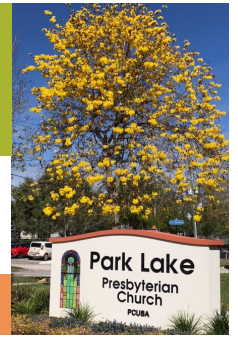




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Sunday, November 10 "OUR GENEROUS FUTURE" STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY



Stewardship Packets were mailed the last week of October. Please make plans to attend worship, **Sunday, November 10**, when you will have the opportunity to bring your pledge card forward during worship.



Dear Park Lakers,

We would like to bring your attention to where we stand so far this year on Pledged Income. Through 10/20/24 pledged income budgeted from 2024 pledges is \$389,253. Through (10/20/24) we have received \$349,258. This is \$39,995 ,(10.2 %) less than we budgeted year to date.

You recently received your third quarter pledge statement. If you are able to "catch up" please do so. If you will not be able to catch up please let Linda Castle, The Financial Manager know to adjust your 2024 pledge. If you have a question regarding your pledge or the church budget please contact Linda Castle, the Financial Manager at lindaparklake@gmail.com.

The Lord's blessings be upon you all,
The Stewardship and Finance Committee

You are invited to the...

Park Lake Youth Fundraiser Thanksgiving Lunch



Sunday, November 17
11:45 am, after worship
In Struble Fellowship Hall

All are welcome to come and enjoy
fun, 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!



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd

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CO-PASTOR'S CORNER

Where's the Hope?

Romans 5:1-5 *Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.*



As I write this, we are leaning, leaning into November, on the cusp of important local, state and national elections. We are leaning toward Advent, the beginning of the church year and the signal that Christmas is around the corner. We are leaning toward the end of the year 2024 and the beginning of 2025 which marks Park Lake's 100th Anniversary year. So much weighing on our minds and our spirits. We need Hope.

I've been thinking about Hope this year. We need hope to manage being community after a whirlwind election and new leadership. We need hope to be open to the inspirations of the coming Christ. We need hope to help us to define a year completed and year ahead. We need to hope to be the Church God calls us to be for the next 100 years.

Where's the Hope? Frederick Buechner wrote in "A Room Called Remember":

"Hope stands up to its knees in the past and keeps its eyes on the future. There has never been a time past when God wasn't with us as the strength beyond our strength, the wisdom beyond our wisdom, as whatever it is in our hearts—whether we believe in God or not—that keeps us human enough at least to get by despite everything in our lives that tends to wither the heart and make us less than human. To remember the past is to see that we are here today by grace, that we have survived as a gift.

"And what does that mean about the future? What do we have to hope for, you and I? Humanly speaking, we have only the human best to hope for: that we will live out our days in something like peace and the ones we love with us; that if our best dreams are to never come true, neither at least will our worst fears; that something we find to do with our lives will make some little difference for good somewhere; and that when our lives end we will be remembered a little while for the little good we did. That is our human hope.

"Remember the wonderful works that he has done," goes David's song—remember what he has done in the lives of each of us; and beyond that remember what he has done in the life of the world; remember above all what he has done in Christ—remember those moments in our own lives when with only the dullest understanding but with the sharpest longing we have glimpsed that Christ's kind of life is the only life that matters and that all other kinds of life are riddled with death; remember those moments in our lives when Christ came to us in countless disguises through people who one way or another strengthened us, comforted us, healed us, judged us, by the power of Christ alive within them. All that is the past. All that is what there is to remember. **And because that is the past, because we remember, we have this high and holy hope: that what God has done, he will continue to do, that what he has begun in us and our world, he will in unimaginable ways bring to fullness and fruition."**

So pay attention - Our HOPE is in the life of Jesus Christ. Our HOPE is in what God has done and what God is doing. For my part, I'm keeping a notebook of HOPE that I'm seeing around me. Guess what? There's A LOT! I'll report what I see from time to time. I hope you will too. That's how together we'll find hope.

Helen DeBevoise, Co-pastor



CENTRAL FLORIDA PLEDGE

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Thursday, November 14, 6:00 pm

Struble Fellowship Hall

Hosted by GayStraight@ Park Lake

**“A Century of Community in Christ”
100th ANNIVERSARY FUN FACTS**



Long time Park Lake member, Nancy Warlick and other Park Lake members, have been at Park Lake for over 65 years! Nancy’s family members have been at PLPC since 1955. Nancy says “1955 is the year we moved to Orlando from West Virginia and my mother Frances, my sister Peggy, my sister Jane and I joined the church. My dad joined later. I'd like to add that Bill and I are so very happy to be back at Park Lake (since our retirement in 2001 from Africa)”. Ask Nancy and Bill Warlick about their time as Missionaries in Africa. They have some great stories to tell about their life as Missionaries!

If you would like to help with any of the Events celebrating Park Lake’s centennial, please contact Erin Cook or Susan Gantt, co-chairs.

BLESSING OF THE PETS



Park Lake held its Second Annual Blessing of the Pets for the congregation, friends, and neighbors. There were water bowls aplenty and 18 pets received a personalized Certificate of Blessing. Attendees were asked to bring an offering of canned dog or cat food. These will be donated to Pet Alliance of Orlando’s Pet Food Pantry.

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all!

**WORLD COMMUNION
SUNDAY BREADS**

Thank you to our bakers:

Park Lake's tradition of having World Breads fill the communion table

continues! Laura Moloney, Vicky Nicoll, Carol

Bookhardt, Erin Cook, David Simmons, Sandy Bogner, Chris Stalder, and the children from the Elementary age Sunday school class.



Park Lake Trunk or Treat

A fun time was had by all, at the Park Lake Family Trunk or Treat! There were 10 trunks with games, crafts, and candy in the Park Lake parking lot. Thank you to all of those who decorated trunks and handed out treats!



Go to plpc.org to see more Trunk or Treat photos and learn about other upcoming events at Park Lake!

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF PARK LAKE



Join Us for a Festive Afternoon of Building Your Own Gingerbread House

Sponsored by Esther Circle

**ALL MONEY COLLECTED WILL GO TO
FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ORLANDO**

Family Promise of Greater Orlando helps families facing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and self-sufficiency through a community based response. Creating a future in Central Florida where all families have stable housing and no child experiences homelessness.

Sunday, December 8, 2024

11:45 a.m.

Struble Fellowship Hall

Children and Adults of all ages

Lunch: \$5 per person

Gingerbread House: \$10 per kit

Please R.S.V.P.

to erincook987@gmail.com

by December 4, 2024

Include: Name, Number of Adults/Children and Number of Gingerbread House kits (\$5 per person for lunch; \$10 per Gingerbread House kit)

****If you would like to donate money for candy for the Gingerbread House toppings, please contact Anne Vercheski at avercheski@cfl.rr.com.***



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.

Dorcas: Monday, November 4

1:30 pm, Parlor

Circle Representative, Anne Gardepe,
annegard64@gmail.com

Bible Moderator, Sandy Bogner,
sandybogner@cfl.rr.com

Sarah: Monday, November 4

**2:00 pm, Westminster Towers,
Town Square**

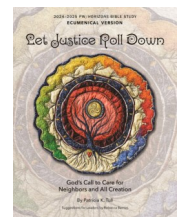
**Circle Representative &
Bible Moderator, Marian Price,**
marian@tompricearchitects.com

Joanna: Monday, November 4

7:00 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall

Circle Representative, Sherry Riley,
sheray27@gmail.com

Bible Moderator Helen DeBevoise,
helenparklake@gmail.com



Esther: Tuesday, November 12

7:00 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall

Circle Representative, Erin Cook,
erincook987@gmail.com

Bible Moderator, Anne Vercheski,
avercheski@cfl.rr.com

ANGEL STOCKING

Fill an Angel Stocking! Park Lake is again sponsoring "Angel Stockings" for the pediatric patients at Grace Medical Home, one of Park Lake's mission partners. Grace Medical Home reflects the heart of Christ by offering the highest level of health care to the low-income, uninsured in Orange County. (gracemedicalhome.org)



The Angel Stocking donations will also be used to purchase toys for farmworkers via the Hope Community Center in Apopka. "Through service and advocacy, Hope Community Center stands together with immigrants and others who are facing oppression." (hcc-offm.org)

Park Lake will be donating Christmas stockings, Christmas books and money for toys in early December. Please find the "Angel" tree in the west transept and choose one or more donation slips from inside the stockings. Donations may be sent to the church office, placed in the collection plate, made on the plpc.org Giving Page, or given to Anne Vercheski.

Please have your donation in by December 8. Thank you for showing the love of Christ to these children!

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Sunday, November 3rd

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. We encourage you to continue to send your 5 cents per meal offering to the church during this time.



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

To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to: cfpresbytery.org/path.html



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.

SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER

November 26
10:45 am, 4th Tuesdays



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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



**First Fridays and First Saturdays
ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO
(Faith Arts Village Orlando)
Friday, November 1 and
Saturday, November 2
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**



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



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, November 17** from **12:30-1:30 pm**. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there! Please contact John Jenkins at gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com to learn more about **GayStraight@Park Lake**.

The November book we will be discussing is Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride. Meet in the Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Please contact Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com for more information.



**PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB
10:00 am, Thursday,
November 21**

The November book we will be discussing is Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.

Meet in the Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Please contact Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com for more information.

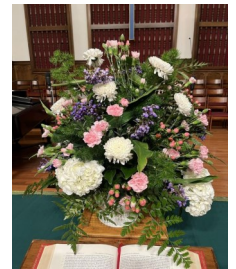
**THE POTTER'S HAND:
Combining Art and Faith
Wednesday,
November 13
6:00 pm**



Struble Fellowship Hall
Contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com to participate.

FLOWER ARRANGERS NEEDED!

The beautiful flower arrangements on Sundays which are displayed on the Communion table are created lovingly each week by dedicated volunteers.



We are in need of additional flower arrangers. Usually a different volunteer takes one Sunday a month and we will train you! We are also looking into planning a workshop to train us on flower arranging.

If you are interested in helping the Park Lake Flower Guild, please contact Carol Bookhardt at the church office at carolparklake@gmail.com or Evie Park at evapark@cfl.rr.com.



GayStraight@Park Lake would like to thank the PLPC community for their support of the church's participation in the Orlando PRIDE Festival on October 21st. It was wonderful meeting so many people and showing them the love of Christ. Please contact John Jenkins at gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com to learn more about **GayStraight@Park Lake**.



Thank you to John Walker and Susan Frith and everyone who volunteered at the booth.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER!

Hanging of the Greens!

All are welcome! (dates tbd)



Let's decorate the Sanctuary for the upcoming Advent Season! Look for announcements in upcoming bulletins and the weekly Park Lake Up2date email! No experience necessary!

Gifts Given in Memory of

Patricia Stalder

By

Mary Burd and Frank Carey

Billy Enfinger

Ginny Porter

Orange County Beekeepers Assoc.

Marian and Michael Brennan

Charalambos Grykys

Julia Downs

Helen Potter

Eleanore and Frank Kaney

Genaro Aiello

Nancy and John Hunter

Marilyn Williams

Stephanie Norton



NOVEMBER

Anniversaries

- 1 Howard Vincent Kurtz and Howard Jaffe
- 4 Barbara and Donald Palmer
- 8 Billie Jo and Clay Elliott
- 24 Evangeline and Charles Gabrielson

Birthdays

- 1 Vicki Nicoll
- 1 Sue Thompson
- 5 Haley Huff
- 5 Rachel Foley
- 5 Grayson Trauger
- 6 Mary Frances Emmons
- 7 Donald Gaboriault
- 7 Merissa Fe Borgelin
- 7 Vern Boatman
- 8 Evangeline Gabrielson
- 10 Robert Heittman
- 10 Hayden Huff
- 11 Sydney Patterson
- 12 Kaley Shropshire
- 15 Nancy Warlick
- 15 Renee Riegler
- 18 Mike Woods
- 18 Paula Nowell
- 19 Alice Schmidt
- 21 Elsie Oberst
- 22 Dan Johnson
- 22 Donald DeBevoise
- 22 Alison Walker
- 24 Daetwyler Bertram
- 25 John Bowers
- 26 Rosie Beardon

UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT
INFORMATION



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

Please check your address in the online Church Directory to update your mailing address and contact information. Go to [Instant Church Directory.com](http://InstantChurchDirectory.com)

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PARK LAKE LIBRARY NEWS



Good news, from your church librarian. The hurricanes did not leave any water in the library. Some water came up across the hall, but no damage in the library. Marian Price has been helping me move books from the bottom shelves in case we had

any flooding during hurricane season. I do have to apologize to anyone who comes into the library as there are some books on the table which need to be sorted through.

All are welcome to check out our Christmas books—they are in sections 263.1 and 263.3 on the lowest shelf on the right and on the top shelf in the hallway side of the library.

A is for Advent, by Charles Ferguson 263.1 FER, has a misleading title. It is an abecedarian book, not an Advent book. A is Advent, B is for Baptism, Z is for Zion, etc. This book has “kerygma” but not “koinonia”. It has humor and strange factoids. We also have two books by Adam Hamilton, 263.3 HAM on the top shelf.

Our 2024 Advent Devotional will be available to read on December 1st! Printed versions will be at the West Transept, digital versions will be emailed everyday through Christmas day. The church library has Advent Devotions from years past, please come and check them out!

Happy Reading!
Alice Schmidt



Visit our Little Free Library off of Highland, by the Education building. Take a book, leave a book for others to enjoy!

