



Worship and Work



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Dear Members of Park Lake
Presbyterian Church,

We are heading into our 2025 Stewardship Season! This is an opportunity to take stock of our resources—our time, talents, and treasure— and how we may use our resources for Park Lake to further the mission of Jesus Christ in our community and the world.



The Stewardship Theme this year for Park Lake is “Our Generous Future.” The Stewardship Committee selected this theme first in recognition of our Park Lake family’s ongoing generosity. The theme also reflects that Park Lake will be in its 100th year, looking towards the future. Thus, “Our Generous Future.”

Park Lake is a generous place! In Stewardship Season, we can consider what God wants us to do with the resources that He has provided. As members of Park Lake, we should prayerfully consider our plans for contributing our time, talents, and treasure to Park Lake in the next year.

We are kicking off Stewardship Season at a luncheon on October 6 after Worship (combined with the kick-off luncheon for Park Lake’s 100th Anniversary Celebration). Park Lake members Doug Lawton, Mackenzie Bertram, John Bowers and Linda Shrieves will be sharing a Stewardship Testimony about their experiences of generosity at Park Lake during Worship on the Sundays after the kick-off luncheon and before dedication Sunday on November 10.

The members of Park Lake are generous in so many ways in their participation in the life of the Church. As we look across the ministries of Park Lake, we see such a wonderful impact on our community based on the generosity of Park Lake’s members. These member contributions achieve the vision and mission of the Church. At the conclusion of our Stewardship Campaign, we will be filling out a pledge card for next year. Your financial gift to Park Lake makes a difference, as an investment in the programs and mission of the Church as well as in the stability of our Church buildings and staff.

Thank you for your faithful generosity as we celebrate together “Our Generous Future”!

Sincerely,
Jane Callahan and John Jenkins
Co-Chairs, 2025 Stewardship Campaign



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6, 2024**

COME
Gather
AT OUR TABLE

**Park Lake's 100th Anniversary Kick Off
2025 Stewardship Luncheon
“Our Generous Future”
Park Lake turns 100 years old
in October 2025!
A Century of Community in Christ!**

Please come on **Sunday, October 6**, after worship to a catered luncheon in Struble Fellowship Hall to kick off a year of celebration for our 100th Anniversary and to learn about the 2025 Stewardship theme, “Our Generous Future.”

**Please contact the church office to
R.S.V.P. at carolparklake@gmail.com.**



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CO-PASTOR'S CORNER

Park Lake's 100th Anniversary will occur a year from now in October 2025. This month we begin to anticipate and celebrate that important milestone. We are also beginning our 2025 Stewardship Campaign this month. The theme of the Stewardship Campaign is "Our Generous Future."

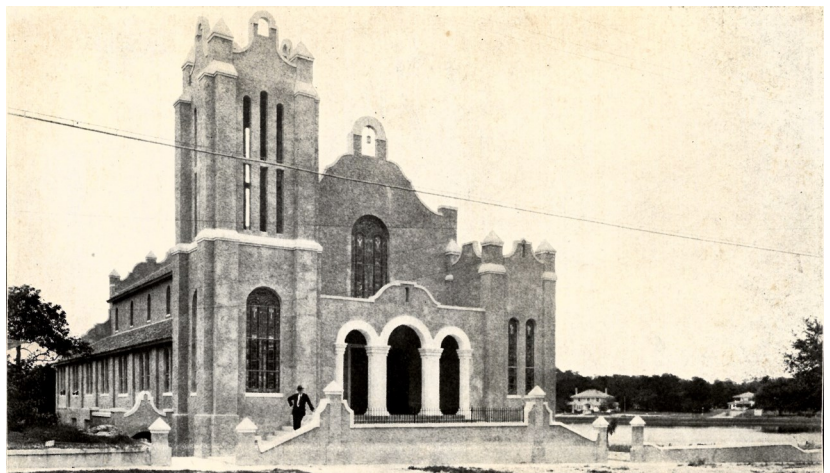
When the anniversary of a church and stewardship overlap there are all sorts of ways to ponder how they are related. Starting a church is, in and of itself, an act of stewardship. It requires great commitment of time and resources from many individuals. It is an act of faith, a response of people to what they believe God is calling them to do. When you are celebrating a church's anniversary you become keenly aware of the ways countless individuals have been good stewards of the church God has entrusted to them over the years. You realize that you are a recipient of other's generous stewardship.

As I begin to think about Park Lake's 100 years, I keep coming back to the question, "why start a church?" It might actually be easier to answer how to start a church. There are a host of factors in the why question: Who was involved? What was happening that made them think starting a church was the right thing to do? Who supported it? Who was in charge? What else was happening in the community that impacted the decision?

As you seek to understand all the factors involved in the decision to start a church you get a sense of the central role faith must have played in the lives of those who undertook such a big task. It wasn't strictly what we might call a business decision. Nor was it based solely on demographics or social trends. It wasn't the result of any one individual's talents and abilities. It was the work of the faith of many people inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit. When Park Lake held its first worship service, Sunday, October 11, 1925 there certainly would have been some sense of "look at what we've done", but an even greater sense of "look at what God has done."

Park Lake was started by the desire and decision of First Presbyterian Church of Orlando to expand its ministry and program. Clearly they were responding to Orlando's growth, a sense of the community's religious and spiritual needs, and the economic vitality of the day. But by starting a new church, they were also being the church, as they acted with enthusiastic obedience to God's Word and followed the direction of the Holy Spirit. They responded to God's call to engage in God's work in the world - the reconciliation of the world to God in Jesus Christ.

Stewardship was at the heart of what First Presbyterian Church was doing when it started Park Lake in 1925. Stewardship is at the heart of what we are doing as we celebrate Park Lake's 100th anniversary and we enthusiastically say yes to the work God sets before us at Park Lake today and in the next 100 years. We have a "generous future" grounded in God's great generosity to us yesterday, today, and tomorrow.



Picture of Park Lake from 1926 church yearbook

Dan DeBevoise, co-pastor

UPCOMING AT PARK LAKE



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PARK LAKE FAMILY TRUNK OR TREAT

Date: Saturday, October 26, 2024

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Where: Park Lake Parking lot

Who: Children (ages infant to 5th grade)
Families and Friends of Park Lake!



**Candy, allergy free treats, non-food treats,
crafts and games!**

Children are welcome to wear their non-scary costume!



THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS: Experiencing Once Again the Mystery of Jesus' Birth

We expect children to hear the Christmas story in fresh ways, but there are a lot of adults for whom the incarnation is unknown. A lot of people don't know who Jesus is; don't know the story of Christmas as the Incarnation of God, the coming of the Savior, the birth of Jesus. I wonder if we might make space to ask the questions of Christmas, to make room for Wonder, for "not-knowing", for Mystery. We invite you to dig into wondering this Christmas. Perhaps there is something you always wanted to know about the stories of the incarnation. Perhaps you could learn the story of Jesus' birth from a new perspective or new eyes or in a new language or from a non-Christian. Park Lake members and friends are the writers for our yearly devotions.

If you would like to submit a devotion, contact Helen DeBevoise helenparklake@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE!

**Sunday, November 17,
11:45 am, after worship
ANNUAL PARK LAKE
YOUTH
THANKSGIVING
FUNDRAISER LUNCH**



In Struble Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to come and enjoy food and fellowship!

Donations will be accepted to help support the Park Lake Youth on their 2025 Church retreats and Mission Trips. We are very thankful for your support this year and in years past!



The children and youth painted mini terra cotta pots with tiny succulents.



Jane Callahan, Ellie Callahan, Pat Dunlap, Mary Joe Dunlap enjoying breakfast and fellowship together.

RALLY DAY WRAP-UP "PLANTING PEACE"

Approximately 50 Park Lakers attended Rally day for a multi-generational Sunday School class to kick-off the new Sunday School season. Helen DeBevoise led us in contemplating what "Planting Peace" at Park Lake means. We enjoyed fellowship and a pot-luck breakfast. The Park Lake High School youth presented memories of their time at the Montreat Youth Conference in June. The Middle School Youth shared their experiences at Camp Cedarkirk and volunteering at the Beth-El Farm Workers Ministry.



Youth and chaperones who traveled to Camp Cedarkirk: Thomas Poore, Tatumn Bertram Connolly, Jensen Bertram Connolly, Campbell Bertram Connolly, Grayson Trauger, Rebecca Johnson, Alice Fortunato, Matt Cook and Mackenzie Bertram.



Park Lake youth, Ali Walker, Daetwyler Bertram, Aaron Sanchez, Grayson Trauger, Co-pastors Helen and Dan DeBevoise, along with young adult, Sarah Walker shared about their week at the Montreat Youth Conference in North Carolina.



MISSION AND OUTREACH



PARK LAKE 100th YEAR CELEBRATION UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 6

**100th Anniversary Kickoff and
Stewardship Luncheon**

after worship, Struble Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Architectural Tour

Sanctuary

Saturday, March 1, 2025

Ice Cream Social & Games

3:00 – 5:00 pm, Small Parking Lot

Sunday, March 30, 2025

Fellowship Luncheon

after worship, Struble Fellowship Hall

Mission in May 2025

Various community mission volunteer opportunities (to be announced)

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Fellowship Luncheon

after worship, Struble Fellowship Hall

October 2025, Sanctuary

Art Show

Saturday, October 11, 2025

100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Celebration Worship Service

10:30 am Sanctuary

GUEST SPEAKER, SEBBER BANDA

Holistic Evangelism in Tete Province
THE OUTREACH FOUNDATION
ALL ARE WELCOME!



We are excited to welcome Sebber Banda of Tete Province, Mozambique, back to Park Lake Presbyterian in October. She is a long-time friend of our congregation, and we have been blessed to support her ministry and mission work for many years. Please plan for these opportunities:

Wednesday, October 16 at 10:00 am at Westminster Towers:

Sebber will attend the weekly chapel service and afterward share lunch. It's open to Westminster residents as well as others. If you're planning to attend, please let Alice Schmidt know by **Wednesday, October 9**, so she can plan accordingly. You can contact her at alicerschmidt@aol.com.

Wednesday, October 16 at 6:00 pm in Struble Fellowship Hall:

Please join us for a potluck dinner as Sebber catches us up on her work. We will provide the main course of fried chicken and ask that everyone bring a side dish or dessert. In addition to Sebber's presentation, we'll hear from another long-time friend of Park Lake, Berry Long of the Outreach Foundation.

FOOD COLLECTION for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

Please bring non-perishable donations to the West transept entrance of the Sanctuary on Sundays before or after worship. We are no longer collecting donations on Tuesdays.



**please check expiration dates on food items before donating.*



Larry Welker, Lee Bessonette, Barbara Morris, Linda Castle, Gary Castle, Helen Potter, Matilda Peasah, Valerie Gray, Lois Shipp, and Gayle Schmidt. *We invite you to join us in prayer through the email prayer chain. To be added, please contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com.*

**Calling All Creatures Great and Small Park Lake's
SECOND ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE PETS**

Sponsored by GayStraight@Park Lake

The Second Annual Blessing of the Pets will be held on Sunday,
October 27, at 3:00 pm in Park Lake Park (next to our small parking
lot). GayStraight@ParkLake is sponsoring this event for our

congregation, friends, and neighbors. All pets are welcome; they

must on a leash or in a carrier. Or, if your pet doesn't travel well, bring their photo for a blessing! Stuffed animal friends are welcome, too! There will be water bowls aplenty, and each pet will receive a personalized Certificate of Blessing. To extend God's love for pets who are awaiting their "forever" homes, please bring an offering of canned dog or cat food. These will be donated to Pet Alliance of Orlando's Pet Food Pantry after the event. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact John Jenkins at Gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com or Linda Simmons, lwsdmin@gmail.com.



**5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING
Sunday, October 6th**

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. The offering is collected on the 1st Sunday of each month on Communion Sundays, as a reminder that as we have been fed at the Lord's table we are called to feed others.

To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to:
cfpresbytery.orgpath.html



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

SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER



**10:45 am, 4th Tuesdays,
October 22**

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. **10:45 am to 12:30 pm**. Please consider helping a few times a year. See John Bowers or email jbowers4@cfl.rr.com for all the details.



Gifts Given in Memory of:

Dick Butler

*By
Anne and John Gardepe*

Nancy Pate

*By
Ardis Rea*

Patricia Stalder

*By
Joyce and William Hadley
Ginny Porter*

Chet Burris

*By
Carol Droessler
United Supply Co.
Sandy and Ray Burris
Linda Cash
Kevin Lambert
Nancy and John Hunter*



UPCOMING EVENTS



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

221 E. Colonial Drive, park in the church parking lot off of Highland.

**First Fridays and First Saturdays
ART EXHIBITS
AT FAVO
(Faith Arts Village Orlando)
Art Stroll
Friday, October 4 and Saturday, October 5
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**



GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE will have a booth at the 2024 Orlando PRIDE Festival on **Saturday, October 19th**. This is an 8-hour event, many volunteers are needed to fully staff the booth. During this day, we speak with many people, distribute business cards with PLPC information and a reminder that God loves everyone, share rainbow colored bracelets with the church's name and website imprinted. Please consider joining others in a fun and invigorating celebration.

All are welcome!

For more information, please contact Tony Boada Davila at luis.boadadavila@gmail.com or text at 321-317-1292.



**THE POTTER'S HAND:
Combining Art and Faith
Wednesday, October 9
6:00 pm
Struble Fellowship Hall**

Contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com to participate.



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 upcoming fall meetings will be **Sunday, October 13, 12:30-1:30 pm**. We hope to see you there! For more information, please email John Jenkins at [GayStraight@Park Lake@gmail.com](mailto:GayStraight@ParkLake@gmail.com).



**PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB
Thursday, October 24, 10:00 am,**

In October, we will be reading "The Hidden Roots of White Supremacy: And the Path to a Shared American Future" by Robert P. Jones. We will meet in the Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Contact Anne Gardepe for more information at annegard64@gmail.com.

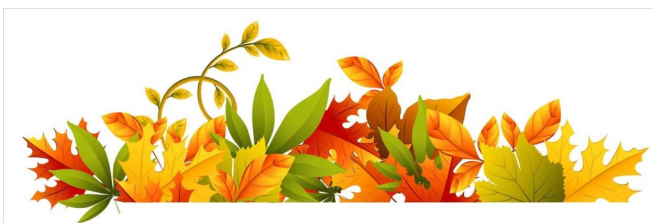


Anniversaries

- 4 Carol and Mike Bookhardt
- 14 Hannah and Grant Patterson
- 17 John Franklin and John Rachey

Birthdays

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|----|------------------|----|------------------------|
| 4 | Becky Burris | 19 | Carolyn Ragans |
| 4 | Linda Eure | 19 | Shenley Bertram |
| 5 | Jody Eure | 20 | Shamba Warlick |
| 6 | Matthew Barnebee | 20 | Veronica Fortunato |
| 7 | Elizabeth Giles | 21 | Forrest Cheek |
| 7 | Jolene Brown | 21 | Susan Frith |
| 7 | William Arnold | 24 | Katherine Kelley |
| 10 | Nancy DiSalvo | 25 | Christine Stewart |
| 11 | Bonnie McKnight | 25 | Janie Black |
| 11 | Elizabeth Welker | 27 | James Ingram |
| 12 | Betty Cheek | 28 | Piper Bertram-Connolly |
| 16 | Kathy Dowless | 30 | Eleanor Hummert |
| 17 | Trevor Foley | 30 | Elizabeth Abel |
| | | 30 | Dawn Neff |



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF PARK LAKE



SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, December 8, after worship

Struble Fellowship Hall

ESTHER CIRCLE GINGERBREAD BUILD FUNDRAISER

(details to be announced)



PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY 2024-2025

PW Circle Members and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative or go to: plpc.org for more information. Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.

Esther: Tuesday, October 1
6:30 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative, Erin Cook,
erincook987@gmail.com
Bible Moderator, Anne Vercheski,
avercheski@cfl.rr.com

Sarah: Monday, October 7
2:00 pm, Westminster Towers,
Town Square
Circle Representative and
Bible Moderator, Marian Price,
marian@tompricearchitects.com

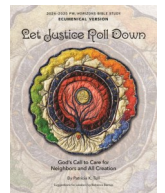
Dorcas: Monday, October 7
1:30 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative, Anne Gardepe,
annegard64@gmail.com
Bible Moderator, Sandy Bogner,
sandybogner@cfl.rr.com

Joanna: Monday, October 7
7:00 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall
Circle Representative, Sherry Riley,
shery27@gmail.com
Bible Moderator Helen DeBevoise,
helenparklake@gmail.com

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 ever flowing 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.



Go to www.presbyterianwomen.org for more information about Presbyterian Women PC(USA)

Keep your contact information

UPDATED



- *Have you recently moved?*
- *Do we have your updated mailing address?*

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PARK LAKE LIBRARY NEWS

October - Missions and Missionaries



The Park Lake church library has a Missions section 266 which is on the bookcase on the west wall, second shelf down.

From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya, by Ruth A. Tucker. It is a biographical history of Christian Missions published in 1985. I wish we had a similar book for the last 40 years. Here are some chapter titles of interest: "The Early Centuries Evangelizing the Roman Empire"; "American Indian Missions: Seeking the Nobel Savage"; "Black Africa: The White Man's Graveyard"; and "New Methods and Strategy: Reaching Tomorrow's World". The postscript gives an opinion on the failures and successes of Christian Missionary work.

In section 268 is Before You Pack Your Bag: Prepare Your Heart. Short—Term Mission Preparation Guide with 12 Bible Studies plus Trip Journal, by Cindy Judge. On page 13 it reads, "It is very important to learn early that the social behaviors of another culture are not necessarily wrong; they are just different from yours... It's not wrong; it's just different.

We also have a number of biographies of various Missionaries available to check out. Please let me know if you need assistance. Do you have a favorite read about Missionaries or favorite Mission destinations you would like to share? Email me, Alice Schmidt at alicerschmidt@aol.com.

Happy reading!

Alice Schmidt, Park Lake Church Librarian