

# PLUMBLINE

ORANGWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH March 2018

## Pastor Page's Pastor Page

I asked my kids a couple years ago, "Who are your heroes?" I expected to hear soccer stars from Bailey, supermodels from Emma, and singers from Oliver. Instead, I heard people from the church – from all of them: People like Bernale Wright, Esther Rabuck, Dirk Oosterwyk, Tully Fletcher, Libby Ekre, Russ Seideman, Jackie Collier, Sandy Snyder, Luci Sherwood.

Bernale taught them about God's love all through Sunday School and Connections. Dirk taught them to build a house and stood by patiently while they took 60 strikes and 3 nails to drive one nail successfully that he could have put in with three strikes. Esther, Jackie, Sandy and Lucy fed them over and over again at Rocky Point, always seemed to have breakfast ready at 6 am and still loved them after they left the screen door open for the fifteenth d\*#n time. Tully saw the godly people they could become even when they were beastly sixth-graders, and he worked tirelessly to help it come to fruition. Lucy taught Emma how to sew. Russ taught Bailey the math to make a roof come out square and such that each sheet of plywood hit exactly halfway through the rafters. Libby treated them like one of her own, and loved them like children of God.

I can't tell you how huge that is! At an age where most kids are looking to cover-girls, rock bands and sports stars as their role models, my kids had sisters and brothers in Christ – ordinary people out of whom God made superheroes! Sometimes, the last person a teenager wants to ask for advice is their own parent. My kids had you guys. They could and they did bounce things off of you, and they came out better for it.

I spent this past weekend in Rocky Point with another crop of amazing Orangewood youth. They were together again with a peer group who shares their values and they were together again with some of the same and some new ordinary adults out of whom God has made super-heroes.

We built our 60<sup>th</sup> house this weekend, a double-sized house, to house a pastor and his family in a very poor, drug ridden part of town. That is something to celebrate! I also want to celebrate the difference that it makes in our lives – both our kids and our grown-folk. We truly witness a little piece of the Kingdom of God as we live, work, eat, play, worship and don't flush our toilet paper together. We feel beautifully supported by OPC the whole time we are there. The cookies are from Liz, the lemon bars are from Sue and the lettuce is from Fred and Suzanne. All of you have supported the work we are doing financially, and all of you are praying for us.

God is at work in our midst, and another generation has godly superheroes!

*Ken*

NOTE: The next Plumbline will be for April/May and the deadline is April 6 for submitting articles. You should receive your copy by email or snail mail the middle of April.

## Mission

**Desert Mission Food Bank**—On our February 3 work day, 17 OPC-related folks packed 1,200 bags of food for school kids who might not have food on the weekend. We don't know what our task will be in March, but we invite you to join us on Saturday, March 3, 9:00-11:30 am. If possible, please sign up at the Mission table after services so we can let the food bank know the size of the work crew. Thanks for your help!

**Habitat for Humanity**—OPC will be working on a home in Tempe on Saturdays March 10, April 7 and May 19. If working on any number of tasks at a building site interests you, you can find more information and a sign-up sheet at the Mission table after services. We could use your help to build this nice, safe home for a family living in much less right now.

## Opportunity in Honduras

Recently Pastor Ken received a letter from the Rev. David Gill. He is head of the Honduran Network Fund Raising Task Force. Tim and Gloria Wheeler, retired Presbyterian missionaries, are selling the retreat center they built and used during their time in Honduras. The property is being offered at half its appraised value and the Presbytery of Honduras has been awarded a Birthday Offering from Presbyterian Women toward that purchase. As you know, we have worked with the Wheelers in Honduras for 10 years and many of you have supported that work with your prayers and with donations. We hope you will join us in worship on March 18 to hear about our latest trip. We also hope you may be interested in helping the Presbytery of Honduras with their purchase of Villa Gracia. You may find copies of the full letter containing all the information you need to help you decide on the table in the Narthex or on the Mission table on the patio after church. Please talk to Bernale or Phebe if you have further questions. Many other churches are partnering in this effort.

## Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women across the Presbytery of Grand Canyon will be holding their Spring Gathering at Orangewood on Saturday April 28th. At 9:00 everyone will gather for worship in the Sanctuary. The Keynote Speaker, Nancy Thomas, was the PW Synod's representative on the Global Exchange to Indonesia. One half of the morning's offering will be interpreted by Abby Kaup and will support OPC's building projects in Mexico. Workshop themes for the day will include Hands on Mission (Phebe Packer is the presenter), Indonesia, Reformation, and Disaster Training. After the morning workshops we will be serving a Mexican themed lunch in Page Hall surrounded by displays from various ministries. Following the afternoon workshops the closing worship will be in the Sanctuary and by 2:39 every one will be heading home.

Beginning in April sign up sheets will be available on the Patio for those who wish to attend and for those who are available to help host the event. Mark your calendar now and plan on taking part in this very special Gathering.

## Easter Lockin

The youth will be having their annual Easter Lock-in starting Saturday, March 31, at 5:00 pm. We will gather together for dinner, games, prayer, and spiritual activities, and to rehearse and set up for the Easter Sunrise Service. We will play Sardines and watch a movie; sleeping is optional. After the Sunrise service, we'll all go out to breakfast together at Scramble. Please let Tully know if you would like to come, be a chaperone, or provide food. Cost is \$20 per person.



# OPC Kids

## Montlure Overnight Camp

Montlure Summer Camp Registration is open! Save \$25 with early registration! Orangewood Kids and students entering 4th-6th grades in 2018 are invited to register for Juniors Camp. Juniors Camp is June 17 to June 21. Camp is located at Camp Colton in Flagstaff for a week of connecting with nature, connecting with friends and counselors, and connecting with our faith. Transportation from Phoenix is provided. Scholarships are available. Register Today at [Montlure.org](http://Montlure.org).



### Donations for Montlure Overnight Camp Scholarships are Needed

As we rode the bus to camp, the kids were enamored simply with the trip to camp. Several of the kids had never been on any type of vacation. One of the kids exclaimed when she saw a little goat farm on the side of the freeway: "It looks just like my home in Africa." When we arrived at camp it was cold and rainy. After being in the hot Phoenix temperatures the kids were giddy with excitement. They soon settled in and they began to meet friends. They were making connections with God in nature. It is a time the kids talk about Sunday after Sunday. They often ask if they will be going to camp again this year. They keep trying to convert every kid that comes to Sunday School into a Montlure Camper.

Orangewood kids have been busy this year raising money for Montlure Overnight Camp. They have raised \$660. Last year we sent five kids to camp on scholarship at a cost of \$1125. If you are able to donate to this awesome cause, we would really appreciate it. Please send your checks with a reference to Montlure Scholarship Fund.

### Montlure Traveling Day Camp (VBS)

This summer, we will once again be partnering with Montlure for Traveling Day Camp! Traveling Day Camp is a unique blend of camping ministry and congregational ministry brought right to our campus. We firmly believe that our partnership with Montlure Camp is capable of impacting lives for Jesus Christ. All children who have completed grades K-5 can enjoy this week long, full-day camp, held right here at our church. Your child(ren) will experience camping ministry through Bible stories, worship, games, arts and crafts, activities, fellowship and so much more!



Montlure is excited to journey with campers as they explore big questions about God: What would it be like to truly find belonging? What if hope was real? What if we could change the world? Campers will discover how God's endless love launches amazing adventures and that God always has new mysteries to explore. By week's end, your campers will be inspired and equipped to take their faith back into the world to share with their communities, churches, families, and friends.

Montlure staff will be leading the camp program; however, we need help from the congregation to make Day Camp a success. Volunteers are needed to help counsel (16 years or older), registration help, book readers, photographers, meal volunteers, and more. For youth under the age of 16 that would like to volunteer, we have jobs for you, too! If you can help in any way or would like more information on volunteer needs, please register at [orangewood.info](http://orangewood.info) or contact Melissa Hooper.

### What If...?

We **Belong** to God  
We Have **Hope**  
We Have **Enough**  
We **Speak** Up  
We **Change** the World  
We **Go** Beyond

Montlure 2018

Our camp dates are June 4-8 at Orangewood Presbyterian Church Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and aftercare until 5:00 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](http://www.orangewood.info). For further information you may contact Melissa Hooper at 602-684-6067 or email [orangewoodkids@gmail.com](mailto:orangewoodkids@gmail.com).

## Clerk's report

In the month of January, the newly elected elders and deacons were examined by the session and approved for ordination and installation. The new elders are: Gloria Olsen, David Lofombo, John Zandler, James Coy, and Gabriela Griepp. The new deacons are Suzi Basi, Mangaza Tabatu, Nidia Luna, Debra Kaup and Gene Nix.

The Session discussed questions that the members of the Congregation had raised. These questions concern the relationship of Orangewood with the African Community; the future of Orangewood; and lack of communication between the congregation and the Session and staff. The Session voted to study the document presented, pray for God's help and invite some representatives from the congregation to meet with Session.

The following dates were approved for serving Holy Communion:

February 4	August 5
March 4	September 2
March 29 (Maundy Thursday)	October 7
April 1 (Easter Sunrise and regular services)	November 4
May 6	December 2
June 3	December 24
July 1	January 6, 2019

And as needed during trips to Rocky Point and Youth Group trips.

The worship committee is completing a survey asking the congregation how they feel about times of Sunday morning services and whether to combine first and second services during the summer. Ken is working with the African community to write by-laws for the governing of the community. Ron Carmichael is planning a class for caregivers of people with dementia. The Mission committee has chosen domestic violence, refugee services and evangelism as their main concern for the coming year.

The church ended the year in good financial condition with an approximately \$8000 surplus.

A group of 90 young adults from Bible Study Fellowship International will be meeting regularly at Orangewood for Bible study.

Tully told us that one of the measures of the success of a youth program is what the youth do in adulthood. Some of the activities of graduates: 1) Sydney Teerink made dinner for the youth group.

2) John Zandler will serve as Elder on the Session of Orangewood. 3) Will Zandler has joined a Presbyterian Church in another state and will serve on the Presbyterian National Committee. 3) Bailey Page is applying to be a Young Adult Volunteer with the Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteer Program and currently serves as a youth director in Texas.

The Session reconvened as the board of Trustees and elected by acclamation the following officers:

President: Phebe Packer

Vice-President: Logan Johnston

Secretary: Gail Lind

Treasurer: Bob Wells.

At the congregational meeting, January 29, the congregation approved the actions of the Session in 2017 and the election of the officers to the Board of Trustees of Orangewood Church.

Did you know?

Congregations in the Presbyterian Church U.S.A may have both a Session and a Board of Trustees or the congregation may choose to have the Session serve as the Board of Trustees. At Orangewood Church, the Session also acts as the Board of Trustees of the Corporation of Orangewood Church. The officers of the board are chosen from the Session and other Session members make up the Board of Directors for legal purposes. The Session will convene as the Board of Directors as needed throughout the year "to receive, hold, encumber, manage and transfer property, real or personal".

Gail Lind, Clerk

## SAGES

Orangewood's SAGES fellowship group held their first monthly luncheon on January 9, with the table decorations theme of "BEARly 2018! Our meal team, headed by Jackie Collier, consisted of B Van Mantgem, Sandy Snyder, and Janice DeVoy, a neighbor and guest of Jackie. Our guest speaker was member Dick Wright. Dick retired as a physician, and then attended seminary to become a hospital chaplain. His interesting presentation was entitled "Text Without Context is Pretext," and described his journey from one profession to another, with humor and his sense of commitment. As a sidelight, Dick shared his story of alligator hunting in the wilds of Africa, and the capture of a 14-foot, one-ton specimen – the largest ever taken from this particular ancient lake.



February saw us celebrate Valentine's Day, with table decorations and place settings full of hearts and personal valentines for each member and guest. We were treated to our choice of two flavors of pancakes prepared by our Melissa Hooper, assisted by Sandy Frost and Sandy Snyder, in honor of Shrove Tuesday. We welcomed Anthoni, a missionary from Pakistan, who joined this SAGES event. He is visiting the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon while on a visit to the United States. Anthoni thanked us for support of his effort in the predominantly Muslim country. He had also been a guest at an earlier dinner here at Orangewood, where he met with members of our congregation at large. Member Ron Carmichael was even able to make arrangements with Anthoni to attend his bible study class later on in the week. Entertainment was provided



by very talented guitarist Alesa Gillian, who played many favorites as background for our meal. This is her second performance for our group, with classic standards, folk, and some familiar country tunes. She had everyone clapping and singing "When the Saints Go Marching In" as a fitting close to our February event!



### The Arizona Masterworks Chorale Presents *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn

The Arizona Masterworks Chorale will perform selections from Franz Joseph Haydn's oratorio masterpiece, *The Creation*, at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, March 11, at Orangewood Presbyterian Church. Paul Lee, the acclaimed Organist and Choral Conductor from St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Scottsdale, joins the Chorale for this performance, along with guest soloists Robert Hyde, tenor; Stephen Schermitzler, baritone; and Sarah Smith, soprano. Tickets for this concert are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Children under 12 are free. Group ticket discounts are also available. Visit [arizonamasterworks.com](http://arizonamasterworks.com) to purchase advance tickets or call **602-350-8261** for more information.

For additional info, contact Cheryl Burton at 602-350-8261, or email [Chorale@arizonamasterworks.com](mailto:Chorale@arizonamasterworks.com)

## Breakfast Out Bunch

The Breakfast Out Bunch will meet Wednesday, March 21, 9:00 am, at Joe's Diner, 4515 N. 7th Ave. If you would like to join us, please call Helen Hopkins, 602-861-1525.

## Thank You's

Thank you, OPC! I've had so many well-wishes from so many of you. I want to thank all of you for your caring and support while I've been laid up with knee surgery. Especially, I want to thank Sandy Snyder, who has been my driver, Jean Lee for litter box duty, and Lynda Rychener for moral support. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy days to help me deal with being stuck in the house.

Becky Cederquist

Thank you to all the wonderful people who are Orangewood. I love you all. You have been so sweet and supportive of me during my surgery and healing. Thank you for all the cards, emails, gift cards, and text that said you cared and you were praying. I know that is why I did so well, because of all your prayers. Special thanks to Anita Shipley for taking over the office. They couldn't have done it without you. Thank you all, I feel so cared for.....

Pam White.

A very special thank you to the 8 people (who work in teams of 2 each week) who faithfully retreat behind the scenes each Sunday to count, balance and deposit the weekly collection. Your dedication to this special task is very much appreciated. So, "thank you" to Gene Nix, Marilyn Mollman, Judy Passalacqua, Carol Hullihen, Dennis Daniel, Courtney Diamond, Sandy Snyder and Hedy Martin.



## Lent

The Top 10 Scriptures-Online Bibles have made it super easy to determine the Top 10 Bible verses of the year. So here they are. Our Wednesdays in Lent will study these Scriptures at 6:30 pm in our new Meeting Room 11 (Southeast corner of the Wright Center). The Class will run February 21—March 21. Join Us!

1. Romans 2:12
2. Philippians 4:8
3. Philippians 4:6
4. Jeremiah 29:11
5. Matthew 6:33
6. Philippians 4:7
7. Proverbs 3:5
8. Isaiah 41:10
9. Matthew 6:34
10. Proverbs 3:6

## Special Palm Sunday Program

On Palm Sunday (March 25) we will have one joint service at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary. We will present "Seven Last Words", a new adaptation of the seven last statements of Christ as he hung upon the cross. The work is for choir, orchestra and multimedia and was composed by Michael John Trotta. It was commissioned by the National Presbyterian Musicians Association. We will begin the service with the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Then we will move into the Passion and death of Christ. The "Seven Last Words" will be interspersed with poetry by Sarah M. Wells, reflections on each of the seven words. This will be a most moving and fitting way to begin our walk through Holy Week this year.

## Holy Week Schedule

**Maundy Thursday**—March 29, at 6:00 in Page Hall, Table Worship—A simple meal and the Lord's Supper around tables.

**Good Friday**—March 30, at 7:00 in the Sanctuary is a Tenebrae Service.

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunrise Service at 6:00 am on the Patio

Contemporary Service at 9:00 am in Page Hall

Easter Egg Hunt on the Patio at 10:10 am for children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Traditional Service at 10:30 in the Sanctuary.

African Fellowship at 11:30 in Page Hall

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