

PLUMBLINE

ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH April/May 2018

Pastor Page's Pastor's Page

I had the privilege of spending the week before Holy Week in Puerto Rico with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. I am on their board, and we went to build relationships and to look for partners in rebuilding projects. We also had the joy of taking about \$1.2 million dollars in Church reconstruction grants to fix churches that were damaged. Thanks to your generosity in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, and in giving to PDA after disasters, we now have about \$15 million left to spend to help them rebuild.



There is still a great deal of suffering in Puerto Rico. Hurricane Maria was 6 months ago, and there are still 700,000 people without power and water. The storm also destroyed much of Puerto Rico's infrastructure. Roads are washed out. Almost none of the streetlights work, even in San Juan. A third of the traffic lights are still out. Many businesses are damaged and hence in the midst of a great crisis, many residents have lost their jobs. Everyone we spoke to mentioned the great need for mental health care. We were in one town where there have been 5 suicides since the storm.

We also heard amazing stories of hope. People who were convinced that there wasn't much they could do, started working anyway, and the Holy Spirit showed up! The woman in this picture is named Ada Lis Luciano Andujar, and she lives in Anasco. The day after the storm she went to check on the condition of her church. As she was standing in the narthex crying about the destruction and despairing how they could ever rebuild, she saw two men standing outside the church with backpacks. When she spoke to them, she found out they were members of a team of veterans who respond to disasters. They had come to Puerto Rico the day after the storm, looked at a map and said "Looks like the storm was bad in Anasco – Let's go there." Ada Lis figured she should ask someone for permission, but communications were out, so she invited them to stay in the church. That began a six month project with up to 15 veterans at a time serving out of her church. They hiked water and supplies up into the mountains. They carried children back down for medical care. After six months, there are still 2 serving at the church. Ada Lis gave us a tour of her disaster supply warehouse. Through the power of the spirit, she has become a tireless servant of her community. The church's attendance has quadrupled in 6 months!

When we are faithful, God can do great things! We have been faithful in our giving through One Great Hour of Sharing. Ada Lis has been faithful in hosting God's servants for six months, opening a disaster supply warehouse, and advocating for her community. God is doing great things!

Ken



Mission

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

OPC will be working on a home in Tempe on Saturday May 19. The house is almost done and we're expecting to be painting inside on that day, but there will probably be other tasks as well. If you'd like to help get this home finished up, you can find more information and a sign-up sheet at the Mission table after services. Thank you!

FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise of Greater Phoenix is a proven program that helps homeless families get back on their feet by providing temporary shelter. For two days, 3-4 times a year, Orangewood participates in this program as another church (Palo Cristi Presbyterian) opens its doors to these families. Church members serve meals to the guests (who range in age from babies to adults), and are available to listen to them. Guests arrive around 5:30 pm, dinner is shared, sometimes evening fellowship then bed. In the morning families pack up, pick up and leave the church by 5:30 am heading to a Day Center where they shower, eat breakfast and then head to school, work or job training. This program allows for families to stay together and be cared for. About 80% of these families are eventually transitioned into permanent housing. Orangewood members are needed to provide food and overnight hosts. JOIN the FAMILY PROMISE TEAM of volunteers and benefactors to change the life of these families.

Volunteer Opportunities:

Meal Hosts

- 5:00 pm–7:00 pm
- Providing food items for dinner for the guests (usually around 15 people)
- Cleaning up from the meals

Overnight Hosts

- 7:00 pm—5:30 am
- Socializing with guests after dinner
- Chaperoning, staying the night (bring own bedding) stay in your own room, and being available in case of an emergency

Today, hundreds of thousands of Americans – children and adults – are homeless. Families are the fastest growing segment of the homeless population. Lower income families often live paycheck to paycheck. A major illness, poor economic times or other forces beyond their control can drive these working people into homelessness. This is when Family Promise is able to help. Family Promise enables religious groups to unite hearts and hands to provide shelter, meals and compassionate assistance in ways that individuals alone cannot

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PROVIDING A MEAL or CHAPERONING May 6-12, 2018, (and or more dates later in 2018 please contact: Mitra Khazai 602-469-0480 or mkhazai@cox.net.

Thank you all my wonderful friends for all your greetings on my 90th Birthday!
Fred Norling



Bread for First Time Visitors

There is a need for a good long list of volunteers to bake mini-loaves of quick bread so there will always be a fresh supply of breads to present as welcome gifts for our first-time visitors at both Sunday worship services.

If you are willing to occasionally bake 4-6 mini-loaves of quick bread please contact Judy Beach at 602-971-7625 or jbeach@cox.net. The more bakers we have the less often anyone or two persons will have to bake these breads, and we will always have a fresh supply on hand.



One of the office assistants will wrap the breads in a pretty cloth after the breads are received in the church office. Please consider this as your way to personally welcome visitors to our services. Your help will be very much appreciated.

April Mission Committee

Recent Events:

Easter Sunday ICM Bag collection: 70 Bags!

Blanket Sunday: \$655 collected

Habitat for Humanity: 4/7 and again 5/19 – Need volunteers!

Honduras Sermon and Donations of over \$1,100 for Education and to help the Honduran Presbyterian Women purchase "Villa Gracia"

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering: \$1,400+ will be sent to the National PC(USA) office.

Letter Writing Party for the Eloy Immigration Detainees: 18 participants across the two time slots.

Upcoming Events:

Grace Pancakes 4/8, 5/27

Butterfly Tree – back to school drive - TBD

Post Office Can Food Drive – Saturday, May 12, time TBA

Angel Tree Ministries approached OPC asking for support to send the Angel Tree children to camp. Donations are matched by Windows of Hope (Renewal by Anderson) 3 to 1. Also, the donations made by individuals can qualify for the AZ tax credit (up to \$400 individual or \$800 couple).

The Peacemakers (quilters) need donations of thread and material.

Family Promise is in need of a meal host and Overnight hosts for May, please contact Mitra Khazai 602-469-0480.

Pentecost Offering (May 20) will go to PC(USA), but 40% will stay in Phoenix to support Rebel and Devine, a charity through the United Church of Christ that supports homeless LGBTQ teens.

Special Minute for Mission on April 22 by Arizona Coalition to End Sexual and Domestic Violence. They are a new group that OPC is supporting through our mission giving.

Session Personified

Each issue of the Plumline will feature a short bio of our current Session members. First up is Gloria Olsen, who joined the OPC Session in January 2018. Gloria is a native Texan, born in El Paso. She moved to Phoenix in high school and graduated from North High. When she was growing up her parents sent her and her brother to an Episcopalian Church.

After high school, Gloria went on to earn a degree in Psychology at Stanford and then a PhD in Clinical Psychology at Northwestern University in Evanston, IL. While there, she married, and in 1969 returned to Arizona and joined Orangewood in 1970. She worked at the State Hospital, was in private practice in the East Valley, and then worked for the Tempe/Mesa/Apache Junction Community Mental Health Center.

Through these years, Gloria was drawn to hospital administration and she returned to school to earn an MBA from ASU in 1981. After that she was hospital administrator at St. Luke's Behavioral Health Center, then moved to Texas to accept the position of CEO of the State Psychiatric Hospital in Kerrville. There she attended the 700-member First Presbyterian Church which was associated with Schreiner University. She very much enjoyed that relationship and the overall diversity of the congregation.

Gloria retired in 2006, and returned to Phoenix and to Orangewood in 2015. She says she likes being in a congregation where not everyone agrees with you and there is a diversity of views. She also appreciates the size of OPC – "big enough, but also small enough to get to know people". Getting to know people is a priority for her, as she works with the League of Women Voters to promote voting rights, the right for public initiatives, and public education. Gloria also has a lifelong passion for environmental concerns. While in Texas she worked with the Riverside Nature Center and supports the work of the Nature Conservancy. Another major interest is music.

On Session, Gloria is currently the chair of the Personnel Committee. Overall, she sees her role as asking questions about how things work. When you see her, please tell her you appreciate her fresh views and fair-minded questions!

A Very Special Pentecost & Brunch

This year, we celebrate Pentecost on Sunday, May 20. We will have one service that day at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. All three of our worshiping communities, the contemporary, traditional and African fellowship will come together for a gala celebration of one of our most important days in the church year, commonly referred to as "The Birthday of the Church." This was a time when the Holy Spirit came upon the Disciples to fill them with zeal to carry the mission of the Gospel to the world. It was also a time when many people were brought together from many nations and languages and yet all were able to understand each other. We have the great fortune here at Orangewood to experience that same phenomenon. This will be a carefully planned service whose aim will be to unite us under the wings of the Spirit in a way that is friendly to all present. That means some contemporary, some traditional and some African music will be incorporated in a way that will make all present feel comfortable and welcome. We will have festive decorations which will create a visual illusion of fire. We even ask that all of you come in either red, orange or yellow, the colors we normally associate with flame. This is a very exciting prospect, to show ourselves and the world that Orangewood Presbyterian is very much alive and well. After the service, we will have an all church brunch which will be a wonderful meal with fellowship.

Please, I pray that we may all put aside our own notions and preferences and allow the Spirit to work a great thing in us. We sometimes need to simply get out of the Spirit's way, relax, and enjoy the fruits.

In Christ's Love,
Jeffrey Porter
Ken Page



Following the service join us for a brunch and a variety show in Page Hall.

The brunch will be hosted by the hospitality committee. There will be a ham carving station with rolls, a coffee and tea bar, and an ice cream sundae bar on the patio. Members can sign up to bring fruit, salad, cheese or crackers and sundae toppings. The Variety show is a chance to share your talents. Maybe you would like to play the piano, sing a song, present a skit, tell jokes, or tap dance. This is a casual occasion that everyone is encouraged to participate in whether or not you are able to bring food or share a talent. Wear red, yellow, or orange to celebrate the flames of the Holy Spirit. Sign-ups will be on the patio.

Montlure Traveling Day Camp (VBS)

Our camp dates are June 4-8 at Orangewood Presbyterian Church Monday through Friday from 9 am to 3 pm and aftercare until 5 pm. Registration for the entire week is \$50 and an additional \$30 for aftercare. This fee covers lunch, a cool T-shirt, and a water bottle. Please send a peanut-free snack with each child each day. Scholarships are available to OPC members.

Payment is due May 13 with a \$10 late fee after that date. Space is limited.

Register Today at www.orangewood.info. For further information you may contact Melissa Hooper at 602-684-6067 or email orangewoodkids@gmail.com.

Date: June 4—8

Time: 9am—3pm (Extended care available until 5 pm)

Cost: \$50 (\$30 for Aftercare)

For: Students *entering* grades 1-6

What If...?

We **B**elong to God
We Have **H**ope
We Have **E**nough
We **S**peak Up
We **C**hange the World
We **G**o Beyond

Montlure 2018

SAGES

Orangewood's SAGES (Senior Adults Gaining Enrichment Socially) met for their regular meetings on Tuesday, March 13 and Tuesday, April 10. Our group now numbers approximately 40-50 members and guests each month, and we are indeed blessed to enjoy our fellowship together! For our March meeting, a delicious meal was prepared by Jeanne Matt, with desert by Lynne Orf. The "crew" for this luncheon consisted of Jeanne and Lynne along with Katie Quimby, Doris Lawson, and Sandy Snyder. Out theme was "...



On the farm!" Table decorations by Jeanne Matt, with Ann Weiss assisting, and handmade place setting favors filled with candy by Lois Manning brightened up each table in Page Hall. A presentation was given by our members Joe and Edna Miller. They shared memories of their time together on missions for Trans World Radio in Africa and the island of Bonaire, Netherlands Antilles. While Joe was working as an engineer on the huge radio towers, Edna was raising their two girls in sometimes difficult conditions! Joe shared the history of this Christian outreach with background from a book "Towers to Eternity" by Paul E. Freed. Our Orangewood Mission Committee continues to support missionaries working on this project. We enjoyed their presentation!

The Sunday bulletin announced SAGES' entertainment for our April luncheon as... "A singing cowboy—and his horse!" Not only did we enjoy a delicious selection of salads, a cake dessert, and great fellowship, but the entertainment by "Arizona's Singing Cowboy", Gary Sprague, was awesome! SAGES and guests were surprised when Gary rode into Page Hall with his horse, Dusty, and proceeded to play his guitar and sing many western favorites like *Cool, Clear Water, Tumblin'*



Tumbleweeds, and the theme song from the TV show *Rawhide*. Gary also sang the Johnny Cash favorite, *A Boy Named Sue* and several of his own creations. Our kitchen "crew" was headed by Phebe Packer, assisted by Bernale Wright, B Van Mantgem and Sandy Snyder. With every luncheon comes help from individual SAGES in our group, to clear the tables, serve dessert, and clean up, and this often goes unnoticed in our description of our events. A big THANKS to all who have pitched in to help! Our April theme was "Springtime flowers," and featured handmade place settings by Lois Manning, and exquisite centerpieces provided by Jeanne Matt.



Be sure to plan now to attend our final luncheon of this season on Tuesday, May 8. Our guest presenter will be Ms. Jenn McKinlay, a New York Times and USA Today best-selling author, just starting her 40th book!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Dear Beloved Big Brothers,

Greetings in our Lord Jesus Christ! I am here in Arkansas now and still my heart is there and mind is with full of thoughts and the way that you welcomed me and loved me and use me to serve our Lord Jesus Christ among you. You guys even adopted me as brother in Christ (even grandson). I believe I found a home in Phoenix.

I believe it was God and His will that brought me there and gave me quality time with you. Thank you very much for this unique experience.

This Wednesday I am going to speak in a church and also tomorrow I am going to see a missionary man in Hot Springs AR. Please keep me in your prayers

Thank you very much for your love and goodness to me!



Khurram Anthani



Session Update

Session has taken several actions in the last 2 months.

2018 Committee Chairs

In February, the session approved the following committee chairs for 2018:

Committee	Chair	Class
Worship	Logan Johnston	2019
Adult Education	John Zandler	2020
African Fellowship	Venant Vyamungu	2020
	David Lofombo	2020
Children and Youth	Catherine Parker-Williams	2017
	Gigi Griep	2018
Evangelism	Greg Harris	2018
Facilities	Joe Miller	2018
Finance/Stewardship	James Coy	2020
Mission	Leeann Spangler	2019
	Phebe Packer	2018
Parish Life	Sandy Snyder	2019
Personnel	Gloria Olsen	2020
Nominating	John Zandler	2020
Clerk of Session	Gail Lind	2018
Commissioners to Presbytery Rotating Elder (Gloria Olsen for March)	Phebe Packer	
	Bob Orf	

Other Actions Taken by the Session

K. Bailey Page was recommended as a suitable person for appointment to Presbyterian Church (USA) mission service with the Young Adult Volunteer Program.

The baptism of Eloise Gloria Lamarr, daughter of Derek Lamarr and Meghan Tauber, was approved. The baptism will take place on May 6, 2018 at the 10:30 service.

Lillie Mae Cobbs was nominated to be honored at the 34th annual Senior Service Award Luncheon to be held on April 12 at Valley Presbyterian Church. Lillie Mae was nominated for her volunteer and supportive services to church and community.

Rev. Page's proposal to begin Appreciative Inquiry meetings with the congregation was approved. These meetings will be a method to discover the strengths and weaknesses that members think that Orangewood church has and what our hopes for the future are.

Committee Actions

The facilities committee is investigating the possibility of installing rooftop solar panels.

Greg Harris, chairman of the new evangelism committee, has been studying methods of evangelism. In particular, Greg is interested in Family Shepherding, a group that teaches parents to be responsible for the faith of their children. The session will be discussing, through email and at future session meetings, suggestions and reactions to Greg's proposals. The goal is to write a master plan for discipleship.

Statistics for February and March

February

The average attendance at the early service was 50.24 people and for the second service 101.50 people. On February 4, communion was served to 176 people and on February 19, 49 people received communion in Rocky Point, Mexico. The participants included youth and adult volunteers and members of the Mexican community.

March

The average attendance for the 9:00 service at 3 services was 48 and the average for 3 services at 10:00 was 104. The attendance for the Palm Sunday service was 138.

The average attendance for the Wednesday night Lenten services was 12.

One hundred and fifty people received communion on March 3.

Other news

Abby Kaup will be a Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly and has been assigned to the Social Justice Committee.

Gloria Olsen reported on the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon Meeting of March 3. The Presbytery is attempting to recruit leadership from the Native American Communities to be ordained as Commissioned Ruling Elders. The General Assembly has been endeavoring to build 1001 new non-traditional communities in 10 years. In five years, 550 communities have been formed. These are groups of worshippers who don't necessarily meet in churches. One example is the Sweaty Sheep, a group that runs marathons after worshipping together.

Did You Know?

That the Presbyterian Church (USA) ordains Commissioned Ruling Elders who assist congregations that do not have a pastor.

The following is from the Book of Order: Paragraph G-2 1001:

*"When the Presbytery, in consultation with the session or other responsible committees, determines that its strategy for mission requires it, the Presbytery MAY authorize a ruling elder to be commissioned to limited pastoral service as assigned by the Presbytery. A ruling elder so designated **may** be commissioned to serve in a validated ministry of the presbytery. Presbytery, in its commission, **may** authorize the ruling elder to moderate the Session of the congregation to which he or she is commissioned, to administer the Sacraments, and to officiate at marriages **where permitted by state law**. This commission shall also specify the term of service, which shall not exceed three years but shall be renewable. The presbytery shall review the commission at least annually."* Gail Lind, Clerk of the Session

Following Jesus to Dismantle Racism

"What if I say something wrong?"

"Why should the church focus on this?"

"Doesn't talking about race just create more division?"

"What does my faith have to do with racism, anyway?"

Please join us for this 4 week series where we will discuss the ongoing legacy of racism in America, our place in that story, and our calling as Christ-followers to confront and to dismantle racism and to pursue justice. All are welcome! No cost to attend.

Learn how to prayerfully and faithfully engage in issues of racial justice. Gain the confidence to join conversations with courage, compassion, and knowledge.

Jesus calls us today to be anti-racist. Racial justice is gospel work. Come to learn more!

Speakers include Warren Stewart, Jr., Dr. Matthew Whitaker, Dr. Shawn Bawulski, and more!

Sundays 4:00-5:30 April 29 – May 20

Hosted at: Emmanuel Presbyterian Church 3839 E. Shea Blvd, Phoenix, AZ, 85028

For more info email christianantiracism@gmail.com



Women

Presbyterian Women from across the Presbytery of Grand Canyon gather at Orangewood at 8:30 Saturday, April 28 for a day of worship, speakers, workshops, lunch, time to browse the displays, more workshops and communion to close the day. Eight OPC members are full day attenders and 6 others are helping to host. To register or for more information please contact Jeanne Matt, OPW Moderator, at 602-216-9844.

Breakfast Out Bunch Wednesday, May 16: Join us at 9:00 am as we celebrate Helen Hopkins' years of coordinating the outings.

Annual Spring Pot Luck Luncheon on Saturday, May 19: All women and girls are invited to this luncheon at 11:30 in Page Hall. Friends and neighbors are especially invited. Watch the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board in the hallway outside the kitchen for more details. Reservations may be made on the patio April 29 or May 6 or by calling the church office.

5th Wednesday : A panel discussion entitled "Live and Learn" will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at 1:30 pm in Page Hall. The congregation is invited to come.

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