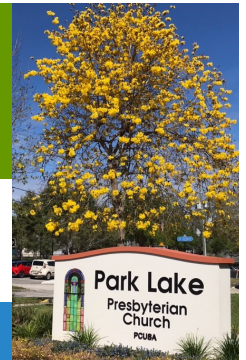


# Worship and Work



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Imagine a world without hunger. For half a century, **Bread for the World**, a bipartisan Christian advocacy group, has been working to make this a reality. Each year thousands of volunteers from churches like our own send letters, call, and email their legislators, urging them to restore, protect, and strengthen domestic and international nutrition and health programs, such as:

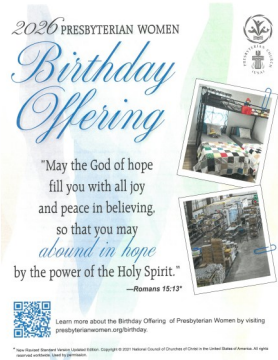
the **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program** (SNAP), the **WIC** program for Women, Infants and Children, the **School Lunch** program, **Feed the Future**, and the **GAVI Vaccine Initiative**.

Park Lake's own **Offering of Letters** will take place from **May 10 to 17**.

According to Bread for the World, more than 47 million Americans, including nearly 14 million children, struggle to put food on the table. Unfortunately, legislation signed into law last July makes \$186 billion in cuts to SNAP over 10 years, but our voices and prayers can make a difference.

Bread is asking us to call on our elected officials in Congress to fully fund and strengthen global food, health and development programs that allow vulnerable people around the world to have the food and nutrition they need and, also, to pass a strong, bipartisan Farm Bill that supports farmers, strengthens communities and helps end hunger at home and overseas.

Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, contact Susan Frith, John Walker, or Nancy Warlick with questions, or visit [bread.org](http://bread.org).



## PW BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON and BIRTHDAY OFFERING SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

(after worship)  
Struble Fellowship Hall

Entrée and cake provided, please bring a side dish to share.

**Please** support the Birthday Offering so that organizations like the ones selected for 2026 will continue to celebrate in God's abounding hope and power in the world.



### 2026 PW BIRTHDAY OFFERING RECIPIENTS

**City Mission of Findlay**  
**Women and Children's Crisis Shelter**  
Findlay, Ohio  
[findlaymission.org](http://findlaymission.org)

**Haywood Christian Ministry**  
**Rural Food Assistance Project**  
Waynesville, North Carolina  
[hcmnc.org](http://hcmnc.org)

Go to: [presbyterianwomen.org/](http://presbyterianwomen.org/) for more information.

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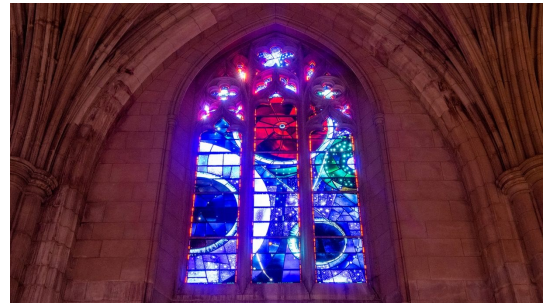
## ROOTED AND SOARING

*Ephesians 3:17 May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have power to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fulness of God.*

On a recent trip to Washington D.C. to visit our oldest son, we explored the city from top to bottom, by way of planes, trains, automobiles... and foot. While it felt like no stone was unturned, truthfully we only scratched the surface. One of the most inspiring things we did was to attend worship at the Washington National Cathedral. The Cathedral, designed in NeoGothic architecture, is the 6th largest cathedral in the world, and in the United States second only to St. John the Divine in New York City. The National Cathedral's central tower stands as the highest point in the city. It's grand, awe inspiring.

When entering, it is hard not to be immediately taken by the massive height of the nave, soaring buttresses and lofty ceilings that keep climbing to the sky. Spectacular stained glass surrounds it all, each of the 215 windows worthy of its own attention. Swept up by the music of the choirs, the beauty of the architecture, the color from the windows, we were wordless.

The most popular of these windows is what is called the Scientists and Technicians Window - better known as the Space Window. The window is dominated by large circles and gives the impression of staring into the void of space. Artist Rodney Winfield was inspired by original photographs from NASA and suggested through a simple dotted line the trajectory of the Apollo 11 spacecraft. In the very center of a large red circle is a sliver of moon rock collected during their mission. The moon rock was presented to the cathedral at the window's dedication at the 5th anniversary of the first lunar landing, July 21, 1974.



At the bottom of the window is a quote from the book of Job: "Is not God in the heights of heaven?"

Such views surely do inspire both awe and introspection. On Easter Sunday 2026, as the spacecraft Artemis II was making the historic trip around the dark side of the moon, pilot Victor Glover, reflected on their view from space, "You think what we're doing is special, and I'm trying to tell you, just trust me, YOU are special. In all this emptiness - this is a whole bunch of nothing, this thing we call the universe - YOU have this oasis, this beautiful planet that we get to exist in together." His view back to earth - at us - made him aware of the oneness of humankind. The shared gift of this planet, this OASIS he called it, that we get to live on. We should be asking How? Why?

The Psalmist said something similar in Psalm 8 as he looked at the night sky "Who are we O Lord that you care for us?...Yet you do." Paul the apostle writes a blessing to the church in Ephesus that they should root and ground themselves in the love of Christ so that they may be able to stretch and soar beyond any other limitations to experience the fulness of God.

It is the practice and experience of the faithful life to be aware of where we plant our feet - in Christ - and to allow ourselves to be swept up by the limitlessness of what more God calls us to see and do.

Helen DeBevoise, co-pastor

**Thank you, to our 2025-2026  
Volunteers, Bible Study Leaders  
Sunday School Teachers and PRAYGround Hosts**



**Park Lake Children and Youth**

- ◆ **Nursery** - Barbara Boyce
- ◆ **PreK & Kindergarten** - Nancy Jones, Sandy Bogner, Susan Frith and Delaney Bookhardt.
- ◆ **Elementary** - Renee Riegler, Meredith and Brett Hampton, Carol Bookhardt, Mackenzie Bertram.
- ◆ **Middle and High School** – Erin Cook, Helen DeBevoise, Dan DeBevoise, John Rogers, Doug Lawton, Barbara Sayles, Alice Fortunato, John Walker, Susan Frith, Andre Davis, Cindy Schmidt and Scott Trauger.
- ◆ **Young Adults** – Erin Cook and Matt Cook.
- ◆ **Children’s Church/PRAYGround** – Scott Peterson, Paige McRight, Susan Frith, Alison Walker, John Walker, Erin Cook, Billie Jo Elliott, Carol Bookhardt, Mary Daly.
- ◆ **Page Turners Book Club** - Sherry Riley


**Adult Sunday School classes**

- Logos class** - Helen DeBevoise, Mackenzie Bertram, Scott Trauger.
- Disciples** - Anne Vercheski, John Walker, Linda Wright Simmons, Dan DeBevoise, David Simmons, Doug Lawton, John Rogers.
- Fellowship/Koinonia** - Sandy Bogner, Marian Price, Anne Gardepe, Sarah Trauger.

**Presbyterian Women Circles**


- Dorcas - Circle Representative and Bible Moderator-Sandy Bogner
- Esther - Circle Representative-Erin Cook; Bible Moderator-Anne Vercheski
- Joanna - Circle Representative-Sherry Riley; Bible Moderator-Helen DeBevoise
- Sarah - Circle Representative and Bible Moderator - Marian Price

*thank you* Tom and Marian Price are grateful for the many expressions of sympathy and love following the death of our daughter Christina. *Marian and Tom*



***Celebrating our Graduates!***

**ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!**



Did your youth or young adult graduate from high school, college, grad school or a technical institute this spring? We would love a cap and gown photo and a brief description about their school, degree, future plans and career choice.

If your child or youth has received special honors or awards at the end of the school year, please let us know!

We will publish it in the June Worship and Work Newsletter. Please email Carol Bookhardt at the church office with your child’s name, a short description of your child and their accomplishments.



**Thank you** to Renee Riegler, John Jenkins, Cheryl Woods, Sandy and Jim Bogner for creating the beautiful colorful floral and lily display for Easter Sunday. Special thanks to flower Coordinator Renee Riegler for organizing volunteers to set up and arrange the lilies for Easter Sunday, putting fern on the cross and organizing the children to hand out flowers to put on the Easter cross. Thank you to Nancy and John Hunter for ordering, delivering the Easter lilies and fern for the cross.

If you are interested in joining the Flower Guild team arranging flowers on Sundays, please contact Renee Riegler.

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

### 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Sunday, May 3

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. **To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to: [cfpresbytery.org](http://cfpresbytery.org)**



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

### 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.



**Park Lake's Vacation Bible School**  
Monday, July 13 through  
Friday, July 17, 2026

9:00 am - 12noon  
(Park Lake Education Building)

Ages PreK- 4  
through 5th grade

Music Games Bible Stories Science  
Snacks Crafts



Register online at  
[plpc.org](http://plpc.org)

### VBS Decorating Prep

(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Wednesdays, May 13, 20 and 27  
and June 3, 10, 17

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

(Bring a bag dinner)

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.



### ATTENTION ALL VBS ADULT AND YOUTH VOLUNTEERS!

**VBS Volunteer Kick-off Luncheon**  
Sunday, May 31  
(after worship)

(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Please come to share a meal with the VBS team and learn about the VBS theme **"Snowball Mountain Challenge: Find Your Strength in God"**.



**Does your Middle school or High school 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](http://plpc.org) to find the youth volunteer form to print, fill out the form and return to the church office, or contact the church office for more information.

**CRAFTS for VBS:** we are asking for donations of **paper grocery bags** and **cube size facial tissue boxes** for our VBS crafts. Please give to Carol Bookhardt or drop off at the church office.

### DONATION REQUEST FOR VBS DECORATING

Our VBS theme this year is *Snowball Mountain Challenge - Find Your Strength in God!*

We know we live in Florida, but we are looking for snow skis, ski poles, ski boots, snowboards, inner tubes, snowshoes, etc. to use for decorations. If you have such things that we could borrow, that would be terrific! Please speak with Anne Vercheski. Thank you for your consideration!

## MISSION AND OUTREACH

### YOUTH PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Thank you to** Park Lake Family and friends for your support of the Park Lake Youth at the Easter Pancake Breakfast. Pancakes, bacon and sausages were happily consumed alongside lots of good conversation and laughter on a beautiful Easter morning! You donated over \$1,500 to help the Park Lake Youth on their trips to Montreat Youth Conference and to Camp Cedarkirk in 2026! Thank you to the youth leaders and parents for your hard work and support!



Tatumn Bertram Connolly and Ali Walker



L to R: Daetwyler Bertram, Ali Walker, Campbell Bertram Connolly, Piper Bertram Connolly, Jensen Bertram Connolly and Tatumn Bertram Connolly.



Each year, Park Lakers look forward to supporting the youth on Easter, fellowship and eating pancakes.



Youth parents, Andre Davis and Cindy Schmidt helping to set up and clean up.

### ATTENTION MONTREAT BOUND YOUTH!

If your youth is planning on attending the **2026 Montreat Youth Conference, June 13—June 20**, there will be a parent / youth meeting with youth leaders on **Sunday, June 7, after worship**. Contact Erin Cook for more information.



**The Montreat Youth Conference** affirms youth in their calling to be and to shape the church of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to help youth come to know and believe that they are the beloved of God and to be a place where authenticity, community, connection, and God's truth thrive. We seek to be an inclusive space where each voice can be heard and where each heart can be molded; where change is invited, challenge is expected, and where all are embraced.

#### Youth leave Montreat knowing that:

- ◆ Their faith matters.
- ◆ They are loved as they are.
- ◆ They are part of a community of faith.
- ◆ They are empowered to act for change in the world.



### CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER:

#### Matching Gift Challenge

Donations made to the Christian Service Center for the Homeless **through June 1** will be matched, doubling your generous contributions. The Christian Service Center, a mission partner of Park Lake Presbyterian, serves individuals experiencing homelessness in Central Florida, providing meals, laundry and shower services, medical care and so much more. You can make your donation at [ChristianServiceCenter.org](https://ChristianServiceCenter.org).



## UPCOMING EVENTS



### First Fridays and First Saturdays ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)

**Friday, May 1 and  
Saturday, May 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 POTTER'S HAND Combining Art and Faith



Look for upcoming workshops in the bulletin announcements and Park Lake Up2date weekly emails. Contact Helen DeBevoise to participate.

**GayStraight@ParkLake** lunch gathering will not be meeting in **May** so that we are able to participate in the **PW Birthday Luncheon and offering on Sunday, May 17th.**



Please join us next month on **Sunday, June 21** as an ally or LGBTQ+ person, We meet at Panera Bread at Orlando Fashion Mall. Come break bread with us and learn more about supporting Gay/Straight@ParkLake and the LGBTQ+ community as an ally or LGBTQ+ orientation.

To learn more about supporting Gay/Straight@ParkLake and the LGBTQ+ community as an ally or LGBTQ+ orientation contact John Jenkins or use the QR code to view our page on the plpc.org website.



FOR MORE  
INFORMATION ABOUT  
GayStraight@Park Lake

**PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB**  
**Thursday, May 28**  
**10:00 am**  
**Downstairs Koinonia Room,**  
**Sanctuary Building.**



Our May book is "Heartwood" by Amity Gage. For more information, contact Sherry Riley.



### Anniversaries

- 01 Esther & David Gaboriault
- 05 Elaine & Ted Szymankiewicz
- 07 Betty & Forrest Cheek
- 11 Susan & Vern Boatman
- 26 Shijia & Matthew Barnabee

### Birthdays

- |                        |                     |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 01 Noah Krasno         | 11 Ann Wallace      |
| 02 Cassandra Mask      | 12 Matt Cook        |
| 02 Elizabeth Siwica    | 12 Carly Wray       |
| 03 Matthew Wood        | 12 Mila Jones       |
| 03 Shijia Barnabee     | 14 Shawn Moloney    |
| 05 Juanita Borysewich  | 15 David VanBrackle |
| 05 Warren Foley        | 15 Britton Bertram  |
| 05 Afuah Baadu         | 19 Dennis Salmon    |
| 06 John Franklin       | 20 Harry Carls      |
| 06 Samantha Gabrielson | 20 Victoria Vargas  |
| 07 Chris Stalder       | 21 Susan Kaney      |
| 07 Catherine Johnson   | 23 James Peseah     |
| 09 Clay Elliott        | 23 Helen DeBevoise  |
| 11 Karen Lowdermilk    | 27 Jill Schubert    |
|                        | 28 Evie Park        |
|                        | 28 Rose Jones       |
|                        | 28 Zach Monahan     |

## PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF PARK LAKE

**PW Circle Members** and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative. Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.



**Dorcas: Monday, May 4**  
**1:00pm, Westminster Winter Park**  
**Circle Representative and**  
**Bible Moderator**  
Sandy Bogner

**Joanna: Monday, May 4**  
**7:00 pm, Parlor**  
**Circle Representative**  
Sherry Riley  
**Bible Moderator**  
Helen DeBevoise

**Sarah: Monday, May 4**  
**2:00 pm, Westminster Towers, Town Hall**  
**Circle Representative & Bible Moderator**  
Marian Price

**Esther: Tuesday, May 5**  
**6:30 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall**  
**Circle Representative**  
Erin Cook  
**Bible Moderator**  
Anne Vercheski

### 2026–2027 PW/HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

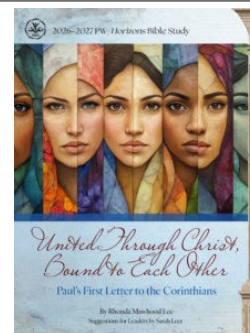
#### *United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*

by Rhonda Mawhood Lee

Paul wrote at a time when Christians expected Jesus' imminent return; he challenged his friends to be ready when that day came. Two thousand years later, the church is still waiting, still affirming that Jesus will return, and still proclaiming that this world has already been transformed by God's life-giving love. Our challenge remains to live in ways that demonstrate our trust in the resurrection.

Many of the questions asked by our earliest siblings in faith remain ours, too. How can our lives demonstrate our trust in Jesus Christ's victory over death? What do we do when different understandings of the gospel undermine church unity? How can Christians understand gender and sexuality? When conflict arises, how do we deal with it?

This Bible study will raise many questions while providing few direct answers. Those, you will seek yourself through prayerful reading, thinking, and discussion. I pray that unity in Jesus Christ will guide you and your study group and inspire you, together, to do everything in love.



- *Have you recently moved?*
- *Do we have your updated mailing address, email or phone number?*



**Please check your address in the online Church Directory to update your mailing address and contact information go to [Instant Church Directory](#), or contact Carol Bookhardt at [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com).**

To access the directory online, go to [members.InstantChurchDirectory.com](https://members.InstantChurchDirectory.com) and enter your email address as listed in the directory. Click on **"Send Secure Sign-In Link."** Then check your email and click on the **"Log in to Instant Church Directory"** button found in your email. Important: Your email address **must be listed in the directory before you can log in.** Check with Carol Bookhardt in the church office if you need to confirm your email address.

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\*\*\*DATED MATERIAL\*\*\*

Rev. Dr. Helen M. DeBevoise, Co-pastor  
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**COME WORSHIP WITH US!  
ALL ARE WELCOME**

**9:00 AM—10:00 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL  
From Infants - Adults  
(Education building)**

**10:00 AM—10:30 AM COFFEE FELLOWSHIP  
(Struble Fellowship Hall)**

**10:30 AM WORSHIP SERVICE  
(Sanctuary)**



Visit Park Lake's Little Free Library, take a book and leave a book!

Located at the Education building entrance off of Highland.