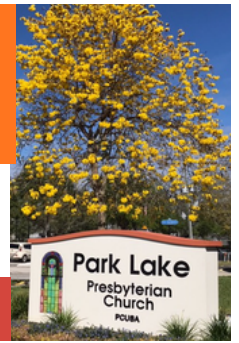


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- 7pm Missionaries from Peru presentation & Dessert

Sunday, October 11

- Cookies and Lemonade, after worship

Wednesday, October 14

- 6pm - 8pm, Potter's Hand

Friday, October 16

- 6pm - Friday Night Live - Youth Group

Saturday, October 17

- 12pm - Park Lake PRIDE & Blessing of the Pets
booths @ Pride Festival

Sunday, October 18

- Stewardship Dinner, after worship

Wednesday, October 21

- 6:30 pm Dessert and Presentation,
hosted by Micah 6:8 committee & Park Lake PRIDE
(see page 4)

Thursday, October 22

- Page Turners Book Club (see page 6)

Saturday, October 24

- 5pm-6pm - Trunk or Treat (see page 3)



Join us **Sunday, October 18**, following worship for our **Stewardship Dinner** and 101st church birthday. The Stewardship theme this year is "Tending the Fire for Generations".

Stewardship Dedication Sunday will be Sunday, **November 15**. Stewardship materials will be distributed in October.

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CO-PASTOR CORNER

At a session meeting earlier this summer members of the session were asked to write a five word story of their faith. They were given just a few minutes to think about it and here are some of the five word faith stories they shared.

- God's love in real people
- People I love and trust
- God's grace is for everyone
- Love, trust, openness, prayer, vulnerability
- Loving communities of Jesus Christ
- Grandpa drove crazy, we lived
- Family of God loves all
- Fear not, I'm with you
- God called, I answered
- I read the Bible
- Don't have to wear tights
- The continued journey inspires faith
- God's light shows in love
- God, life and death, us



It's a challenging and fun exercise to try to put in five words the story of your faith. What would you write? Each of the five word faith stories above is unique and is a key to how different people reflect on the ways God has been present and active in their lives. Each story has twists and turns of how people felt called, comforted, challenged and led by God. I think the exercise also helps us to better discern what God may be doing in our lives now.

The stories also share many of the same words and ideas. They help us to see the ways our individual stories are woven together into God's larger story. The character of the Christian faith is such that it is a narrative that gives us identity and belonging. We make sense of the world around us and our place in it, often in the midst of events that seem very senseless, in terms of God's purposes revealed in Jesus Christ.

Our stewardship theme this year is another five word faith story: **Tending the Fire for Generations.** When we think of the story of Park Lake Presbyterian Church; its past, present, and future, we can see a central theme - the dedication of its members to nurture a love for God, a passion to serve Jesus Christ, and build a community of Christian fellowship that embodies Jesus' love for each other and the world. The fire of faith burns with warmth, energy, and devotion across generations in Park Lake's story. As we consider the opportunities and needs before us in this stewardship season we are aware of the joyful charge to tend the fire of faith today and for those to come tomorrow.

The charge to tend the fire for generations is a call to turn toward the hope, light, goodness, and love that burn brightly in Jesus Christ and are kindled in us by the work of the Holy Spirit. We tend the fire by turning toward God and trusting that God's story is the story of our lives. We tend the fire by offering our lives as we share and live out the gospel story of Jesus Christ in all that we are and do.

Dan DeBevoise, Co-pastor

Tending the Fire for Generations
Stewardship 2027



CONGRATULATIONS MISS ANNETTE!
Park Lake Child Care Center

Annette Coley is celebrating 40 years of teaching at Park Lake Presbyterian Church Child Care Center! Miss Annette is the embodiment of what makes the PLPCCC such a blessing to children and their families: she's faithful, loving, caring, dedicated, fun, and wise.



Annette has shared her love with the children for 40 years, and 40 years' worth of children love Miss Annette! Thank you, Miss Annette!

***You are invited
to the Park Lake Family
Trunk or Treat***

Saturday, October 24

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Where: Park Lake Parking lot

Who: Children

(ages infant to 5th grade)

Families and Friends of Park Lake!

**Children are welcome to wear their
non-scary costumes!**

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



Marie Butlen

by

***Stix and Judy Cook
John and Anne Gandepe
Mary Martin***

Gifts Given in Memory of

John Loy

by

M.K. Loy

John Pattenson

by

Wesley Brumback



FOLLOWING LIGHT THROUGH THE DARKNESS

Advent Devotional writers needed!

Light features brightly throughout the Christmas story beginning with the prophetic word of Isaiah who attests that the beleaguered and beaten down people of Israel will indeed see the light and return from far away places. And then there are the magi, foreigners and outsiders to the promise, who from a distant country see the light of God beckoning them to come and make a witness to the new thing that the God of the covenant promise is doing for His people. The gospel of John does not have a traditional Christmas story but instead reaches all the way back to the beginning of God's story to say that Light is how God is entering the world through the Messiah.

So with great intention, we embrace light in the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Our Advent Devotion Book is about "Following Light through the Darkness." This annual daily devotion guide is written by members and friends of the Park Lake Presbyterian Church. It follows the format of assigned scripture. Personal reflection or story (around 300 words). Closing prayer. Let me know if you're inspired to write something. You do not need to have experience writing! There may simply be a story that "dawns" on you. We'd love to hear it. Email Helen DeBevoise to sign up to be a writer.



The Park Lake PRIDE group (formerly GayStraight@Park Lake) will not have a meeting in October because of our participation in the Pride Festival. We hope to see you there!

Use the UPC code below to find out more about Park Lake PRIDE.



UPCOMING EVENT Saturday, October 17

All are welcome!

Park Lake PRIDE will again have two booths at the 2026 Orlando PRIDE Festival on **Saturday, October 17th at Lake Eola.**

This is an 8-hour event, many volunteers are needed to fully staff two booths this year. 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.

The second booth will be for the Blessing of the Pets. Please consider joining others in a fun and invigorating celebration. Look for upcoming details on the volunteer schedule and how to volunteer in the Park Lake Up2date and Sunday bulletin insert. For more information, please speak with John Jenkins or fill out the Sunday Worship bulletin insert.

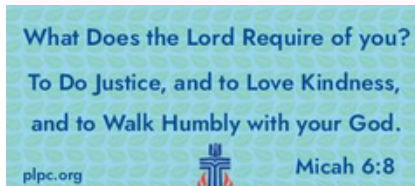
For more information about the Pride Festival, go to comeoutwithpride.org.

Park Lake PRIDE

A Ministry of Inclusion

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AN EVENING OF LEARNING

The Park Lake Micah 6:8 Committee and Park Lake PRIDE invite you to an evening of learning about the recent PCUSA General Assembly (GA) Policy Statement on White Christian Nationalism (WCN).

- What:** Discussion of PCUSA GA Policy Statement on White Christian Nationalism.
- Who:** Rev. Omar Gonzalez and Rev. Dr. Maynard Pittendreigh, College Park Presbyterian Church; Cindy Schmidt, Park Lake.
- Where:** Park Lake, Struble Fellowship Hall.
- When:** **Wednesday, October 21, 2026**
6:30pm Fellowship and Dessert
7:00pm Presentation

We hope you can come.



**CHRISTIAN
SERVICE CENTER**

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER UPDATE

The Christian Service Awards and Annual Banquet is Friday, October 9, 2026 at First Baptist Orlando, 8:00 am -10:00 am.

The annual banquet is the primary fundraising event for the CSC. Please see Leesa Bainbridge or John Bowers to reserve a spot.



Sunday, October 4

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING

Each month, on Communion Sunday, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH).

Thank you for giving.



Park Lake's Deacons send celebration cards to church members with birthdays and anniversaries, and they also reach out with notes of encouragement. They've been doing so ever since the Deaconate was reestablished here in 2021. This practice was inspired by the faithful correspondence of individual church members over many years.

Marie Butler, a longtime member who passed away in August, was remembered at her memorial service as a prolific and thoughtful card writer. So was the late Joan LeMosy, who often tucked photographs into her personalized notes to Park Lake members. We give thanks for cards that brightened so many mailboxes and for their model of congregational care.

The Deacons want to make sure we recognize your special occasions. Please let the church office know if we need to update your address or add your birthday or anniversary information to Park Lake's online directory (InstantChurchDirectory.com).

All deacons are listed on the church website, plpc.org/about-us/deacons/ or go to the Park Lake Member's directory to find out who your deacon is at InstantChurchDirectory.com.

Board of Deacons: Andy Cale, Billie Jo Elliott, Susan Frith, John Hunter, Barbara Martin, and Cindy Schmidt.

WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

The Food Bank at Washington Shores Presbyterian Church continues to be in great need of items.

Updated request: canned green beans, corn and sweet peas, deodorant, toothpaste and other toiletries.



*Please check
Expiration
Dates!*



PERU MISSION PRESENTATIONS In Central Florida September 25-October 12

Phoebe Clark Drew-Bell will be giving a presentation at Park Lake Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, **October 7 at 7pm**. Please bring a dessert and come hear about the recent mission trip, upcoming mission opportunities, and the exciting things happening in Kusi Village, Peru.

Central Florida Presbytery has been taking mission teams to various Scripture Union Ministry locations throughout Peru since 1997. Since 2019 Barbara Sayles has been taking teams to Kusi Village near the town of Yungay, Peru deep in the Andes mountains. Kusi Village was the brainchild of long time missionary, Paul Clark. In 2019 Paul made the difficult decision to handoff the baton from his 60 year ministry with Scripture Union, Peru to daughter Janie Mach and granddaughter Phoebe Clark Drew-Bell who will be in the states visiting some of our churches in September/October. Janie serves as Director of Kusi, Phoebe lives on sight in Kusi Village as Project Manager.

If you are unable to attend on October 7, below are some additional dates/churches you are welcome to attend :

Sunday, October 4 - 9:30am Winter Park Presbyterian, room 301; Minute for Mission in the 10:45 Service

Sunday, October 11 - 10am First Presbyterian, DeLand.

Barbara Sayles, Hunger Action Advocate
Central Florida Presbytery
cfpresbytery.org/

UPCOMING EVENTS



FAVO (FAITH ARTS VILLAGE ORLANDO)

First Fridays and First Saturdays ART EXHIBITS

Friday, October 2 and Saturday, October 3

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

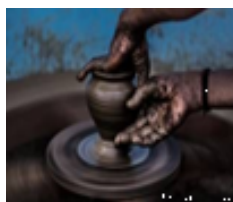


Come stroll through the artist studios, listen to live music and enjoy a relaxing evening with friends.

THE POTTER'S HAND Combining Art and Faith

The Potter's Hand will meet on Wednesday **October 14** to explore the theme of "Tending the Flame: Art and Light." We'll talk about obscure art style of the Renaissance period, the play between light and dark in art and we'll paint candles!

RSVP to Helen DeBevoise to let us know you're coming.



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

Thursday, October 22

10:00 am

Downstairs Koinonia Room,
Sanctuary Building.



Our October book is "The Book Club for Troublesome Women", by Marie Bostwick. For more information, contact Sherry Riley.



Anniversaries

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

Birthdays

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



UPCOMING in NOVEMBER at PARK LAKE!

Sunday, November 1

- Daylight Savings - turn clocks back

Monday, November 2

- Dorcas Circle, 1pm, Westminster Winter Park
- Sarah Circle, 2pm, Westminster Towers
- Joanna Circle, 7pm, Parlor

Tuesday, November 3

- Esther Circle 6:30pm, Struble Fellowship Hall

Friday and Saturday, November 6 & 7

- 5pm - 9pm - FAVO-Art Stroll, live music

Friday-Sunday, November 6-8

- Camp Cedarkirk Fusion - Youth Group Mission Retreat

Sunday, November 15

- Stewardship Dedication Sunday
- Annual Youth Thanksgiving Lunch, after worship

Sunday, November 29 - **First Sunday of Advent**

- Advent Devotionals available
- Daily Advent Devotional emails





SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, December 6
after worship
Struble Fellowship Hall
ESTHER CIRCLE
GINGERBREAD BUILD
FUNDRAISER
(details to be announced)



PARK LAKE PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY 2026-2027

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?

For more information about Presbyterian Women,
go to: <https://www.presbyterianwomen.org/>

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, October 5

1:00 pm, Westminster Winter Park
Circle Representative and Bible Moderator
Sandy Bogner

Sarah: Monday, October 5

2:00 pm, Westminster Towers, Town Square
Circle Representative and
Bible Moderator
Marian Price

Joanna: Monday, October 5

7:00 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative, Sherry Riley
Bible Moderator, Helen DeBevoise

Esther: Tuesday, October 6

6:30 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall
Circle Representative, Erin Cook
Bible Moderator, Anne Vercheski



Lee Bessonette, Rosalyn Russell, Jim Bogner, Helen Potter, Bonnie McKnight, Forrest Cheek, Mary Bookhardt Sikes.

If you would like to receive the prayer chain emails to join others in prayer, please contact Helen DeBevoise.

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COME WORSHIP WITH US!
ALL ARE WELCOME
Sundays at Park Lake

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)