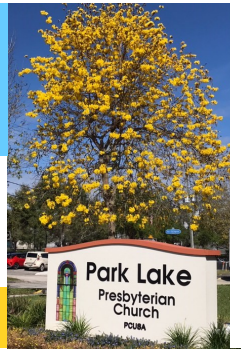


# Worship and Work

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## Sunday, June 4, 2023 10:30 am Worship (Sanctuary)

Park Lake youth and youth leaders are planning the Annual Youth Sunday worship service and leading us in worship. This is a highlight of the Park Lake worship every year when we can support and celebrate our youth. The graduating High school Senior will share the Sermon message, the youth prepare all aspects of the worship service. We will have six youth who will be confirmed and will join the church.



### Cookies and Lemonade Let's Celebrate Park Lake's Youth Sunday, June 4 Struble Fellowship Hall, after worship *All are welcome!*

We will be celebrating our Park Lake Youth after Youth Sunday Worship. Come enjoy fellowship with our youth, find out what they will be doing this summer and congratulate our newest members.



**Park Lake's  
Vacation Bible  
School**  
Monday, July 10  
through  
Friday, July 14, 2023

9:00 am - 12noon  
Ages PreK-4 through  
5th grade

**Food Truck Party:  
On a Roll With God**

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

### VBS Decorating Prep On Wednesdays

Struble Fellowship Hall  
(Bring a bag dinner)  
June 7  
June 14

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**Volunteers needed for  
Set up & clean up**  
Struble Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday, July 9, after worship**  
**Pizza Lunch provided!**

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

**Friday, July 14, after VBS  
12noon** - lunch provided.  
Post VBS wrap-up meeting  
Take down decorations and clean-up. All volunteers, youth and adult encouraged to attend.

**Please R.S.V.P. Anne Vercheski, at  
[avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com)**



### Does your 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 complete and return to the church office, or contact the church office at [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com) for more information.



## What It Means to Say “I Believe”

Over the past 2 months, we have enjoyed working with our new class of confirmands to explore faith and the expressions of Christian faith over the past 2 centuries. It’s an interesting practice to put yourself in the shoes of a young believer who is arriving at the point where they are acknowledging what they believe about God, Jesus, and the dynamic power of God’s Spirit in their lives. As I wrote to the parents in a recent email, when these 6 youth join the Church, they are not doing so as a completion, but as a beginning, a commencement as Dan preached about recently. They will stand on their own in matters of faith and speak their own words. They will be accepting the love of God in their lives for themselves and wrestling with God in their own hearts. They will respond to the call of Jesus Christ to be His hands and feet in the world – feeding the hungry; showing kindness to the broken; speaking out against injustices. We have been asking you to pray for them. I hope you have been. I hope you will continue to do so because this life of faith is countercultural, and the road is often lonely.

In a professional magazine for preachers, I read two truths which I believe are true for all of us who believe in Jesus. The first is that in this post-pandemic season that we are living in Christians are under a new stress. The Good News that we love and speak about is oftentimes overwhelmed by the street noise of cynicism and tentative uncertainty. The second truth is that we are surrounded by creative, powerful and compelling messages of hope and love. In times which have shaken us to the core, people still remind one another of the Good News of the Gospel and walk with one another toward paths of faithful discipleship. Yes, we are under stress. Yes, the Gospel is still finding a voice and creating a way. The Church at its best is that place that both acknowledges the struggle, keeps listening for the voice of God, and continues to live out what we hear through our words and our actions.

Our time with our Park Lake youth has me thinking a lot about what it means to say, “I believe.” It was only after having spent time with Jesus, watching him heal the blind, cure the deaf, feed crowds of people from very little... in other words, only after having witnessed the power and presence of God, was Peter able to stand up against opposing voices to say that he believed Jesus was God’s Messiah. So “I believe” is accompanied by the experience of having seen and heard. Such faith matures over time as we trust God more and more.

So, pray for our youth with me. They are asking a lot of questions about who God is and what God has to do with their lives. Pray for God to wrestle with them and hold them. Pray for their trust in God even when they are not clear about what God can do in their lives. Pray for a holy relationship that matures and deepens in sweet ways.

Helen DeBevoise

I invite you to pray for them by name:

Daetwyler Bertram  
Tatum Bertram Connolly  
Montgomery Gillis

Thomas Poore  
Grayson Trauger  
Alison Walker



Dear Park Lake Friends,

Thank you for the lovely reception and out pouring of love and care after Andy's memorial service. All of your kindness means the world to the entire family.

Warm regards, *The DeBevoise, Krasno and Bauer families*



*Gifts Given in Memory of:*



*Andy DeBevoise*

*By*

*Christa and Kimo Hyatt  
Anne Vercheski and Dan Johnson  
Donna and Matt Brown*

*David Nakagawa*

*By*

*Anne Vercheski and Dan Johnson  
Linda and David Simmons*

*Larry Peterson*

*By*

*GayStraight of Park Lake*



Please keep in your thoughts and prayers Pat Stalder, Christine Stewart, Liz Welker, Barbara Palmer, Rebecca Johnson, John Jenkins, Carol Fosgate, Elizabeth Turk, Betty Jean Patton, Matilda Peasah, Helen Potter, Bob McKnight, Eleanor Hummert, Paula Nowell.

*If you would like to receive the prayer chain emails to join others in prayer, please contact Helen DeBevoise at [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com).*



**GOT OLD CHURCH PHOTOS?**

*From Jim Bogner*

*and the 100th year Anniversary Celebration committee*

We are starting to gather old photos - we mean really old ones - to prepare for the 100th Anniversary of Park Lake Church in 2025. We ask that you think about where you might have old pictures stored: maybe in old frames, or in storage boxes, or in family albums. They can be in lots of places. We are looking for pictures taken of people around the Church - or just of the Church itself - that are at least 50+ years old - or even older.

We are thinking about photos from your parents' or grandparents' time. They might show events at Park Lake from the 1920s, 1930s, 1940s or 1950s. Things like Christmas or Easter gatherings? Or baptisms or weddings? Or family anniversaries? Or church dinners? These can be formal photos or just snapshots. You would be surprised what a wealth of Park Lake history your old family photos might contain. So dust off those old albums and dig into those old boxes for a look. We know this effort will take many months, and we will publish reminders from time to time. We'll come up with an appropriate prize to the person who brings in the oldest photo.

When you find your treasures, we promise to take good care of them. We will scan them and promptly return them just as you brought them to us. If a picture is framed or mounted on a scrapbook page, we can deal with that too. Just show us. Please bring them to Carol Bookhardt at the church office, or email Carol at [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com).



## What do have in the Church Library about Park Lake?



A lot of stuff! We have many resources and historical information about Park Lake in our church library. Under the window is a large notebook of Park Lake Presbyterian Church Presbyterian Women's History from June 31, 2003 to August 31, 2004.

Section 254 is dedicated to Park Lake Presbyterian Church in our library. We have past Advent Devotional booklets from years 2000 to 2022. We have previous church picture directories as well as the Koinonia Sunday School class recipe book.

In Section 285 are the PC(USA) books such as our Book of Order and Selected to Serve for church leaders and Presbyterians: A Spiritual Journey, by Dirk Wierenga, is a large photo and essay of the authors journey across PC(USA) churches all across the country. Look at Section 270 about Protestantism or Section 270 about Church History i.e., Christian Church history.

*Alice Schmidt, Park Lake Church Librarian*



Please visit 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**.



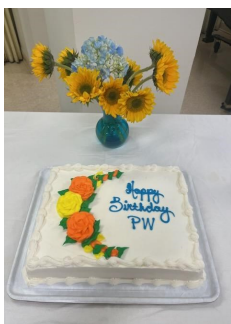
## Park Lake Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon

On Sunday, May 7th, all enjoyed fellowship, fried chicken, homemade side dishes, and celebrated with birthday cake. Thank you to all who contributed food, set-up/cleaned-up and all who attended this special celebration.

A special thanks to those who donated to the PW Birthday offering, The total offering was \$1307.81, an increase from last year. The 1st place birth month winner was July which won with \$390.81, 2nd place March with \$226.00.



Congratulations to our 2023 PW Life Membership award and pin recipient, Vicky Nicoll, presented by 2022 Life Membership recipient Sandy Bogner.





**PERU MISSION TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP**



Several members of the Central Florida Presbytery Mission Team (including members of Park Lake) will be going to Peru **July 11-15** to work with the street boys. We will be holding VBS and doing some work on the property. We will be needing some supplies to take with us, if you can help by donating any of the following items, it would be greatly appreciated. **Barbara Sayles** has placed a bin in Struble Fellowship Hall as well as the Park Lake Sanctuary marked **PERU DONATIONS** where you can drop your items. Thank you!

- ◇ Crayola crayons
- ◇ Elmer's school glue
- ◇ pencils/pens
- ◇ markers
- ◇ construction paper
- ◇ Fiskars scissors (left and right handed)
- ◇ soccer balls
- ◇ back packs
- ◇ First Aid supplies: Aspirin tablets, Tylenol, Advil (adult & children), baby and adult multi vitamins, Band-Aids, Neosporin, alcohol wipes, etc.)
- ◇ Anything that is related to VBS or non prescription medical supplies.



**FOOD COLLECTION  
for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY**

Thank you to everyone for continuing to be faithful bringing food and hygiene items for Washington Shores' food pantry. Park Lake is far and away the biggest contributor. Sometimes I think we are the only one. Please remember to check expiration dates on food items, and if something has been opened or isn't sealed well, please discard it. Some things they like to especially get are crackers (like saltines), jelly, and cans of pop top fruit. We give them plenty of peanut butter, not as much jelly. If you haven't been to an Aldi, they have all those things and they are very inexpensive. Washington Shores is also happy to accept small donations of cash. Things that they are short of, they go to Costco and get them.



*John Bowers, Mission Committee*



**The next food collection  
days will be:  
Tuesday, June 13 and June 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.**

**Food items:**

- Fruits and vegetables with pop tops:
- canned corn, peas, carrots, peaches, beans, etc.
- Rice  
Crackers  
Peanut butter  
Jelly  
Cereal

**Hygiene items:**

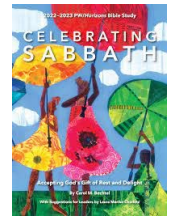
- Soap  
Deodorant  
Disposable razors  
Socks (men's socks)  
Toilet paper  
Toothbrushes  
Toothpaste  
Dental floss  
Shampoo  
Sanitary supplies  
Women's Incontinence items

***\*please check expiration dates on food items before donating.***

## Upcoming Events



**PW Bible Study Wrap-up Gathering, Monday, June 5, 11:30 am** (Westminster Towers, 70 W. Lucerne Circle, Orlando). All PW Circles are invited to attend. Helen DeBevoise will lead the wrap-up and review of the *2022-2023 PW/ Horizons Bible Study, Celebrating Sabbath, Accepting God's Gift of Rest and Delight*, by Carol M. Bechtel. If you plan on attending, please **R.S.V.P. to Anne Gardepe at [annegard64@gmail.com](mailto:annegard64@gmail.com)**.



The **GayStraight@Park Lake group** invites their friends and allies to their monthly luncheon at Panera Bread, 3643 East Colonial Drive, in the Orlando Fashion Square Mall. This event is a ten-minute drive from the church and will take place on **Sunday, June 18, 2023 from 12:30-1:30 pm**. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month. If you have any questions, please email Howard Jaffe at [roses41usa@gmail.com](mailto:roses41usa@gmail.com).



**Stories to Tell**, a new writing/story group, welcomes you to come visit and hear our plan to encourage and support you on your writing path. **Monday, June 19**, from **11:00-12:00** in the Church Conference room, downstairs in the Sanctuary building. Please email Meg Lelvis at [meglelvis@yahoo.com](mailto:meglelvis@yahoo.com) or Nancy Warlick at [dadab12@att.net](mailto:dadab12@att.net) for further information.



**Page Turners Book Club**, will meet on Thursday, **June 22, at 10:030 am** to discuss the book The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland by Jim DeFede (Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building). Please contact Anne Gardepe at [annegarde64@gmail.com](mailto:annegarde64@gmail.com) for more information.



**Daily Bread at Christian Service Center, Tuesday, June 27th**  
Park Lake continues to help serve lunch the 4th Tuesday each month at Daily Bread at the Christian Service Center. We don't really serve it, we fill about 250 or so Styrofoam clamshells with the food that is already prepared. It takes about an hour and a half, 11:00am to 12:30, and it's easy and rewarding. And only once a month! Please consider helping a few times a year. See John Bowers or email me at [jbowers4@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbowers4@cfl.rr.com) for all the details.

## Park Lake Children on Sundays



**Child Care** is available during the Sunday School hour (9:00 am - 10:00 am) in the Education building, located on the 2nd floor (left at the 2nd floor landing) in the nursery. During the Worship service (10:30 am - 11:30 am) the nursery is located downstairs in the Sanctuary building for infants - age 3. Please see an Usher if you need assistance. Our nursery caregiver is Barbara Boyce.

**During Worship**, following the time on the steps, children are invited to PRAYground located in the east transept. In Prayground, children will be provided a lap desk, a children's bulletin, coloring and activity pages, allowing them to continue exploring the day's gospel message. A PRAYground "host teacher" will be available to help answer questions and provide needed supplies. Children may stay in PRAYground *quietly* working on their projects or take supplies and return to sit with their families.



Emily Duffy	1
Katelyn Monahan	1
Logan Loucks	1
Audrey Craner	2
Carol Fisher	3
Matt Daley	4
Brett Hampton	4
Mark Sonderman	5
Marian Price	6
Jerry Kern	7
Gary Castle	8
Susan Boatman	9
Katherine Gore	10
Tom Price	12
Tristan Moore	14
Aaron Hull	17
Vicki Daley	18
Richmond Darko	18
Dan Wray	18
Patti Denniston	20
John Gardepe	21
Peggy Vargas	23
Jim Craner	24
Jane Roney	24
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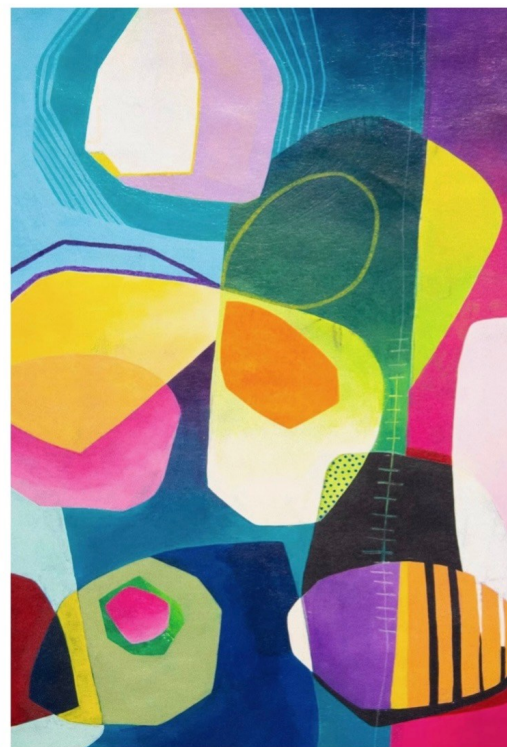
Eleanor & Ron Hummert	4
Sandra & Raymond Burris	6
Betty & Clifford McKay	6
Liz & Larry Welker	8
Meredith & Brett Hampton	13
Marie & Dick Butler	15
Judy & Stix Cook	15
Bonnie & Bob McKnight	19
Sandy & Jim Bogner	19
Susan & Edmund Gantt	19

Jo & John Patterson	21
Helen & Dan DeBevoise	22
Katherine & Glynn Kelley	23
Linda & David Simmons	25
Katelyn and Zach Monahan	26
Nancy & Walk Jones	27



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