# Worship and Work

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# Join us in July!

**Annual Combined Adult Sunday School** 9:00am

> **Struble Fellowship Hall** July 11, 18, 25

Led by Dan and Helen DeBevoise interesting studies, great conversation with other class members, mingling with new faces. See you then!



# **Rally Day** All are Welcome!

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Join us on Rally day, to kick off the new Sunday School season!

Watch for details in upcoming bulletins and the weekly Park Lake Up2date emails.







# **Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Congratulations to Susan Gantt** 

Park Lake Presbyterian Women

Presented by previous Lifetime Achievement recipients Marian Price and Nancy Clark



The Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women was born in 1922 when the members of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, were challenged to give a penny for each year of their life as a "birthday gift" for mission. For just shy of 100 years this offering has provided life-giving grants to mission projects throughout the world.



On Sunday, June 27th, we invited the congregation to join us in rejoicing for the birthdays God has given each one of us, by donating to the PW Birthday Offering! Flower pots were set out for each month of the year. Donations were put in the "month" that the donor was born. As of this date, the month of March received the most donations with a total of \$170.75 and July coming in second at \$100.92. The total given to the PW Birthday offering is \$527.46. The projects receiving funds from the 2021 offering are helping others reach birthdays through safer births and second chances. Thank you to our Park Lake congregation for your support! If you didn't have a chance to give on Sunday, please send your donation to the church office at, 309 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801, to Presbyterian Women, and note that it is for the PW Birthday offering.









As we get halfway through 2021, I want to lift up church news for you to know.

- The repair/renovation of the Education Building is almost complete! The Child Care
  Center returned to their classrooms on Monday, June 21 and are thrilled to be back
  in their space. The church's furniture was returned to the church classrooms on
  Tuesday, June 22. We are especially grateful to Nancy Jones, who has been
  overseeing this project for the past six months, and to EVERYONE, who worked so
  graciously and cooperatively during a difficult time.
- The session voted to reinstate the office of deacon at Park Lake. Deacons will focus on ministries of congregational care, compassion, assistance, and hospitality. Soon the congregation will be asked to approve revised by-laws for the church reinstating a board of deacons and then vote on an initial slate of 6 deacons. You can submit names of individuals to serve as deacon via email or forms in the church bulletin.
- A team from the church has been working with the Zebra Coalition to develop a long range plan to use the front portion of the hotel property for Zebra's transitional housing program. You may have seen recent news articles about this project. We are working on a financial plan in cooperation with Zebra to provide funds to renovate the buildings, as well as putting together a long term lease agreement that protects the church's interest in the property and guarantees Zebra's program needs for an acceptable period of time. We are very excited about the enthusiastic response from the City of Orlando and community in support of this project. At the appropriate time, the congregation will be given an opportunity to vote on a formal agreement regarding the property's use for this project. It is an exciting mission opportunity, but with significant challenges to make it happen.
- A team appointed by the session has also been working on property code violations related to the hotel property. McCree construction has rectified some of those violations. We are currently working with McCree to develop a plan to address the remaining code violations.
- Insurance policies for the church were recently renewed for June 2021-June 2022. As result of the property damage claim in the education building, the previous insurance carrier did not automatically renew the church's insurance for this year. This combined with other factors, (1) notice of building age and conditions coming from the damage claim, (2) decrease in companies willing to insure churches, (3) general rate increases throughout the insurance market, Park Lake's insurance policies will increase approximately \$45,000 for this policy year.
- Vacation Bible School will be held July 19-23. Thank you to all the volunteers who will help the Bible schoolers be "Knights of North Castle" and be "strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power". (Eph. 6:10)
- We need teachers for Children's Sunday School and Children's Church. If you can volunteer to help please let Helen DeBevoise know, at helparklake@gmail.com.
- We need volunteer church bus drivers for Sunday mornings. A special license is not needed. If you're interested please contact Dan DeBevoise at danparklake@gmail.com

God bless you, Dan DeBevoise



On Monday, June 21st, posters of thanks lined the hallway of the church office as a thank you to the church staff, created by the Park Lake Child Care center, teachers and children. We are grateful that we had a space for them during the Education building renovation. We truly miss their smiling faces!



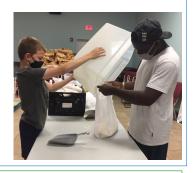
# Park Lake Youth Mission Trip **Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center** and Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Thomas and Dominic, Park Lake children and youth, and adult leaders, Alice and Lauren, helped pack food at Beth-El Farmworker Ministry and staying overnight at Camp Cedarkirk, a Presbyterian Youth Camp in Lithia, FL. Thank you for helping your neighbor!











Camp Cedarkirk is a year round camp and conference center owned by the Presbyteries of Tampa Bay and Peace River. It is located on the Alafia River within 170 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and

uplands. Cedarkirk is dedicated to providing a place for individuals and groups to have the opportunity for spiritual renewal and growth in a natural environment. (cedarkirk.org)

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, began in 1976 when a small group of Cumberland Presbyterians rented a tiny house in Ruskin, Florida and began holding Spanish-language church services for migrant farmworkers. When the families came to worship, their many other needs were obvious: they were usually hungry, often cold in winter, some slept in cars or trucks, many could neither read nor



write, and most lived in fear of deportation. In its effort to meet some of those needs, Beth-El grew.

Now legally a nonprofit corporation, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, Inc. has a 27 acre site on U.S. Highway 301 about 20 miles south of Tampa. The Ministry serves the nearby rural population. It operates under a covenant among its governing bodies, the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and the Tampa Bay and Peace River Presbyteries of the Presbyterian Church (USA). (beth-el.org)



Eleanore Kaney, Larry Fisher, Ron Hummert, Anne Stella, Cliff Black, Marian Price, Jean Polk, Bettye Highsmith Miller, Carson Bevil, Kathy Dowless, Jenny Knight, Bob McKnight, Kitty Osborn, Betty Jean Patton, Matilda Peasah, Emma McDonald, Mary (Bookhardt) Sikes, Andy DeBevoise and the many who are experiencing the effects of COVID-19.

If you would like to receive the prayer chain emails to join others in prayer, please contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com

#### Missions and Outreach



We are putting together **Usher Teams** to serve each Sunday during worship. If you are interested in serving, please contact Aaron Hull at hullscion@yahoo.com

# **5 Cents Per Meal Offering** (1st Sundays at Park Lake) Sunday, July 4

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. The offering 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.

# Serving at the C.W.F. (Center for Women and Families)

OF CENTRAL FLORIDA We are looking for volunteers to serve dinner on the first Wednesday of each month at the C.W.F. (Center for Women and Families). The next day of serving will be on Wednesday, July 7. To volunteer, please contact Casey Cox at <a href="mailto:icaseycox@gmail.com">icaseycox@gmail.com</a> or Leesa Bainbridge at leesabainbridge1@gmail.com.



Men's Bible study will be on a break through July and August. We will resume in September. Bible Study Mondays, at 12noon, contact Dan DeBevoise for details, Danparklake@Gmail.com



#### Please remember your financial contributions

Thank you for your continued faithfulness and generosity as we

continue to do ministry in this pandemic time. Your financial support is a big part of our ability to continue to grow in our faith and discipleship in the name of Christ, to reach out in compassion and love to our world.

Please send your regular tithes and offerings by mail to the church where you can complete your text office at Park Lake Presbyterian Church, 309 E. Colonial Dr., Orlando, FL 32801

You can also give on-line at **plpc.org and click "Giving" at the top** of the Home Page.



You can also download the Give+ mobile app.

You can also give via text. Text dollar amount to Park Lake's Give+ Number **407-634-1303.** You will be sent a link donation, if it is your first text donation, you will set up an online profile. Future gifts will be completed simply by clicking the donate button.



# **FOOD COLLECTION** FOR WASHINGTON SHORES **FOOD PANTRY**

The next food collection will be:

#### Tuesday, July 13 and Tuesday, July 27

Please bring non-perishable donations to the circle drive at the West side entrance of the Sanctuary, off of Highland.

Donations may also be dropped off on Sundays before or after worship, in the West transept, in the Sanctuary.

Please pick up a blessing bag or two to give to those in need in our community.

#### Hygiene items:

#### Food items:

Socks (especially women's) Cereal Soap Tuna

Diapers Green beans

Disposable razors Food with pop-tops

Deodorant Sweet peas

Toilet paper

Rice **Toothbrushes** 

Spaghetti sauce Toothpaste Canned fruit **Dental floss** 

Shampoo

Sanitary supplies Women's Incontinence

items



Thank you to everyone who so generously donated canned goods and hygiene items to Washington Shores Presbyterian Church pantry on Tuesday, June 15th. Two cars were needed to deliver it all! Thank you to Barbara Martin and Liz Welker for driving the donations to WSPC. Thank you to John Bowers and Anne Vercheski for organizing the volunteers.

#### **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





#### **Grace Medical Home**

gracemedicalhome.org





AL|T|ON Coalition for the Homeless FOR THE HOMELESS of Central Florida

centralfloridahomeless.org



#### Zebra Coalition

www.zebrayouth.org

# Park Lake's Little Free Library

Please think about visiting the Little Free Library outside of Struble Fellowship Hall. If your child's school books (reading, Science, Math), are in good shape, please consider donating them to the Little Free Library.

> Alice Schmidt, Park Lake Church Librarian



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



#### **Upcoming Events**



Children ages 4 through 5th grade.

Cost is \$10 per child,
maximum of \$25 per family.

Contact

Anne Vercheski, avercheski@cfl.rr.com,
with questions.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Park Lake
Vacation Bible School
July 19-23, 2021
Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 12noon



Knights of North Castle

Quest for the King's Armor

Invites children to be "strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power" by exploring how we put on the armor of God.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Ephesians 6:10

Look for registration information at plpc.org and in the Park Lake Up2Date emails (space is limited)



### **GayStraight@Park Lake**

GayStraight@ Park Lake's next meeting, will be held in person, on **Thursday, July 15**. We look forward to gathering for worship, fellowship and sharing God's love with all. For more information, contact Tony Boada at <a href="mailto:luis.boadadavila@gmail.com">luis.boadadavila@gmail.com</a> or Sue Thompson at <a href="mailto:sthomp0708@aol.com">sthomp0708@aol.com</a>.



#### **Page Turners Book Club**

We will be meeting on the 5th Thursday, July 29, as Park Lake will be having Vacation Bible school during the week of July 19—23rd. Our book for July is Ordinary Grace by William Kent Krueger. Contact Anne Gardepe at annegard64@gmail.com for more information.

The Potter's Hand
Art and Discerning God
All are invited to join us for Potter's Hand in July.

Potter's Hand is a group of creative folk within Park Lake who gather to enjoy art together, at times learning new techniques under the direction of a practicing artist, other times working together to combine art and faith to share in times of worship with the larger congregation.

#### In July, there are two opportunities to be creative with Potter's Hand

**Saturday, July 17 9:30 am** - Bethany Myers, artist and regular contributor to FAVO first Friday/Saturday events, will be leading us to create a personal icon of faith. What symbols serve as reminders to us that we are never alone? We will meet in Struble Fellowship hall.

**Wednesday, July 28, 6 pm** - Bring a bag dinner and a pair of scissors, we are going to go treasure hunting for "Found Wisdom." This will be a time of fellowship and fun discovery of the wisdom among us.



Brent Trauger	2
Helen Potter	3
Sharon McCatty	3
Sydney Park	3
Alison Heittman	4
Martin Peasah	4
Susan Gantt	7
Kitty Osburn	7
Daniel DeBevoise	8
Martha Baadu	9
Ben Nicoll	9
Anne Louise Jones	9
Hannah Patterson	10
Erin Cook	11
Mary Trescot	12
Alessa Craner	12
Fernando and Jenny Sanchez	12
Sarah Trauger	14
Meredith Hampton	14
William Abel	14
Barbara Martin	16
Edmund Gantt	17
Eleanore Kaney	18
Sandy Bogner	18
Lori Riddle	18
Nancy Clark	19
Carly and Daniel Wray	20
Carol Bookhardt	21
Linda Castle	21
Murphy Bertram	21
Linda Simmons	28
Christie Kern	28
Elizabeth and Justin Ingram	31

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# **Hello PLPC Chancel Choir**

#### IT IS TIME TO SING!

Sunday August 8th 12:00 noonish social potluck lunch Home of Jim and Sandy Bogner We will gather, eat and sing

Sunday August 15th 10:00am warmup rehearsal, sing in worship Rehearse following worship



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The Child Care Center and offices are back in the Education Building! The Park Lake library is now open for all to visit in person. Please come down and browse. Up to this point, the library has been locked and I have been lining up books on the floor of the adjacent Church Library office. This has been a short term change and we will be back to previous setup, books in the library where they belong, ready for you!

The Long-term look to the library may be very different. Will we have a church library with books? It is possible that our future church library may consist of on-line books, in our database, in the cloud, while the librarian has the role of helping you find your resources online. The librarian will also need to purchase or rent the resources, specializing in our own resources and other religious, Christian and Presbyterian ones.

The books and other physical resources that we will have will be existing ones not available on the internet, and ones created by our own adults, such as Betty Jean Patton's plays, and even including those not specifically religious (because we are proud of our members), and ones created by our youth and children. Perhaps images of the artworks by our artists. Perhaps a compendium (paper or digital) of sermons such as the series on the Ten Commandments done by our pastors a year ago (This would be easy since the sermons already exist on YouTube: just capture the captions. Also, PLPC directories and Advent series by our members and other historical PLPC stuff. Perhaps the librarian or a video will provide training in how to use our library. Another alternative, could be that Park Lake won't have a library, that we will join with other churches or use the resources at the Presbytery.

So, come on down in July, and browse while the library is in its current form! It is located down stairs in the Sanctuary building.

Alice Schmidt, Park Lake Librarian