

# Orenco Presbyterian Church

*"We joyfully serve Jesus and our Community"*

July  
Newsletter



*"Have a safe and happy 4th of July!"*

We invite you to worship with us  
on Sunday mornings at 10 AM

In Person in the sanctuary  
or on our livestream

<https://tinyurl.com/OrencoYouTube>

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## Mark's Musings



I've told a few of you before about our family trip to Iowa to visit relatives. We stayed with our Uncle and Aunt and their two daughters – going to church with them that first weekend, and seeing a lot of farmland that surrounded the small town they lived in.

After we got back home, I received a small package from them – some religious books, including a Bible. It was their inscription in the Bible that I remember to this very day: My uncle wrote, “This is our wish for you” – and he underlined Philippians 1:9-11 . . .

*And this is my prayer for you – that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation – the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ – for this will bring much glory and praise to God.*

My uncle and aunt did not know I would hear and follow God's call for me into His ministry – or maybe by insight from His Holy Spirit, they did – I'll never know until I see them in heaven. But this I do know – they gave me my first insight to the truths contained in Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. It's my favorite book from God's Word to us. Over the next couple of months, we will take time to look at the different truths our Lord has given us – looking at how He calls us to reframe our lives, according to His will for us.

Please take time to read through the 4 chapters of this book – read those chapters each week, so that we're familiar with it – pray that we get to know Jesus more intimately as we study together. Chapter one, verse six sums it up:

*And I am certain that God, who began a good work in you, will bring it to completion in the day of Christ Jesus. Amen.*

*Mark*



# *Your Faith*

## **July Preaching Schedule**

July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Communion Sunday  
*Reframing Your Confidence*  
Philippians 1:1-11

July 9<sup>th</sup> - Guest Pastor

July 16<sup>th</sup> - *Reframing Your Struggles*  
Philippians 1:12-26

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - *Reframing Your Attitude*  
Philippians 1:27-2:11

July 30<sup>th</sup> - *Reframing Your Actions*  
Philippians 2:12-18





We are accepting registrations for the 2023-24 school year. Don't delay! Now is the time to register children ages 3 years to pre-kindergarten. Registration information can be found on our website at [www.orencchristianpreschool.org](http://www.orencchristianpreschool.org), or use the QRcode in the graphic above.

Here are some ways that our church family can help us get the word out!

If you know families with young children, please share with them about our church's preschool. Invite them to schedule a tour and meet our new director, Karen Campbell. We are reopening after 3 years, due to the pandemic, and therefore restarting from scratch. Personal referrals are extremely helpful!

Help others find us online by leaving a Google review at this link (please use link to find correct listing!): <https://goo.gl/maps/74e6fjH81Y4UQdF9>

Give us a like us on Facebook, this makes our page visible to more people. Positive comments from past parents would be great too! <https://www.facebook.com/OrengoChristianPreschool1>.

Thank you in advance for supporting our Preschool! Philemon 1:6, "I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ".

*Karen Campbell*

Director, Orengo Christian Preschool  
[preschool@orencchurch.org](mailto:preschool@orencchurch.org)



This month is going to be super exciting for the youth group as we are going to be spending most of it outdoors. On July 10<sup>th</sup> we are heading to the Gorge for an outside adventure near the Columbia River where we will see waterfalls, feed fish, and hike some great trails. We will also spend some time in God's Word as we rest and relax at Cascade Locks Marine Park. Another fun trip this month is our Goodbye Seniors Beach Retreat where we will say farewell to our graduates at the Oregon Coast. The teens will not only spend time fellowshiping with one another, but we will also go kayaking, hiking, and having campfires on the beach. For our final night together, some of the graduates have volunteered to lead us one last time in God's Word. This will be a memorable retreat as many of our graduates have been with us for the last seven years. Youth group families, please check your emails for more information about the beach retreat.

*Jennifer Schatz*

Youth Director

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## A Note from Haven

Hello Friends! I want to take a moment to thank everyone who has helped me prepare for Vacation Bible School and every volunteer signed up to work at VBS. I look forward to being able to teach all these kids about the love of God with your support. Thank you to all who have donated money towards gift cards, this has allowed me to get all the snacks and drinks as well as most of the craft supplies. I am so blessed to have the amount of support in my position here at Orengo Church and wanted to take a moment to tell you that.

*Haven Gilbert*

Outreach & Children's Director  
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## Hello from your Missions Elder!

As I write this newsletter, I am at Bweyale Village, Secondary and Vocational School of Village of Hope (VOH.) I am really enjoying my time, observing classrooms and meeting with teachers during the day, and working with students in the evenings. I've met up with a team from Baylife Church from Tampa, Florida. The leader of the team is Dave Boyce, a member of the board of directors. His wife, Camalita, is here with him, and two women both named Jennifer round out the team. They have been working with staff from both villages on personality surveys and conflict resolution techniques. The staff have been really appreciative and uplifted by their visit! This team moves on early next week and another joins me here so we will see what that brings! We will leave shortly after they arrive for Bobi Village, a bit further north, where I will be able to see my good friend Evassy and her family whom I have shared about with you.

There are a few updates from the prayer requests that I asked for in the recent past. Rose has been slowly recovering from her motorcycle accident and although it has been slow going, she is now doing far better and was able to dance with the students at the welcome celebration yesterday! It is so good to see her feeling better!

The woman who lost the baby in the village due to being hit with a cart while transporting water is doing ok, but her husband still is trying to sue VOH. Not sure how that will go. The good news is that there is no need to transport water like that now as we have a 2<sup>nd</sup> well that provides water to the far side of the village where they were having to transport water so far.

The family of the little girl that was killed from getting hit by a car is still trying to get justice from the woman that hit her, but it likely won't happen due to the high rank of the woman's husband. VOH helped the family with funeral expenses, but that doesn't go far with the death of a child.

An amazing thing that happened on this trip is that I was able to meet up with a "friend of a friend" and bring some items from the US for the orphanage where he works. One of my friends in Hillsboro met a man from Uganda on Facebook a couple of years ago when asking for prayer. They have kept in contact and she had been wanting to send a few backpacks full of items for the children at the orphanage. So I got the backpacks from her and connected with this man, Robin, on messenger. He lives about two hours west of Entebbe where we fly in from the US. This young man, 23 years old, took a taxi and a Bota Bota (motorcycle), then walked the remaining way to the hotel where I was staying, timing it for the morning we were leaving for the village. He had never been to Entebbe, never seen lake Victoria, never been that far from home! But he made the journey to meet me and receive the backpack. We met for all of about 45 minutes, then we had to be on our way. We were able to take him to the place in the road where it splits - one way to Kampala (where we needed to pass through) and one way to Mityana, where he needed to go. We dropped him there, literally on the side of the "freeway" and he walked to where he could get a taxi. This young man is dedicated to his orphan children and to our Lord, Jesus Christ. What an inspiration!! Hopefully we will be able to connect again!

There will be so much more to share when I return at the end of the month. I will be at church on July 9th and I look forward to seeing all of you! Thank you so very much for all of your prayers and support not only for me, but for the children and staff at Village of Hope!

Sincerely,  
Mama Becky (as I am known here :))

MISSIONS

# Women's Ministry

## Sunday Mornings

Our Sunday morning study group will continue during the summer, however there may be a few Sundays that we'll miss due to vacation schedules. To receive a weekly email update, including the zoom link, please send a request to this email address: [womensministry@orencochurch.org](mailto:womensministry@orencochurch.org). This is a hybrid class, which means you can attend on zoom or in person in the Meeting Place room at the church.

## Card Making Classes

Join us at the church for our monthly Circle of Friends card class. This is a fun fellowship activity as well as making cards together. Prior card making experience is not necessary, we are happy to help you. We do ask that you rsvp in advance so we know how many supplies to bring. Just send an email to [cardclass@orencochurch.org](mailto:cardclass@orencochurch.org) or see Sally Jaeger.

The cost is \$20 and we meet at the church on the third Saturdays from 10:00am to noon. This month's class will be on July 15th.

When God's warriors  
go down on their knees,  
the battle is not over.  
It has just begun!!



## Secret Prayer Partners

A gentle reminder to all who are participating in this year's SPP ministry to remember your sister in Christ during these summer months. A simple note, card, or small gift each month makes a big difference. *Thank you* for praying for your

person daily! And, don't forget to occasionally check the counter in the Cry Room for items left for you by your prayer partner. God hears and is answering our prayers for one another!

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## GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

Stop by our desk in the hallway after Sunday worship and check out our gift card fundraiser! It's easy to use, you just place an order for the gift cards you want and we let you know when they arrive. To see what's available, pick up our two order forms on the bulletin board at church (yellow and blue.) Or download them from [www.https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs](https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs). We usually order once a month from United Scrip (the yellow form) and a few times a year from Kroger (blue form.)

Do you have any home improvement or big projects planned this summer? Some of our church families have ordered gift cards from us and used them to purchase their supplies - providing a large profit to the church. Here are a few of the cards that might interest you: Home Depot, Lowe's, Ace Hardware, JoAnn's, Michael's, Best Buy, and Amazon. Pre-paid Visa cards are also available and can be used most anywhere. Gift cards make great gifts for summer weddings and birthdays too.

We also keep a selection of gift cards onhand. You have a larger selection when you place an order, but we try to keep some of the most popular cards onhand. All proceeds go to the church.

# In Our Prayers

## How may we pray for you?

Email/Text your requests to [pray@orencochurch.org](mailto:pray@orencochurch.org)





## **worship together...**

**JULY 23, 2023 AT 4 PM**  
**PORTLAND WATERFRONT**

Let's give God all the glory and celebrate His goodness! Join local worship leaders from churches across Portland metro and special guest, Matt Redman, as we praise God for all he has done!

**Join us for  
a family  
friendly  
night of  
fun!**

**CAMPFIRE**  
**AUG. 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**Invite your  
friends for a  
night of food,  
games and of  
course a  
campfire with  
singing and  
s'mores making.**

## **End of Summer Luau**

**Starts at Noon  
Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Bounce houses, water slides,  
food, games, and more!**

# JULY

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## **Orengo Christian Preschool**

[www.orengochristianpreschool.org](http://www.orengochristianpreschool.org)

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Preschool Director: [Karen Campbell](#)

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