

Worship and Work

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Sunday Morning
Adult Study

JULY - COMBINED ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

July 12, 19 and 26
9:00 am - 10:00 am

Led by Helen and Dan DeBevoise

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

SAVE THE DATE!

RALLY DAY IS COMING

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30 am - 10:00 am

ALL ARE WELCOME!



Rally Day is Christian Education's celebration of the end of the summer and beginning of a new season of learning and growing in our faith. This intergenerational event will be fun for all ages. Join us for breakfast at **8:30 am**, followed by a time for fellowship and learning.

SPECIAL EVENT

MISSION PARTNER, BERRY LONG

Wednesday, July 29

7:00 pm

(Struble Fellowship Hall)



We are delighted that our long-time mission partner and friend Berry Long of the Outreach Foundation will join us at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29 to update us on his work and recent trip to Tete Province. Time with Berry and his wife, Elizabeth, is always enlightening and inspiring. Please join us in Struble Fellowship Hall. Desserts will be provided. *Hosted by Park Lake's Mission Committee.*



Blessing of the
Backpacks

ATTENTION PARK LAKE CHILDREN AND YOUTH!

Bring your backpacks to worship on **Sunday, August 9th**, to receive a special blessing and prayer for the upcoming school year!

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COUNTING TIME

My doctor asked me how my summer was going. Maybe it was a standard question, one where she was only half-listening for an answer, or more likely she thought she already knew the answer. I said, "Crazy busy! When will things slow down?" She gave me a strange look. "I don't know anyone who is MORE busy in the summer. Tell me again what you do?" (I only see her once a year, if that often.)

I've been rushing around for the month of June preparing to help chaperone our youth to Montreat conferences, and following that to attend the annual Montreat Worship and Music Conference, as well as finish up requirements for Expressive Arts Certification. And in the midst of this our family has celebrated birthdays, anniversaries, family gatherings, and memorial services. It truly has been a whirlwind.

But the Church calendar agrees with my doctor and says that we have entered into a season of Ordinary Time. "Ordinary" comes from the same root as the word "ordinal", and in this sense means "the counted weeks". In the Catholic Church and in some Protestant traditions, these are the common weeks which do not celebrate any particular season such as Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, or Easter. Ordinary Time will stretch out for 6 long months until Advent begins. In many ways Ordinary time seems to be so drawn out because it is missing any important church and faith celebrations we have come to know and love. "Ordinary Time" is not particularly ordinary or slow, but it does carry a different rhythm, that can feel more spacious, less structured, and allows us to open up to new things God might be doing in our lives.

We can ask: How do I practice this more "spacious" time? How might I welcome the "new things" which God might be opening me up to? What things excite and inspire me in this ordinary time? I mentioned above that I am becoming certified as an Expressive Arts Facilitator. This has been a multi-year study and clinical process for me. I have found that the combination of different arts modalities with prayer, bible study, and preaching has opened up my faith in wonderful new ways! I have used the arts in worship, with the Potter's Hand Art group, with youth and young children, in adult Sunday school classes. Faith and Creativity have opened up new things for me even after 40 years (or so) in ministry. I'm excited about that!

If you are interested in exploring new ideas about the faithful walk with Christ, let's talk! Or perhaps it's not a new idea, but an idea that has been percolating for a while and now is the time to see what more it can become.

We have time! Ordinary time of spaciousness, invitation, and creativity. I'd love to engage with you about that.

This may very well become a very "Extra-Ordinary" Time.

Helen DeBevoise
helenparklake@gmail.com

**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.



**Happy 111th Birthday
to
Helen Potter!**

July 3, 2026



SUMMER FUN!

FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE - YOUTH GOUP



**2026 MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE
"Wonder & Wander"**

This summer your Park Lake Youth - Aaron, Ali, Campbell, Daet, Grayson and Tatumn went to Montreat Youth Conference June 14 - 19. While leaders, Erin Cook and pastor Helen DeBevoise "Wondered & Wandered" with them throughout the week. We learned that the "Wonder of God" is bigger and deeper than we realize and that we need to slow down, breathe and look up and all around to experience the magnificence of God's creation. We discovered the "Wander" of then taking the next step and going out into God's universe and seeking ways to serve, raise our voices and sharing our faith. We experienced both the awe of nature and action of kindness by helping at the Dr. John Wilson Community Garden in Black Mountain.



Throughout the week, the youth enjoyed recreation games, energizers, praise songs, worshipping together and listening to the key note speaker, Seth Lovell Pastor from Olivet PC in Charlottesville, VA and pastor Cedric Portis from Third PC in St. Louis, MO.

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THANK YOU for your support, enthusiasm and prayers for us!





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 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.

Thank you to all who donated empty tissue boxes and grocery bags for VBS Crafts! We are looking forward to creating and learning about God with the children during our VBS week!

The tissue boxes will be decorated by the children with stickers and made into Prayer boxes The grocery bags are used to hold all of the weeks creations to be taken home on the last day of VBS.



**CALLING ALL VBS YOUTH
& ADULT VOLUNTEERS
POST VBS WRAP-UP MEETING**

Struble Fellowship Hall
**Friday, July 17, after VBS
12noon, lunch provided**

All volunteers, youth and adults are encouraged to attend. We will gather to share a meal and discuss how VBS went. We also will take down decorations and clean-up. Please R.S.V.P for lunch to Anne Vercheski.

COME JOIN US FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL!

Summer Offerings

SUNDAY CHURCH SCHOOL

Education Building, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

- ◆ **July combined Adult Classes** - all meet in Struble Fellowship Hall - study led by Helen and Dan DeBevoise.
- ◆ **Disciples Class - June and August** - *Studying the book of Matthew*
- ◆ **Koinonia/Fellowship Class - June and August**, Education building, Parlor. *The Present Word: A study of worship practices offered as a grateful response to God.*
- ◆ **Logos Class - 30s and 40s — June and August** - Sanctuary building, downstairs-office conference room.
- ◆ **Young Adult and College** - Contact Erin Cook for upcoming Young Adult gatherings.
- ◆ **PreK - Kindergarten & Elementary - 1st grade - 5th grade—Summer combined classes** - *Big Ideas*
- ◆ **Middle and High School Youth - Summer combined classes** -
- ◆ **Nursery - birth - up to age 3**

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Sunday, July 5



Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. *To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to: cfpresbytery.org*

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

We encourage you to give generously and directly to social service agencies that are under great financial stress at this time. Go to websites of these Park Lake's ministry partners to find out how to help.



The Christian Service Center
christianservicecenter.org



Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida
FOR THE HOMELESS OF CENTRAL FLORIDA
centralfloridahomeless.org



Grace Medical Home
gracemedicalhome.org



Society of St. Andrew
GLEANNING AMERICA'S FIELDS
FEEDING AMERICA'S HUNGRY
EndHunger.org
Society of St. Andrew
endhunger.org



United Against Poverty
unitedagainstopoverty.org



Zebra Youth
www.zebrayouth.org

BREAD FOR THE WORLD Letter Writing Campaign



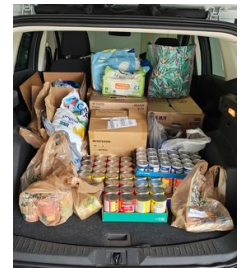
Good News!! Here is the breakdown for the Bread for the World letters which our church members wrote. The church bulletin that we got 75 Bread Offering of Letters written for 2026?

- Sen. Rick Scott 31
- Sen. Ashley Moody 20
- Rep. Maxwell Frost 16
- Rep. Darren Soto 2
- 6 were mailed directly

I am so pleased that we got 75 letters written this year by members of our congregation and friends. I took our letters to a member of our Bread Leadership team who took them to Washington, D.C.

Thank you to all who wrote letters,
Nancy Warlick, Mission Committee

FOOD COLLECTION for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY



The Food Bank at [Washington Shores Presbyterian Church](http://WashingtonShoresPresbyterianChurch) 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, July 3 and
Saturday, July 4
5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**

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



Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

- 02 Brent Trauger
- 03 Helen Potter
- 04 Alison Heittman
- 04 Elizabeth Collins
- 04 Martin Peasah
- 07 Susan Gantt
- 08 Daniel DeBevoise
- 09 Jason Loudermilk
- 09 Martha Baadu
- 09 Anne Louise Branstetter
- 10 Hannah Patterson
- 11 Erin Cook
- 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 Paige McRight
- 31 Ted Szymankiewicz



THE POTTER'S HAND Combining Art and Faith Wednesday, July 22 (Struble Fellowship Hall)



Sarah Walker will lead us in another fun art technique! space limited - reserve your spot!

Please contact Helen DeBevoise to participate.

The **GayStraight@ParkLake** group lunch gathering in June will be on **Sunday, July 19**. 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, July 23 10:00 am Downstairs Koinonia Room, Sanctuary Building.



Our July book is "The Briar Club" by Kate Quinn. For more information, contact Sherry Riley.

Presbyterian Women of Central Florida
Annual Bible Study Event
Saturday, August 8th
Pineda Presbyterian Church
5650 N. Wickham Road
Melbourne, FL



Presented by Rev. Emily Wasser Pastor of Pineda Presbyterian Church Reverend Emily Wasser grew up in Allentown, Pennsylvania. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and Religion with a concentration in Ministerial Studies from Montreat College in 2011 and her Master of Divinity from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2014. In July 2025 Emily joined Pineda Presbyterian Church as Pastor prior to serving for 2 1/2 years as Interim Pastor at St. Luke's Presbyterian Church and 7 years as Associate Pastor at Winter Park Presbyterian Church. Emily currently lives in Orlando, Florida.

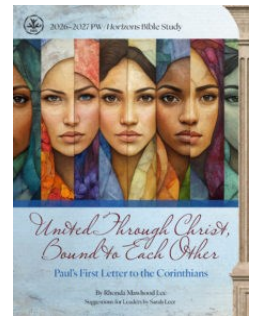
To register go to: pwcfp.com/pwcfp-annual-bible-study-event.html

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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JULY
2026



**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.