

Worship and Work

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Park Lake's Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 8 through
Friday, July 12, 2024

9:00 am - 12noon

Ages PreK- 4
through 5th grade

[Go to plpc.org](http://plpc.org) to register online!

VBS Decorating Prep

Struble Fellowship Hall

Wednesdays, June 5
and June 12

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
(Bring a bag dinner)
and

Saturday, July 6
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

All are welcome for fun,
fellowship and creativity as we
start our VBS decorating prep.

No experience
necessary, we will be
cutting and coloring
decorations for VBS.



Please R.S.V.P. Anne Vercheski, at
avercheski@cfl.rr.com



Sunday,
June 2
10:30 am
Worship
(Sanctuary)

Join us for our annual Youth Sunday,
on June 2! Park Lake youth and
their mentors will be taking
leadership roles during our worship
time. Youth Sunday is a highlight of
our worship every year, and
provides a chance when we can
support the spiritual growth and
leadership of our young people.

After Youth Sunday
come to the
Cookies and
Lemonade reception,
after worship, on the
lawn.



All are welcome to come and
celebrate our Park Lake Youth after
Youth Sunday Worship. *Hosted by
the Park Lake Deacons.*



Does your Youth need Volunteer hours for school?

Youth Volunteers are needed for Vacation Bible school! Youth who are rising 6th graders - 12th grade are welcome. Go to plpc.org to find the youth volunteer form to complete and return to the church office, or contact the church office at carolparklake@gmail.com for more information.

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In a recent Christianity Today article, Russell Moore, recounted how at his wedding 30 years ago, he insisted that Ruth 1:16 not be one of the scriptures read in the wedding ceremony. That's the famous verse read at so many wedding across the years. "'Whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God'" (KJV)

After 30 years of a wonderful marriage, that's the one thing, Moore says, that he would change. At the time he didn't think it was a text strictly about marriage. But now he thinks that text would have been the best predictor of what their married life would be - a commitment to walk together into a future completely unknown when the marriage vows were made.

Moore reflects, "What I really would not have predicted, though, is how—just like the story of Ruth—so much of our story would be made up not in those "big" moments but in the very small, ordinary ones."

Moore continues, "Last night, Maria and I walked with our youngest son down to the creek by our house, where our son climbed some trees as we walked the dog. The cicadas were buzzing and the fireflies were flashing all around. I stopped and wanted to freeze that moment in time. It was almost as if a future version of myself was time traveling back to whisper, "This is the best". This is the sort of thing you will remember on your deathbed. Those are the moments that shape a life, that surprise us with joy."

We have a tendency to focus on the big dramatic moments of our lives, turning points, and weighty decisions, as the most significant. But in truth, it may be the daily providence of God's grace guiding us in the midst of all our ordinary moments that is the way we are being "conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters." (Rom. 8:29) Brief moments when by God's grace we say the right word, stop and notice the beautiful, reach out to help someone who is hurting, open and yield ourselves to God's spirit.

We live in a time when every bit of news, every advertisement, every election, every current event insists that it is the most important thing in the world right now. Of course there are matters of real and important consequence happening at different times and different places. But faith has its deepest roots in the ways God is at work in life's simplest moments where even our breathing in and breathing out is filled with the Holy Spirit's desire to fill us with Christ's love.

As we move from Pentecost into ordinary time, as we consider the ways the Spirit is moving in the life of Park Lake Presbyterian Church, as we enjoy summer days filled with the wonder of creation's growth and abundance, it is an especially good time to seek to be open to the everyday moments of life that "surprise us with joy." The little reminders that God created us to enjoy God's glory, to bask in and reflect the warmth and life of God's love.



**YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING
SUMMER EVENTS**



**A MOMENT WITH
MEGAN**
*Reflections from
Megan DiSalvo*

My Montreat College Conference experience was incredible and I really appreciated the fact that it was completely separate from the other youth programs that I have attended which take place in the summertime. There was more flexibility throughout the day compared to that of the youth program and I loved the connections I was able to create with my back home group. The theme, Necessary Risks, was amazing and I felt like all the speakers did a great job delivering the theme in a smooth and impactful way. I will definitely be returning and hope to see snow next time I visit North Carolina in the winter months.



- Montreat Youth Conference 2024 is **June 8 through June 15** and will be attended by 5 of our Park Lake High school youth and our pastors. The summer Youth conference theme is Planting Peace.
- The next Montreat College Conference will be **January 2 through 5, 2025**, the theme will be Unimaginable Possibilities: God's Hope for a Weary World.

Go to montreat.org/ to learn more about Montreat Conference center and upcoming offerings.



***Happy 109th
Birthday to
Helen Potter!
July 3, 2024***

Helen has been a Park Lake member since 1953. She counted the Sunday offering for 45 years only retiring when she was 99 years young!



This summer during the week of July 28 - August 1, Park Lake's Middle School and High School Youth will go on a journey of mission and personal transformation! The Challenge To Change program is designed to combine hands-on missions with fact-finding opportunities to increase awareness of poverty and social justice issues, which includes volunteering at Beth-El Farm Workers Ministries. There are also fun activities offered, swimming, canoeing, rock climbing, zip line and more. ***Go to Cedarkirk.org to learn more.***



***Gifts Given
in Memory of
Dick Butler***

By

- Becky and Chet Burris (Building Fund)
Betty and Forrest Cheek
Judy and Stix Cook
Anne Vercheski / Dan Johnson
Eleanore and Frank Kaney*

***Gifts Given
in Memory of
Bob McKnight***

By

- Judy and Stix Cook
Helen Potter
Anne Vercheski / Dan Johnson*





Congratulations! Celebrating our Graduates!



Emily Christman



Emily graduated from the University of Central Florida on May 4th. Her Major is Elementary Education and is seeking employment in the Central Florida area.

Will DiSalvo



Will graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Photonic Science and Engineering. His next steps are finding a job and working as an optical engineer in Orlando.

Isabella Colon

Isabella Colon graduated from Foundation Academy, Winter Garden, on May 17. Bella will attend the University of Central Florida in the coming year, majoring in Film.



Chai Colon

Chai graduated from the University of Central Florida on May 3 with a degree in Kinesiology. He has accepted a paid internship with the Kansas City Chiefs this summer.

Nathan Krasno



Nathan graduated from the University of Florida with a Computer Science Degree. His next steps will be working and living in Jupiter, Florida.

Sophia McClelland

Sophia graduated from Lynn University in Boca Raton with a Social Impact and Entrepreneurship Degree. Her next steps are working with children, teaching them a growth mindset through arts and crafts. She is also interested in travel and working with environmental issues.



Barbara Martin, 2024 PW Life Membership award and pin recipient.

Park Lake Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering and Luncheon Sunday, May 5



On Sunday, May 5th, all enjoyed fellowship, fried chicken, homemade side dishes, and celebrated with birthday cake. Thank you to all who contributed food, decorated, set-up/cleaned-up and all who attended this special celebration. Congratulations to our 2024 PW Life Membership award and pin recipient, Barbara Martin, presented by 2023 Life Membership recipient Vicky Nicoll. A special thanks to those who donated to the PW Birthday offering, The total offering was \$1320.00. The 1st place birth month winner was July which won with \$342.00, 2nd place March with \$203.00.



2024-2025 PW Officers and Anne Gardepe, 2023-2023 Park Lake PW Moderator.

thank you

Dear Pastors Dan and Helen, Park Lake Members and staff,

Thank you for all the joy, happiness and love you've shared with my parents over the years, we are truly grateful.

Love, Marty, Kathy and the McKnight family

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING
Sundays, June 2 and July 7



Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. The first Sunday of each month, Park Lake asks members to contribute 5 cents for each meal during the month on Communion Sundays. This is a reminder that as we have been fed at the Lord's table we are called to feed others.

One day = 15 cents
One week = \$1.05
One month = \$4.20

SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER
10:45 am, 4th Tuesdays
June 25 and July 23



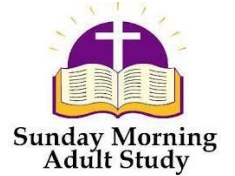
Thank you to April and May volunteers!

Park Lake continues to help serve lunch the **4th Tuesday each month** at Daily Bread at the Christian Service Center. We fill about 300 or so Styrofoam clamshells with the food that is already prepared. It takes about an hour and a half, **10:45 am to 12:30 pm**, and it's easy and rewarding. Please consider helping a few times a year. See John Bowers or email jbowers4@cfl.rr.com for all the details.

Combined Adult Sunday School

July 7, 14, 21, 28
9:00 am

Struble Fellowship Hall
Led by Helen and Dan DeBevoise
All are welcome!



Join us in **July** as all adult Sunday School Classes meet together in the Fellowship Hall.

FOOD COLLECTION for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

Tuesdays, June 4 and 18
July 2, 16 and 30
10:30 am - 11:30 am

Hygiene items:

- Soap
- Deodorant
- Disposable razors
- Socks (men's socks)
- Toilet paper
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Dental floss
- Shampoo
- Sanitary supplies
- Women's Incontinence items

Food items:

- Fruits and vegetables** (other than corn) with pop tops: peas, carrots, peaches, beans, etc.
- Jelly**
- Cereal**
- Rice
- Crackers
- (low stock items in bold)**

Please check expiration dates on food items before donating.



In May, John Bowers delivered food pantry items donated to the Washington Shores food pantry and men's clothing delivered at the Christian Service center.

Matthew 25:35-36

35 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

Gayle Sherrod, Helen Potter, Matilda Peasah, Valerie Gray, Pat Stalder, Lois Shipp, Gayle Schmidt, Rebecca Johnson, Pat Dunlap, Larry Welker, Larry Fisher, John Franklin, and Melahn Murphy.

If you would like to receive the prayer chain emails to join others in prayer, please contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com.



UPCOMING EVENTS



PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN BIBLE STUDY

PW BIBLE STUDY WRAP-UP GATHERING,

Tuesday, June 4, 11:00 am

Westminster Towers

70 W. Lucerne Circle, Orlando

All PW Circles are invited to attend. Helen DeBevoise will lead the wrap-up and review of the 2023-2024 *PW/Horizons Bible Study, Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. Carpooling is recommended because of limited parking. If you plan on attending, please **R.S.V.P. to Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com**.

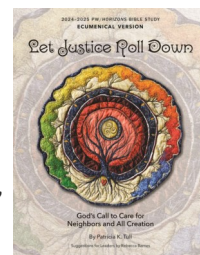
2024-2025 Park Lake Presbyterian Woman (PW)

Bible study begins in **September 2024**, Circle meetings are held on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September through May. Please contact your Circle Leader to order the 2024-2025 Horizons Bible Study book. Books are \$11 and can now be ordered. Please contact your Circle Leader or the church office to order.

Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation

By Patricia K. Tull

We are called to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society's least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by unjust systems. In God's first instructions to the nation of Israel we hear "you shall not pervert the justice due to the poor" (Exodus 23:6); in Moses' final speech at the promised land's border, he reiterated, "Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue" (Deuteronomy 16:20); and from Amos, the earliest recorded prophet, "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream" (Amos 5:24). Scripture reminds us that we are called to speak out to urge our society to act for just transitions in this fast-changing world.



To read more about the 2024-2025 Horizons Bible Study, go to www.presbyterianwomen.org/bible-study/



The **GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE group** invites their friends and allies to our monthly luncheon at Panera Bread, 3643 East Colonial Drive, in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. This event is a ten-minute drive from the church. The next two meetings will be **Sundays, June 16th and July 21st**, 12:30-1:30 PM. We hope to see you there! For more information, please email John Jenkins at gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com.



STORIES TO TELL, The Stories group will take a summer break until further notice. Please email Meg Lelvis at meglelvis@yahoo.com or Nancy Warlick at dadab12@att.net for further information.



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

10:00 am

Meet in the Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building.

- **Thursday, June 27** *The Readers of Broken Wheel Recommend* by Katarins Bivald.
- **Thursday, July 25**, *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman.

For more information, email Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

Anniversaries

- 04 Eleanor and Ron Hummert
- 06 Sandra and Raymond Burris
- 06 Betty and Cliff McKay
- 08 Liz and Larry Welker
- 13 Meredith and Brett Hampton
- 15 Judy and Stix Cook
- 19 Sandy and Jim Bogner
- 19 Susan and Edmund Gantt
- 20 Barbara and David Kaminsky
- 21 Jo and John Patterson
- 22 Helen and Dan DeBevoise
- 23 Katherine and Glynn Kelley
- 25 Linda and David Simmons
- 26 Katelyn and Zach Monahan
- 27 Nancy and Walk Jones

Birthdays

- 01 Emily Duffy
- 01 Katelyn Monahan
- 01 Logan Loucks
- 02 Audry Craner
- 03 Carol Fisher
- 04 Brett Hampton
- 05 Mark Sonderman
- 06 Marian Price
- 08 Gary Castle
- 09 Susan Boatman
- 10 Katherine Gore
- 12 Tom Price
- 17 Aaron Hull
- 18 Vicki Daley
- 18 Richmond Darko
- 18 Dan Wray
- 20 Patti Denniston
- 21 John Gardepe
- 23 Peggy Nicoll
- 24 Jane Roney
- 24 Jim Craner
- 26 Walk Jones
- 29 Rich Siwica



JULY

Anniversaries

- 04 Maryann and Mark Sonderman
- 11 Nancy and Bill Warlick
- 12 Jenny and Fernando Sanchez
- 20 Carly and Daniel Wray
- 31 Elizabeth and Justin Ingram

Birthdays

- 02 Brent Trauger
- 03 Helen Potter
- 03 Sharon McCatty
- 03 Sydney Park
- 04 Alison Heittman
- 04 Martin Peasah
- 07 Kitty Osburn
- 07 Susan Gantt
- 08 Daniel DeBevoise
- 09 Jason Loudermilk
- 09 Martha Baadu
- 09 Anne Louise Branstetter
- 10 Hannah Patterson
- 11 Erin Cook
- 12 Mary Trescot
- 14 Sarah Trauger
- 14 Alyssa Hernandez
- 14 Meredith Hampton
- 14 William Abel
- 16 Barbara Martin
- 17 Edmund Gantt
- 18 Eleanore Kaney
- 18 Sandy Bogner
- 19 Nancy Clark
- 21 Carol Bookhardt
- 21 Linda Castle
- 21 Murphy Bertram
- 28 Linda Simmons
- 28 Cristie Kern
- 29 Paige McRight
- 31 Ted Szymankiewicz

FAVO
faithartsvillage.com

*Come stroll through the artist studios,
listen to live music and enjoy a
relaxing evening with friends.*

**ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO
(FAITH ARTS VILLAGE ORLANDO)
FIRST FRIDAYS AND FIRST SATURDAYS**

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

**FRIDAY, JUNE 7 &
SATURDAY, JUNE 8
AND
FRIDAY, JULY 5 &
SATURDAY, JULY 6**

FAVO is a collective of anywhere between 40-60 local artists from Central Florida, kind of like a coworking community, but for artists. At FAVO, we provide affordable studio space and a place for local artists to display and sell their art!

Here you will find many of our local artists as well as food trucks and other entertainment to enjoy all while seeing some of the best art that Orlando has to offer. It's the perfect evening out with friends and family.



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Return Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

Rev. Dr. Helen M. DeBevoise, Co-pastor
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JUNE-JULY

2024

Park Lake Church Library Selections

Check out the church library in June and July!

We may have another hurricane that will flood the library floor again. Last year, the rug got wet but the water didn't get up to the books. Just in case, I would like to permanently remove the books on the bottom shelf of each bookcase. This means removing about one seventh of the books.

The church library is located downstairs near the church office in the Sanctuary building. The library is not used very much at all because it is off by itself, away from foot traffic. Because our members who read religious books use the internet and use our Central Florida Presbytery media center for more up-to-date books. We may decide someday not to have a library, or have only a basic one, such as with Bibles, material about our church, and books about death and dying (the major categories used). But for now, let's keep it up.

Please contact me, Alice Schmidt, if you would like to help me select which books to discard.

Alice Schmidt, Park Lake Church Librarian



Visit Park Lake's Little Free Library, take a book and leave a book! Located at the Highland Education building entrance.