quilts for pinning before stitching the fabric "sandwich" together. He's her best critic and cheerleader! Although Dan is not a quilter, he has his own larger Bernina machine that he uses in his machine embroidery hobby.

Luci and Sally were the core of the Piecemakers, the Orangewood quilting group that met 2-3 times a month before COVID. If anyone is interested in learning, Luci is happy to coach them on their own machine. We usually find that, once the quilting bug bites, there is no stopping the desire to try just one more fabric or one more pattern!

Luci mentioned that she and Sally are always in need of batting (the "stuffing") for their charity quilts. Suitable batting is rarely donated and must be purchased. Any help with that cost is much appreciated. Donations may be directed to the church office.

We are grateful to Luci and Sally for using their God-given talents to serve others.



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