

Orencia Church News

MARCH Newsletter

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JOIN US FOR
Holy Week
&
Easter Sunday





Message from Pastor Mark

Join Us on Wednesday evenings as together we will study the Last Seven Words of Jesus.

Studying the last words of Jesus (the phrases spoken during His crucifixion) offers us profound insight into the core of Christian theology, showing us His mission of redemption, forgiveness, and His love for us in His final moments. These seven statements summarize the Gospel, offering us a glimpse into Jesus' character, the fulfillment of prophecy, and guidance for our understanding as He endured the suffering for us.

Some reasons for you and me to study these seven phrases are that it will help deepen our understanding of salvation and help us to model forgiveness and love (as He did). It will also show us strength as we face our own hardships, helping us to empathize with others in their own sufferings, and it will give us a summary of God's good news for us, demonstrated as Jesus bore our sin on the cross.

We will study two of the seven Words of Christ each Wednesday, ending on Maundy Thursday evening with the seventh word. Here is the Wednesday night schedule to better help us prepare to welcome the Good News that Easter provides us – our own reconciliation and salvation because of Jesus' death and resurrection:

Wednesday, March 4th:

"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34).

"Truly, I tell you, today you will be with Me in paradise." (Luke 23:43)

Wednesday, March 11th:

"Woman, here is your son – Here is your mother." (John 19:26-27)

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Mark 15:34)

Wednesday, March 18th:

"I am thirsty." (John 19:28)

"It is finished." (John 19:30)

Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00pm

"Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit." (Luke 23:46)

"My hope is that you will attend in person. If that isn't possible, please join us online." -Pastor Mark

<https://tinyurl.com/OrencoYouTube>

Weekly handouts:

www.orencochurch.org/Teaching

"The Last Words of Jesus"

Wednesday Nights

6:30-7 PM Potluck
Dinner (optional)

7-8 PM In Person
or Livestream

The last night will be on Thursday, April 2nd, at 7pm

February was a good month for the youth, though we saw a small dip in numbers we still had a good month. This month we focused on the importance of knowing scripture and why it matters.

As we go into March we are focusing on the teachings of Jesus in Mathew 5-7. This is to show the students how they can be salt and light in their schools, sport teams, or just their normal every day lives. We will also go into the importance of prayer and see how Jesus tells us to pray.

I have a lot of events in the works and am working on finalizing them. **The biggest announcement is that *summer camp registrations are open and filling very fast.*** Please contact me if you know of any students going into 6th grade through 12th grade that would like to attend summer camp and I will provide the information.



Donate your bottles & cans to our Youth! Bring them to church on April 12th.



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Welcome to Orenco Church!

Join us Sunday at 10 AM

In Person or Live Stream

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Do you remember the Sunday School song, "Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day, and You'll Grow, Grow, Grow"?

Jesus loves it when we draw close to Him. When we read the Bible, we learn who God is and how much He loves us. When we pray, we talk to Him and share what is on our hearts.

Just as plants need sunshine and water to thrive, our hearts grow when we read the Bible and pray every day. Through these practices, God helps us grow kinder, braver, and more like Jesus.

March brings a sense of new beginnings at Orenco Christian Preschool as we will soon see signs of spring popping up all around us. This month, our classes will explore themes of growth, kindness, and God's beautiful creation. Children will enjoy hands-on activities that help them notice the world waking up, buds on trees, longer daylight, and the joy of playing outside a little more. We'll also spend time practicing friendship skills, celebrating how God made each of us to love and care for one another. As always, thank you for sharing your children with us; it is a gift to watch them learn, wonder, and grow.

Happy Spring from Orenco Christian Preschool!

Karen Campbell,
Preschool Director



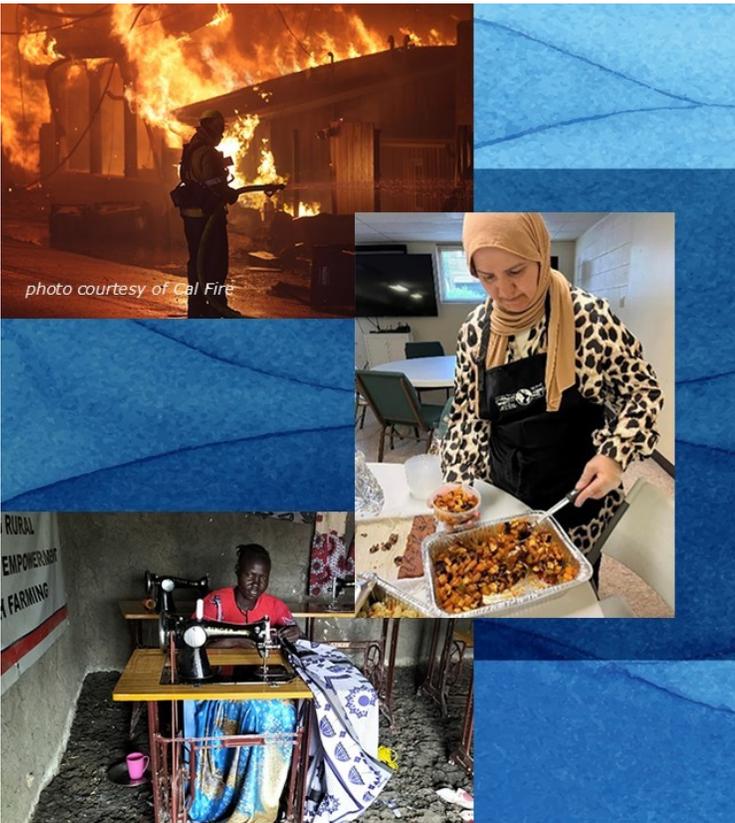
MISSIONS

It's time for our *One Great Hour of Sharing* mission. This special mission happens each year during Lent, from now until Holy Week. One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) raises money for three important programs: Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program and Self-Development of People. All three work to serve individuals and communities in desperate need, some near to us and others across the world. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their efforts provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope!

We will be sharing more info with you each Sunday from March 15th to 29th.

To participate, you may give on the church website -

www.orencochurch.org/Give - scan this QR code, or write a check to Orenco Church with "OGHS" on the memo line.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

Send us your request.

Prayer is powerful! Send us your prayer requests and praises and our prayer chain will lift them up to our Lord! Just send them to pray@orencochurch.org. If you're interested in joining our email prayer chain let us know.



BIBLE STUDY OPTIONS

Tuesday Mornings at 10:00am
In Person or Zoom

Wednesday Evenings
Potluck Dinner 6:30; Study 7-8:00pm
In Person or Livestream

Sunday Women's Class
8:45am
In Person or Zoom

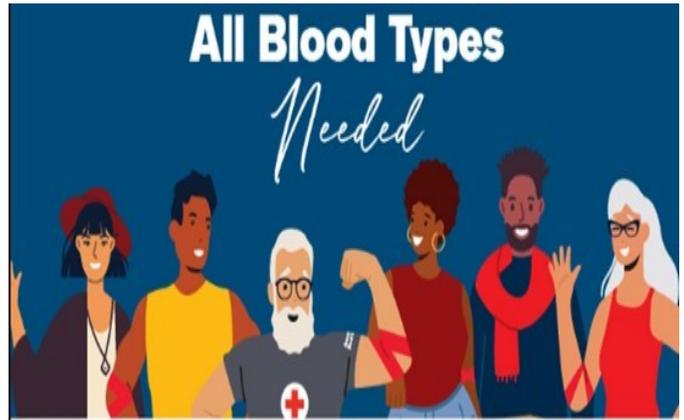
Do you know about the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Fundraiser?

Thank you to the 30+ households who have designated Orenco Church to receive a donation for every dollar they spend at Fred Meyer! Because of you, the church receives a check every three months. See the amounts on the bulletin board in the hallway, the same board that has the gift card order forms. If you'd like to learn more about this fundraiser, pick up one of the flyers on the same bulletin board.

Please note that this is a separate program from your PERSONAL Fred Meyer rewards, this one is a way for you to help a non-profit and is in addition to your PERSONAL rewards. If you choose to enroll in the COMMUNITY program and designate Orenco Church you will still earn your PERSONAL rewards points like you do today.

Attention Women!

We are collecting ideas for our next women's movie night. Date is unknown at this time. If you have an appropriate movie suggestion please send it to womensministry@orencochurch.org. We often show a Christian movie but it doesn't have to be, just clean language and content and non-violent.



Did you hear the news? We moved our blood drives to Saturdays! We believe this will make them available to more people and help us to collect more units — *and save more lives!*

Currently, the American Red Cross is facing a severe blood and platelet shortage. Requests from hospitals are exceeding the available supply, drawing down the blood supply. Orenco Church wants to help! Below are the dates for this year's drives to be held in our sanctuary.

Orenco Church Blood Drives

Saturdays from 9am - 2pm:
May 2nd, August 1st, & October 10th.

To schedule an appointment just go online to www.redcrossblood.org and enter ORENCO, or call 1-800-RED CROSS, or scan the QRCode below. You can also streamline your donation and save up to 15 minutes by completing a Rapid Pass (pre-donation info and questions) on the DAY OF your appointment.



Scan here
to schedule



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to start
Rapid Pass



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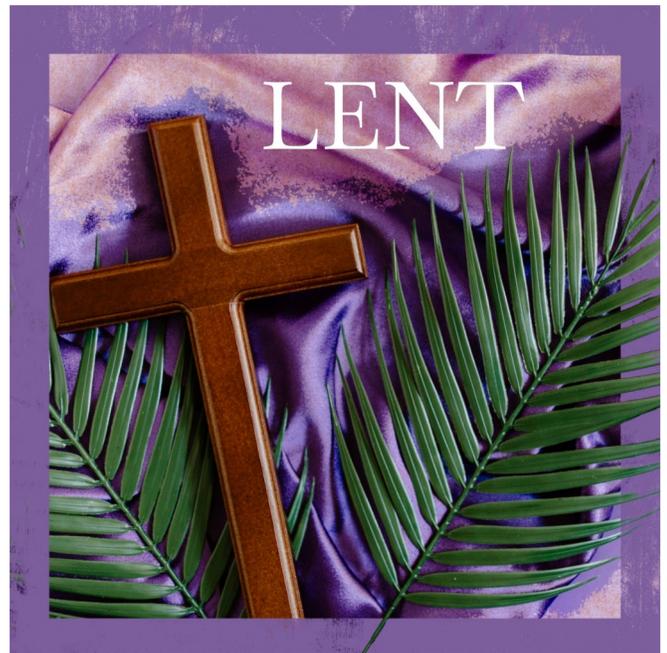
Church Fundraiser!

Do you know that we sell gift cards? This is a year round fundraiser for our church. Stop by our desk in the hallway after Sunday worship and we'd be happy to explain how it works. We hope you will remember us ongoing for all your shopping needs, whether it's for a gift or to use at the places you go to all the time. We offer all types of gift cards! We keep some onhand, but the best way to use this fundraiser is to place an order. You have a larger variety of cards and denominations to choose and it doesn't deplete our inventory as fast. We order once a month for our yellow form, which has cards for all kinds of places. We also order Kroger gift cards, on our blue form, when we have enough orders to meet their minimum. These may be used at Fred Meyer, QFC, or any other Kroger store or gas station in the US. Both forms are in the hallway and also on the church website: www.https://tinyurl.com/OrencoDocs.

Here are some examples of gift cards we typically have in stock, on a first come, first serve basis. Albertsons/Safeway, Amazon, Starbucks, Home Depot, Lowe's, prepaid Visa cards, Target, Kohl's, Panera, Subway, Red Robin, Barnes & Noble, Outback and various casual restaurants.

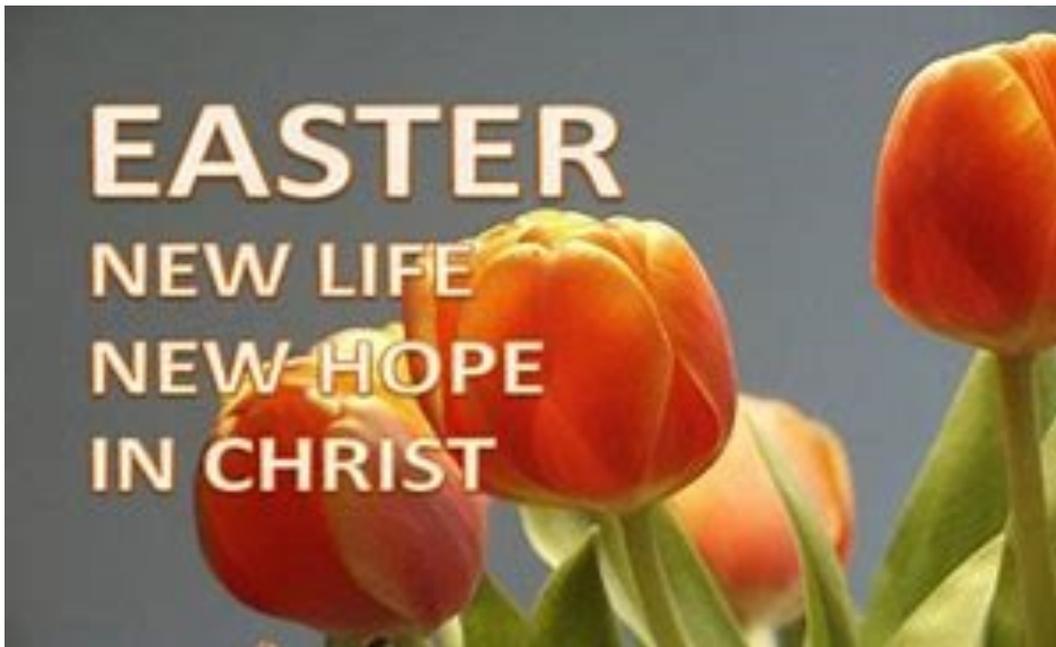
Orenco DEACONS

Our Deacons are the caring body of our church, they help others in need, stay connected with our shut-ins, and serve at various events for the church and preschool. If you or someone you know is in need of a meal let us know (deacons@orencochurch.org). They also maintain a community food pantry inside the church that is open year round. Donations of non-perishable items are appreciated and may be placed in the barrel next to the church library. Canned fruits and meats are always needed and pull-top lids are helpful. Please check the expiration date on all items.



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Ask God to tell you who in your life he'd like you to invite to Easter Sunday.
Allow Him to use you in this way, it may change someone's life!

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Office Manager: [Nancy Collins](#)
Youth Director: [Ryan Abueg](#)
Children's Director: **Stay tuned for an announcement!**

Orenco Christian Preschool

www.orencochristianpreschool.org
<https://www.facebook.com/OrencoChristianPreschool1>
Director: [Karen Campbell](#)

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