

Worship and Work

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Summer EVENTS

JUNE

- ◆ **Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6**
FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)
Art Stroll, Live Music (faithartsvillage.com)
- ◆ **Saturday, June 13 - Saturday, June 20**
Montreat Youth Conference - High School Youth



JULY

- ◆ **Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4**
FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)
Art Stroll, Live Music (faithartsvillage.com)
- ◆ **Saturday, July 4 - Independence Day**
Happy 250 Years America!
(faithartsvillage.com)
- ◆ **Monday, July 13 - Friday, July 17, 9:00 am - 12noon**
Vacation Bible School - Snowball Mountain Challenge



AUGUST

- ◆ **Friday, August 7 and Saturday, August 7 & 8**
FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)
Art Stroll, Live Music (faithartsvillage.com)
- ◆ **Sunday, August 23 - Rally Day-Sunday School**
8:30 am - 10:00 am Breakfast,
multi-generation Sunday school,
interactive Bible themed activities.
(Struble Fellowship Hall)



CONFIRMATION CLASS

Congratulations to our confirmands, Campbell Bertram Connolly and Jensen Bertram Connolly who were baptized and joined Park Lake on Sunday, May 31, 2026.

Campbell and Jensen participated in a 12 week confirmation class during the Sunday school hour. Teachers used the "Big God, Big Questions" curriculum. Thank you to teachers Pastors Dan and Helen DeBevoise, Erin Cook and Scott Trauger.



Pastor Dan DeBevoise baptizing Campbell and Jensen.

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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.

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Congratulations!
Celebrating our Graduates!



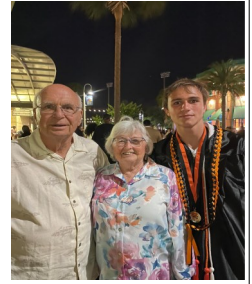
Alison (Ali) Walker

Ali graduated in May from University High school and plans to attend University of Central Florida in the fall. Ali is the daughter of Susan Frith and John Walker, and sister of Sarah Walker.



RC Delany

RC DeLany graduated in May from Seminole High School and will be attending Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona. RC is the son of Melissa Delany, grandson of Clay and Billie Jo Elliott and nephew of Erin and Matt Cook.



Elizabeth Abel

Elizabeth graduated in December 2025, with a Masters degree in Hospital Administration from Advent Health. Elizabeth's parents are Sara and Rick Abel, and her brother is William Abel.

Kwame Aniapam, Jr.

Kwame graduated with his MBA from the University of Miami. Kwame is the son of Justina and Kwame Aniapam, his brothers are Kobi and Jonathan.

Rev. Dr. Eliza DeBevoise

Eliza graduated with her Doctorate of Professional Leadership (EdD) from Converse University, in Spartanburg, SC. Eliza is the daughter-in-law of Pastors Dan and Helen DeBevoise and is married to their son John Daniel DeBevoise, and daughter is baby Sadie.



Megan DiSalvo

Megan graduated from University of Central Florida in December 2025 with a degree in Hospitality and is working in Orlando for an event planning company. Megan is the daughter of John and Nancy DiSalvo and sister to Will and sister-in-law Bri DiSalvo.



Frances Turk

Frances graduated in May from Georgetown University with her Masters in International Pubic Health. Frances is daughter to Park Lake Missionaries Elizabeth and Dan Turk, her grandparents are Nancy and Bill Warlick and brother Robert.





WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT



Frances Turk and Emmanuel Bakou

will be married at Park Lake on Saturday, **June 20th at 1:00 pm**. Frances is Dan and Elizabeth Turk's daughter and Bill and Nancy Warlick's granddaughter. Park Lake members who would like to attend are invited to the ceremony in the Park Lake Sanctuary.

	<p><i>Gifts Given in Memory of</i> <i>Robert Saxton</i> <i>by</i> <i>Helen Potter</i></p>	
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ROOTBEER AND COOKIES SOCIAL



Thank You to the Park Lake Deacons for the root beer floats and cookies!

Board of Deacons: John Hunter, Susan Frith, Mary Daly, Angela Chesser and Billie Jo Elliott.

Pictured: Jane Callahan, Nancy Warlick, Casey Cox, John Hunter, Nancy Hunter, Susan Frith, Mary Daly, Angela Chesser, Billie Jo Elliott.



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



VBS DECORATING PREP

(Struble Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday,
June 17

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

(Bring a bag dinner)

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



VBS FINAL DECORATING

Please contact Anne Vercheski to let her know when you are available to help.

Monday , July 6, through Saturday, July 11.

All are welcome to help put the finishing touches on our VBS set and decorations!

AND

Sunday, July 12 - Volunteers needed for final decorating and setting up check in tables.

After worship, lunch provided! Struble Fellowship Hall. Please R.S.V.P. please contact Anne Vercheski.



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** 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.

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!

**VOULUNTER OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER
WE LOVE VOLUNTEERS!**



Join an upcoming information session to learn more about all of the available volunteer opportunities with the Christian Service Center for the Homeless.

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER INFORMATION SESSIONS

Friday, June 12, 10:30 am - 12noon
Friday, June 26, 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Go to: volunteer@Christianservicecenter.org

We could not accomplish our mission without you! Whether you want to be on the front lines and serving lunch, checking clients in for services, working behind the scenes sorting and organizing donations, or preparing groceries for a family in need, we have an opportunity for you! View all our current volunteer assignments by clicking on the "Volunteer Opportunities" on the Volunteer page.

Our volunteer assignments are between Monday-Friday from 8:00am-4:00pm, however, if you are looking for weekends or evenings [check out our onsite partners](#) for additional opportunities!

OTHER CURRENT VOLUNTEER ROLES

West Orange / Ocoee Campus

Our West Orange location is looking for part-time volunteers to assist in the following ways:

- Daily Bread Lunchtime Servers
- Thrift Store Assistant
- Front Desk Intake & Phones Assistant (Spanish-speaking preferred)
- Providing Meals on Weekends and Holidays!

BLESSING BAG MINISTRY

During the Sunday school hour on May 31st, the Elementary aged class assembled 30 blessing bags! Thank you to Meredith and Brett Hampton for bringing the supplies and encouraging us to give to others in need.

Blessing Bags contain water, food and hygiene items for the homeless will also be available for pick-up to hand out to those you come across in need. ***Please pick up a blessing bag on the way out the door after worship!***



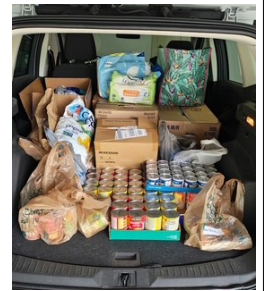
Assembling blessing bags: Meredith Hampton, Tucker Hampton, Piper Bertram Connolly, Brett Hampton, Jeremiah Call and Carol Bookhardt.

Park Lake Presbyterian Church has participated in the Offering of Letters for many years. This year, **Sunday, May 24**, was our Offering of Letters Sunday. Park Lakers were invited to bring letters to be delivered to Washington. Thank you for your consideration to participate in this offering. Bread for the World (www.bread.org) is a Christian advocacy organization urging decision makers to support policies and programs to end hunger in the United States and around the world. Every year, Bread for the World organizes churches, community organizations and people of faith from across the country to write letters and emails to their members of Congress who have the power to impact the policies and programs that can end hunger.



FOOD COLLECTION for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

The Food Bank at [Washington Shores Presbyterian Church](#) continues to be in great need of items.



Updated request: canned ravioli, Spaghetios, spaghetti with meatballs, ramen noodle cups, peanut butter and jelly, saltine crackers, cereal, deodorant and toothpaste.

Cash donations are also appreciated to purchase needed items. Please bring your pantry donations to church on Sundays before or after worship to the West transept of the Sanctuary. Thank you for helping your neighbor!

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

Friday, June 5 and
Saturday, June 6
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

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

YOUTH SUNDAY - TO BE ANNOUNCED!

Upcoming this summer!

10:30 am Worship
(Sanctuary)



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.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Anniversaries

- 04 Eleanor and Ron Hummert
- 06 Sandra and Raymond Burris
- 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
- 03 Carol Fisher
- 04 Brett Hampton
- 05 Mark Sonderman
- 06 Marian Price
- 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
- 26 Walk Jones
- 29 Rich Siwica



THE POTTER'S HAND **Combining Art and Faith**

Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm



Come get creative with us this summer when our own Sarah Walker is going to share art techniques and practices she's learning during her studies at SCAD (Savannah School of Arts and Design). It will be like our own mini art lesson from SCAD. Come for the fun and creativity, and come support Sarah who is already a fabulous teacher.

Please contact Helen DeBevoise to participate.

The GayStraight@ParkLake group lunch gathering in June will be on **Sunday, June 21**. Join us as an ally or LGBTQ+ person. We meet on the third Sunday of each month after worship, 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.



FOR MORE
 INFORMATION ABOUT
 GayStraight@Park Lake

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.

PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, June 25

10:00 am

Downstairs Koinonia Room,
Sanctuary Building.



Our June book is "The Guardians" by John Grisham.
 For more information, contact Sherry Riley.

PW BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON AND OFFERING



Congratulations to Leesa Bainbridge who received the PW Honorary Life Membership.

On Sunday, May 17, we gathered together for the Annual Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon and Birthday offering. Thank you to everyone who attended. Fried chicken, birthday cake and delicious side dishes were enjoyed by all. Thank you to the team who planned the luncheon, set up, cleaned up, decorated and brought food. The total collected on Sunday for the Birthday offering was \$1370.24. The top three birth month winners were: First Place was March - \$315; Second Place was July -- \$308.44; Third Place was May - \$225. The Annual Birthday Offering that was collected helps women in oppressive situations.



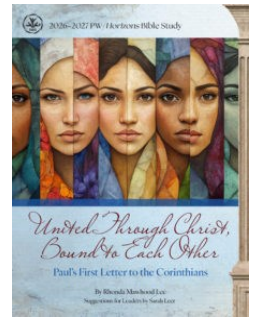
To give or to learn more about the Birthday Offering by visiting presbyterianwomen.org/birthday.

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.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN PURPOSE

Our Purpose

Everything we do as an organization and as a community is guided by our PW Purpose, and that includes ministry, resources and relationships.

Forgiven and freed by God in Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves:

- to nurture our faith through prayer and Bible study,
to support the mission of the church worldwide,
to work for justice and peace, and
to build an inclusive, caring community of women that strengthens the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and witnesses to the promise of God's kingdom.

Anyone who supports the Purpose in any way is participating in Presbyterian Women. Presbyterian Women are aligned under a shared Purpose, but the gifts of the Spirit allow us to live into the Purpose in our own, unique ways. (presbyterianwomen.org/)

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Return Service Requested

DATED MATERIAL

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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.