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ORANGEWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

May 2023

Honduras Easter Brunch Fundraiser Results So Far....

We are excited to announce we raised \$7,000 toward our goal of \$18,000 to provide materials for building 10 new homes for farmworkers in the town of Dulce Nombre in the Copan region of Honduras. The Pastries on the Patio in March raised just over \$2,000 and the Easter brunch raised just under \$5,000.

Farmworkers in Honduras face many challenges, including poverty, lack of access to basic services, and inadequate housing. By providing new homes for these families, we can help to improve their living conditions, health and well-being, and provide them with a sense of security and stability.

Our budget to build ten homes is \$18,000.

To put this cost in context, the average Phoenix home of \$360,000 would provide enough money to build 200 homes in Honduras. While the size and finishings are quite different, the fact is that to a family, a home is the best way to achieve security and community stability.

If you were unable to attend our fundraisers but still want to contribute, there are three ways to help:

1. Fund a home: Authorize a monthly subscription on your credit card. \$150 a month will build one home per year. You will receive a bio of your supported family and a thank you photo in front of the completed home.
2. Fund a foundation, walls or roof; For a \$600 donation you will be providing a key part of a future home.
3. Send one of our youth to begin a relationship while building side by side: \$1,200 or a subscription for \$100/month.

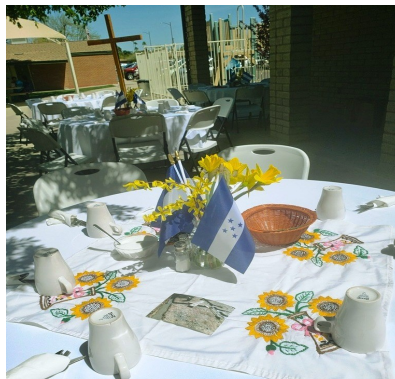
Thanks to our hard-working volunteers for making our two fundraisers a success:

Our cooks: Christina, Mike, Jackie, Bernale, Diana and Brent

Our Maître d': Ron

Our communications and table decoration team: Phebe, Barbara, Jackie

Our young adult & youth servers: Spencer, Addi, Sabrina, Sienna Case; and Julius, Dylan, Bryce, and Ethan Swartz; and Durija, Anna and Esther from our OAF youth team.



Easter Brunch Fundraiser at *Brent's Café*

Thanks to Barbara Digges and Jean Donaldson for the photos.



Breakfast Out Bunch

You are invited to join the Breakfast Out Bunch for great food and lively conversation. The next gathering is **Thursday, May 11 at 9 am** at the Moon Valley Café, 7th St & Thunderbird. Contact Anita Shipley to reserve your spot: ashipley2@cox.net or 602-503-9109

All are welcome! See you there!! If you can't make it this time, join us in June. We breakfast together the **2nd Thursday of each month**; we plan to continue our Breakfast Out through the summer.

Welcome Our Interim Pastor Mary Saylor

Mary Saylor was born in Ohio, raised on a dairy farm, and educated at Wheaton College (IL), Fuller Seminary (CA), and Boston University. Mary has served churches in Montana, Massachusetts, and Indiana, and is recently retired after thirteen years at Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Phoenix. Mary studied music as an undergraduate and has worked as a church organist and choir director. She loves to play the piano, read mystery novels, quilt, and play Scrabble. For the past 47 years she has been married to George Saylor, also a retired Presbyterian pastor, and they have a cat, also named George. Mary became a Presbyterian in seminary and one of her favorite things about being Presbyterian is something a seminary professor once told her: Presbyterians will not tell you *what* to think, but they will tell you you *must* think. **Let's help her to feel welcome!**

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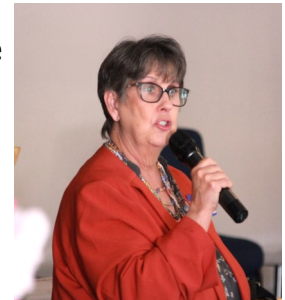
Orangewood's SAGES fellowship group met in Page Hall for their regular luncheon on April 11. Table centerpieces from Jeanne Matt's collection featured Spring flowers; table favors were provided by Jeanne from the estate of Lois Manning. Included in the Easter basket favors were animal crackers and various candies.

Our meal was planned and prepared by members of our chancel choir— Bernale Wright, Judy and Dennis Proffitt, Becky Cederquist, Linda Rychener, Sally Haskins, Sandy Frost, and Greg Olander. We enjoyed a meal of lasagna, toasted garlic bread, tossed green salad and brownies for dessert. Thanks to this dedicated group of choir members for their efforts—and they didn't even have to sing!

Our featured entertainment was presented by Tamera Zivic, President of the Tovrea Carraro Society. She came with prepared videos of the history of the famous Arizona landmark Tovrea Castle. Built in 1929 by Alessio Carraro, the property was intended to be a hotel. In 1931 the Castle was purchased by E.A. and Della Tovrea, who made the Castle their home. After Mr. Tovrea's death, Della married William Stuart in 1936 and continued to live there until her death in 1969. In 1993, the Castle and surrounding acreage were purchased by the City of Phoenix, and the Castle and cactus gardens were restored to historic preservation standards.



One of the videos Tamera brought showed the painstaking steps involved in the restoration. The castle is now operated by non-profit Tovrea Carraro Society, preserves, maintains and restores the historic structures, gardens and grounds. The Society is also tasked with conducting guided tours of the property. Thanks Bob Wells for his assistance with the audio-visual equipment for Tamara's excellent presentation!



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Our next luncheon will be held in Page Hall on May 9 at 11:30. This will be the last luncheon before we resume in the Fall, so plan now to attend!



Join in Celebrating Our May Birthdays

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

Lori Page	May 1	Sienna Case	May 17
Phil Case	May 4	Sophia Allen	May 17
David Griep	May 4	Catherine Sickafoose	May 18
Lois Pearch	May 7	B Van Mantgem	May 19
Jack Shepherd	May 7	Brenda Moser	May 20
Jeanne Matt	May 9	Ann Lindamood Fischer	May 21
Ian Dunlop	May 9	Glenn Tansley	May 26
Leeann Spangler	May 17	Emmy Widener	May 29

Mission Committee

Nourish Phoenix – Your Mission Committee extends a heartfelt Thank You to everyone who contributed to the recent food drive for Nourish Phoenix (fka ICM). Nourish Phoenix reported that we collected **395 pounds** of nonperishable food and other essential items. Your generous donations will help ease the burden for their clients who are struggling to make ends meet. Remember that you can always bring donations of any of the items on their Wish List to the church on Sunday morning. They can be placed in the Blue Bins along the West side of Page Hall and are picked up by Nourish Phoenix on a regular basis. Our next group volunteer event will be Monday, May 22.

Habitat for Humanity – Our last work date for helping to build this year's house is May 6. Please visit the Mission table for more information on location and how to sign up to volunteer.

Rocky Point – The committee voted to reserve the current year's funds allocated for Rocky Point for scholarships for youth for summer camps. This was done since we will not be making another trip to Rocky Point during this budget year, which ends September 30.

Honduras and Youth Missions – Funds in these accounts were reserved for materials and scholarships for the Honduran Mission Trip.

Agua Fria Food and Clothing Bank – The committee approved a distribution of \$500 for their annual school uniform drive.

Mission Table – Each Sunday morning, the Mission Table on the Patio has information on many of the mission projects OPC participates in and includes sign-up sheets for volunteers to participate in our various projects.



These OPC folks recently prepared and served a Pancake Breakfast to the homeless at Grace Lutheran Church.

Orangewood's Medical Closet

Orangewood continues to maintain a medical closet with items that can be used by Orangewood folks and their household members. Items of durable medical equipment include wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, shower bench and shower chair, and a supportive back brace. All of the items are in clean, like-new condition. There are lots of other smaller items as well. So if you need any of these items ASAP, for short or long term, or if you have any of these that you are no longer using and would like to donate, please call the office. We're still looking for a knee walker (knee scooter) if you have one to donate.



Session Notes April

- Moderator for the Session Meeting was Interim Pastor Mary Saylor. The Session expressed their appreciation for her presence in our community.
 - The clerk reported receiving a letter from Pam Watts, Creative Bridges, regarding the possibility of constructing a fence to protect the children, given parents' fears about shootings. This was referred to the Facilities Committee.
 - OPC Sunday In-Person Worship Services: 4 services, average 80
 - Treasurer Bob Wells gave the following summary:
 - Member Giving - \$238,231 (56.0%)
 - Total Income - \$311,416 (58.3%)
 - Total Expenses - \$283,732 (53.1%)
 - Net Income - \$27,684
 - Commissioners for the May 6 Presbytery Meeting in Gilbert will be Bernale Wright, Bob Orf and Gene Nix.
 - Plans will be made to honor seniors graduating from high school and college. Referred to Congregational Life Committee.
 - Discussion is ongoing regarding music exchanges with OAF in worship service.
 - Discussion and recognition of the need to define the relationship of OPC and OAF and improve communications throughout the campus.
 - Congregational Life reported that:
 - SAGES will break for the summer after the May gathering.
 - Immerse Bible study postponed to fall. Books are still available at discounted price.
 - A summer ice cream social is being planned around the time of July 4th.
 - Facilities Committee report:
 - Projects Completed:
 - New doors on Wright Center
 - New headsets for hearing amplification
 - Slurry seal of 7 spots of Page Hall
 - Water meter project and 10th Street pavement
 - New light deflector shields installed in parking lot
 - Repair to air conditioner at Manse
 - Projects in process or approved:
 - Replacement of crash bar door hardware in West Page Hall
 - Parking lot line painting
 - Aerial drone survey of OPC roofs – looking for damage
 - Security video system repair
 - Van repair; deductible being paid by OAF
 - Ron Carmichael reported that the Personnel Committee has been meeting often.
 - Interviews for administrator continue.
 - Pam White will remain on staff until June 30 if needed.
 - Sammi Burkhart will continue to do Children's Church through June 30.
 - Session approved increase in the salary of Music Director Chuck Sedgwick.
 - Discussion was had on situation with Pastor.
- Pete Ladigo reported that the Stewardship program will continue through April. Letter to go out to congregation. Will discuss Stewardship Sunday.
- Bob Wells showed the new web site to Session. He will sign up Session members for full review. Many thanks to Bob for doing this project.
- Session discussed replacing signs in the yard on State Street of church. The project was referred to Facilities.
- Session gave approval for honoring seniors graduating from high school and college. Congregational Life Committee will make plans for this.
- To increase communications within the congregation and with Session, expanded hospitality times after church will begin in May.
- Session considered a motion to ask the congregation to reconsider the decision to sell the Manse. The motion failed.

The next Stated Session Meeting will be on May 16, 2023 at 6:30 pm by Zoom meeting and/or in person in Room 11.

Pam's Retirement Dinner

Please join us at 5:30 pm on May 7, in Page Hall, at a dinner to honor Pam White's 11 years of service to Orangewood, to thank her for her dedication to our church and its congregation, and to send her off with our best wishes for a fabulous retirement! So that we know how many guests to prepare for, please sign up on the patio the next two Sundays or call the church office @ 602-944-1508.

Spanish Flan

Ingredients

1 cup sugar

6 large eggs, at room temperature

1 (14-ounce) can condensed milk

2 (13-ounce) cans evaporated milk

1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract

- Preheat the oven to 350 F. Heat a kettle or pot of water for the water bath. Pour 1 cup of the sugar into a warm pan over medium heat.
- Constantly swirl the sugar. Don't stir with a spoon as the sugar will crystallize. Watch the color carefully. Cook until it turns dark golden brown. Be careful not to overcook! The caramel can go from perfect to burned quickly and will have a sour taste if so.
- Immediately, and working fast but carefully, pour approx. 2 Tbs of caramel into each one of 12- 4 oz ramekins, tilting them so the caramel swirls around on the inside. As the caramel cools off, it will harden, so speed is essential for this step. If working with a big pan, add the caramel and cover the bottom and sides. Reheat the caramel in the pan if it thickens before you're done filling the ramekins.
- Using a hand whisk or an electric mixer, whisk all of the eggs. Add the condensed milk and evaporated milk and mix well to incorporate. Add the vanilla and mix thoroughly to make a silky mixture.
- Pour the custard mixture into the caramel-lined dishes, distributing it equally. Place the individual dishes in a large baking pan with tall sides. Carefully pour hot water from the kettle into the baking pan around the custard dishes to come $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ up the sides of the cups.
- Bake the flan for 50 minutes to one hour. Check with a knife inserted just off-center into one of the servings: If the knife comes out clean, the flan is ready. If not, leave it in the oven for 5-10 more minutes. If baking a whole flan, thump the side of the dish after 1 hour, and if it wobbles as one, the flan is ready. If it's wavy, it's not done yet and needs another 10-15 minutes. If done, carefully take the flan dish or dishes out of the hot water.
- Let the flans cool to room temperature, then place in the refrigerator for at least an hour before serving. Leave flan in the dishes they were baked in until it's time to serve. To serve, run a knife around the edge of the dish and invert each individual dish onto a small plate, allowing the flan to drop out and the caramel sauce to flow over the custard.

Recipe shared by Christina Suarez



Tres Leche Cake

Ingredients

9 eggs separated	1 cup whole milk
1 cup sugar	1 cup evaporated milk
1 tablespoon vanilla.	1 cup sweetened condensed milk
2 cups flour	One container of Cool Whip or 2 cups sweetened whipped cream

Preheat the oven to 350

- Beat egg whites until stiff. Gradually beat in sugar until dissolved. Move egg whites to a large bowl.
- Beat egg yolks until pale yellow and creamy. Add vanilla; beat only until blended.
- Fold egg yolks into egg whites. Do not overfold. Fold in flour a little at a time.
- Spread in 9x13 pan; bake about 20 to 25 minutes or until a knife comes out clean.
- Cool completely; poke holes in cake all over.
- Combine whole milk, evaporated milk, and sweetened condensed milk; whisk together until blended.
- Slowly pour all over the cake. Chill.
- Top with a container of Cool Whip or two cups sweetened whipped cream.

Recipe shared by Bernale Wright

Presbyterian Woman (PW)

PW Spring Roundup

OPC's PW spring season has been busy, beginning with a clothes drive in February, meeting with the Presbytery PW in March, and holding a benefit rummage sale in April! Many thanks to the many volunteers who donated their time, energy, and "re-purposed" items to make the rummage sale a success. Proceeds from the sale will support Nourish Phoenix and WHEAT in their work to reduce hunger in our community. Now PW is ready to celebrate at a Tea Party in Page Hall at 2 pm on May 6. This will be an opportunity to give to the PW Birthday Offering and celebrate some of OPC's wonderful volunteers. All OPC women are invited to join the fun.

Immerse Bible Study

The first volume, "Beginnings", of our new Immerse Bible is here and available to you for a reduced cost of \$5. We hope everyone will want to be part of this scripture study. There are sign up sheets on the patio so that you might join/lead a new group or continue with one that has been meeting as part of another study. Rev. Page's group will include a Zoom option. We had planned to kick off the week after Easter and meet for eight weeks to cover this first book, however, Pastor Ken's illness and surgery has led us to postpone our kickoff until September. Current leaders for small groups are: Ron Carmichael, Rev. Kathy Witte, Rev. Ken Page, and Bernale and Dick Wright. Rev. Witte's group has decided to continue their discussions of the weekly sermon, with an additional meeting for the Immerse study. Meeting times and locations for each group will be published in the August Plumline or feel free to talk to any of the group leaders.

New Office Hours

Starting May 1 the new office hours will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8 am -2 pm You can call Pam if you need anything at the beginning of the week, 623-640-9670, or email her at pam.white.opc@gmail.com

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