

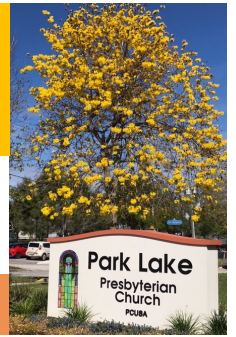


# Worship and Work

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## COME JOIN A BIBLE STUDY GROUP!

- ◆ **Men's Monday Zoom study** - Meets weekly on Mondays at 12 noon - 1:30 pm. Time of sharing life and studying the upcoming sermon texts. For more information, contact Dan DeBevoise at [danparklake@gmail.com](mailto:danparklake@gmail.com).
- ◆ **Women's Studies: Presbyterian Women Circles** Meets monthly, September - May. The **2023-2024 PW Horizons Bible Study** is, "**Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence Of Jesus Christs in Luke-Acts**", by Olive Mahabir. (See page 4 for Circle meeting schedule).
- ◆ **Young Adult and College** : Meets monthly via Zoom. Contact Erin Cook [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com) for more information.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES:

Sundays, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

- ◆ **Nursery: Birth - up to age 3**, Barbara Boyce nursery care giver. 2nd floor of the Education building.
- ◆ **PreK - Kindergarten: ages 4 -5**, Nancy Jones "Growing in Grace: Exploring People of the Old Testament". Meets on the 2nd floor of the Education building.
- ◆ **Elementary: 1st - 5th grade**, Paige McRight "Follow Me: Celebrate Communion", meets on the 3rd floor of the Education building.
- ◆ **Middle and High School age Youth**: Leaders: Meredith Hampton and Tony Boada Davila. Meets on the 3rd floor of the Education building.
- ◆ **Adults/30s and 40s - the Logos Class**: Studying the Gospel of Mark. Meets in the church office conference room, downstairs in the Sanctuary building.
- ◆ **Koinonia Class**: The Present Word "God's Law Is Love", New Testament Texts that reinterpret Mosaic Law. Meets downstairs, Sanctuary Building.
- ◆ **Fellowship Class**: "Stories Jesus Told: How to Read a Parable". Meets in the Parlor, Education building.
- ◆ **Disciples Class**: Book of Acts study, meets in Struble Fellowship Hall.



## 2024 Stewardship

### The New Next 100

Park Lake 1925-2025-2125

*"Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold." Mk 4:10*

Our 2024 Stewardship season will invite us to look forward to Park Lake's 100th Anniversary (October 2025) and envision what God will do in the life of Park Lake in the next 100 years. We are blessed today by the seeds of faith sown at Park Lake in 1925. We are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ that the Spirit might bless people through Park Lake's ministry and mission in the next 100 years. What will God bring forth a hundredfold in the next new 100 years from the seeds of faith we sow today?

October will be filled with Stewardship information and activities leading up to **Stewardship Dedication Sunday, November 12th.**

Thank you for your faithful and generous financial support of Park Lake's ministry and mission.

## WHAT'S INSIDE....?

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### Getting Back to Basics

Dan and I shaped summer worship around a sermon series on the Great Stories of the Faith, found in Genesis 11- 49 . One of the things I've enjoyed most is that it's a retelling of where we came from as people of God. We've been able to ask: What did God want with us in the first place? Did the first believers have it easier than I do? Where is God when bad things happen?



What if I mess up- is God done with me?

We have explored the lives of those that God chose to establish as His presence in the world. It has been a journey of remembering and discovering good and heartbreaking stories of human beings and the determination and grace of God in all of our lives. We have delved into the lives of Abraham and Sarah who laughed over the prospect of having a baby in their old age. And how that son Isaac was beloved over the older son Ishmael and nearly offered as a sacrifice by his loving father Abraham. We sat in the desert with Ishmael and his mother Hagar who were shunned by extended family, but not forgotten by God. Isaac's wife Rachel had a complicated pregnancy when the twins she carried in her belly wrestled with one another. Those twins Jacob and Esau who would continue to battle outside the womb for love and blessing. God renames Jacob (heel grabber), giving him the name **Israel** and we begin to see into the future story of the 12 sons becoming the 12 tribes of Israel. This is not the end of the story. What follows is the enslavement of Israel within the Egyptian empire, and God choosing another man, Moses, to bring them out, take them on a journey as they relearn who they are as God's people, and establish them in the land promised so many years before.

Perhaps the Great Stories of the Faith can be described as a comprehensive story of love and blessing, struggling and being found. Oh, how this is our story today.

What are some takeaways that stand out for me?

- God's Call is to engage - God calls and Abraham responds by following.
- God promises to establish in and for Abraham (and his descendents) a place, a people, and a purpose (a home, a family and work to do).
- God is faithful to God's promise and we can trust that.
- God will make a way in spite of the messes we either make or encounter in life.
- God's promise is not just for one man - they are to establish us as God's people and to have a relationship with each one of us.

Getting back to basics has a way of grounding and preparing us. Blessings to you wherever you are in life's transitions and may you know God's blessing and love guiding you along the way.

Helen DeBevoise, co-pastor

## UPCOMING AT PARK LAKE



ORLANDO SINGS

### ORLANDO SINGS CONCERT

(Park Lake Sanctuary)

**TAKING FLIGHT | SEPTEMBER 24, 2023 | 4:00 PM**

- ♦ Eric Whitacre *Leonardo Dreams of His Flying Machine*
- ♦ Landmark Madrigals of the Renaissance
- ♦ Morten Lauridsen *Madrigali: Six 'Fire Songs' on Italian Renaissance Poems*
- ♦ Kyle Pederson *Call Across*

Go to: [orlandosings.org/season](http://orlandosings.org/season) for ticket purchasing information.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO THE PARK LAKE TRUNK OR TREAT!

Sponsored by the Park Lake Christian Education Committee



**Date:** Saturday, October 28, 2023

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

**Where:** Park Lake Parking lot

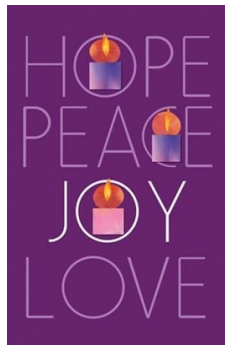
**Who:** Children (ages infant to 5th grade)  
Families and Friends of Park Lake!

Games,  
crafts,  
treats!

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

### It's Beginning to Feel A Lot Like ADVENT!

Every September around Park Lake Church, we start thinking about the busy seasons which are approaching. One of the blessings of the seasons is the yearly Advent Devotion Book written by members and friends of Park Lake. Advent is a time of preparation for Christmas, and through daily devotions, we consider the Hope, Peace, Joy and Love found in relationship with Jesus, the incarnation of God. We arrive at Christmas with our hearts stirred.



This year's overall theme is "What Child Is This?" Writers will think on the music of the season. You will be assigned a beloved Advent/Christmas hymn, or let us know if you have a favorite story surrounding one. Tell a story; write a poem; reflect on the hymn. Be creative! The goal is to share in the journey through Advent to Christ's Birth.

We need writers! contact Helen DeBevoise [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com).

### Something new is coming to Park Lake!

#### BLESSING OF THE PETS

Sponsored by GayStraight@Park Lake

**Sunday, October 29**

**3:00 pm, at the Park Lake park**

Park Lake's first Blessing of the Pets will be held on

**Sunday, October 29, at 3:00 pm** in Park Lake Park (next to

our small parking lot). GayStraight@Park Lake is sponsoring this event for our congregation, friends, and neighbors. All pets are welcome; they must on a leash or in a carrier. Or, if your pet doesn't travel well, bring their photo for a blessing! Stuffed animal friends are welcome, too! There will be water bowls aplenty, and each pet will receive a personalized Certificate of Blessing. To extend God's love for pets who are awaiting their "forever" homes, please bring an offering of canned dog or cat food. These will be donated to Pet Alliance of Orlando's Pet Food Pantry after the event. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact John Jenkins (GayStraight@Park Lake@gmail.com) or Linda Simmons (Lwsdmin@gmail.com).



***All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all!***



## Park Lake PW Circles Meetings

### 2023-2024 PW/HORIZONS BIBLE STUDY

#### SACRED ENCOUNTERS

#### The Power and Presence of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts

**PW Circle Members** and those interested in participating in a PW Bible Study Circle, please contact a Circle Representative or go to: [plpc.org](http://plpc.org) for more information.

#### Esther:

**Tuesday, September 5  
and Tuesday, October 3**  
**7:00 pm, Struble Fellowship hall**  
**Circle Representative**  
Erin Cook, [erincook987@gmail.com](mailto:erincook987@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator**  
Anne Vercheski, [avercheski@cfl.rr.com](mailto:avercheski@cfl.rr.com)

#### Dorcas:

**Monday, September 11  
and Monday, October 2**  
**1:30 pm, Parlor**  
**Circle Representative**  
Anne Gardepe, [annegard64@gmail.com](mailto:annegard64@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator**  
Sandy Bogner, [sandybogner@cfl.rr.com](mailto:sandybogner@cfl.rr.com)

#### Sarah:

**Monday, September 11 and  
Monday, October 2**  
**2:00 pm, Westminster Towers,  
Multi Purpose Room**  
**Circle Representative & Bible Moderator**  
Marian Price, [marian@tompricearchitects.com](mailto:marian@tompricearchitects.com)

#### Joanna:

**Monday, September 11  
and Monday, October 2**  
**7:00 pm, Parlor**  
**Circle Representative**  
Sherry Riley, [sheray27@gmail.com](mailto:sheray27@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator**  
Helen DeBevoise, [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com)

#### PW MODERATORS MEETINGS

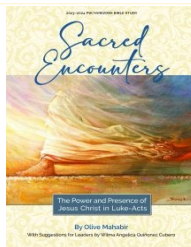
**9:45 am, led by Helen DeBevoise**  
**Monday, September 25 & Monday, October 23**



**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Sunday, December 3, after worship**  
**ESTHER CIRCLE GINGERBREAD  
BUILD FUNDRAISER**  
(details tba)

**All money collected will go to Habitat for  
Humanity of Greater Orlando**

Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando is part of a global, nonprofit housing organization whose vision is a world where everyone has a decent place to live. Habitat for Humanity of Greater Orlando is dedicated to eliminating substandard housing locally and worldwide through constructing, rehabilitating and preserving homes; by advocating for fair and just housing policies; and by providing training and access to resources to help families improve their shelter conditions.



**SACRED ENCOUNTERS**  
**The Power and Presence**  
**of Jesus Christ in Luke-Acts**  
**By Olive Mahabir**

Within the pages of this study, Olive Mahabir invites you to consider Jesus and Jesus' disciples who shared the Good News through sacred encounters with everyday people.

The Gospel According to Luke and the book of the Acts of the Apostles, or Luke-Acts, "one story in two parts," demonstrate the unfolding of God's redemptive purposes in human history and present a distinctive perspective on the person and work of Jesus Christ. Written by Luke, a physician and traveling companion of Paul, the message to the early Christian community (and to us) is radical, inclusive, and hope-filled.

Go to [www.presbyterianwomen.org](http://www.presbyterianwomen.org) for more information about Presbyterian Women PC(USA)



## MISSION AND OUTREACH

### 5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING Sundays, September 3 and October 1

Each month, Park Lake participates in an offering to support the **Presbyterians' Answer to Hunger Program (PATH)**. The offering is collected 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.



One day = 15 cents  
One week = \$1.05  
One month = \$4.20

To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to:  
[cfpresbytery.orgpath.html](http://cfpresbytery.orgpath.html)

**GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE** will have a booth at the 2023 **Orlando PRIDE Festival** on October 21st. This is an 8-hour event, many volunteers are needed to fully staff the booth. 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. Please consider joining others in a fun and invigorating celebration!



**For more information, please contact John Jenkins at [gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com](mailto:gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com).**



Helen Potter, Bob McKnight, Liz Welker, Linda Castle, Gary Castle, Christine Stewart, Karen Pinnel, Matilda Peasah, Pat Stalder, Mary Louise Trescot, Eleanor Hummert, Ron Hummert.

We invite you to join us in prayer through the email prayer chain. To be added, please contact Helen DeBevoise at [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com).

### FOOD COLLECTION for WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY Tuesdays, September 5th and 19th and Tuesdays, October 3rd, 17th and 31st

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

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

#### Food items:

**Fruits and vegetables** (other than corn) with pop tops: peas, carrots, peaches, beans, etc.  
**Jelly**  
**Cereal**  
Rice  
Crackers

**(low stock items in bold)**

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

### COMMUNITY SUPPORT

At Park Lake, we encourage you to give generously and directly to social service agencies that we support. Go to the websites of these Park Lake's ministry partners to find out how to help.

- ♦ **The Christian Service Center**  
[christianservicecenter.org](http://christianservicecenter.org)
- ♦ **Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida**  
[centralfloridahomeless.org](http://centralfloridahomeless.org)
- ♦ **Grace Medical Home**  
[gracemedicalhome.org](http://gracemedicalhome.org)
- ♦ **Society of St. Andrew**  
[endhunger.org](http://endhunger.org)
- ♦ **United Against Poverty**  
[unitedagainstpoverty.org](http://unitedagainstpoverty.org)
- ♦ **Zebra Coalition**  
[www.zebrayouth.org](http://www.zebrayouth.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS



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

First Fridays and First Saturdays  
**ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)**  
**Friday, September 1 and Saturday, September 2**  
**AND**  
**Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7**  
**5:00 pm - 9:00 pm**



**STORIES TO TELL**, will meet on **Monday, September 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**, in the church conference room. The October meeting is tbd. 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.



The **GAYSTRAIGHT@PARK LAKE group** invites their friends and allies to our 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. The upcoming fall meetings will be **Sunday, September 17 and October 15, 2023 from 12:30-1:30 pm**. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month. We hope to see you there! For more information, please email Howard Jaffe at [roses41usa@gmail.com](mailto:roses41usa@gmail.com).



### PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB

**10:00 am, in the Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building.**

♦ **Thursday, September 21**, we will discuss, The Light We Carry by Michelle Obama. Koinonia Room, 10:00 am.

♦ **Thursday, October 26**, we will discuss, The Pearl That Broke Its Shell by Nadia Hashimi, Koinonia Room, 10:00 am. Please contact Anne Gardepe at [annegard64@gmail.com](mailto:annegard64@gmail.com) for more information.



**SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER - new time to meet—10:45 am**

**Tuesday, September 26th and Tuesday, October 24th**

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, 10:45 am 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.

**SAVE THE DATE!** Sunday, November 12, 11:45 am, after worship  
**ANNUAL PARK LAKE YOUTH THANKSGIVING FUNDRAISER LUNCH**

In Struble Fellowship Hall

**All are welcome to come and enjoy food and fellowship!**



*Donations will be accepted to help support the Park Lake Youth on their 2024 Church retreats and Mission Trips. We are very thankful for your support this year and in years past!*

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SEPTEMBER

Laura and Shawn Moloney

Bob McKnight

Marie Butler

Ruth Fiji

Justina Aniapam

Josephine Patterson

Madeline Park

Tucker Hampton

Erin and Matt Cook

Phil Carrington

Alex Schelle

James Gillespie

Kwabena Aniapam

Howard Vincent Kurtz

Ellie Callahan

Jan Ellis

Marian and Robert Saxton

Susan Frith and John Walker

Anne Stella

Audrey Smith

Alex Aniapam

Anne Vercheski and Dan Johnson

Julie Krasno

Christie and Jerry Kern

Karen Pinnel

Larry Fortunato

Andrea Braxton Keil

Billie Jo Elliott

Lauren Poore

Chet Burris, Jr.

### OCTOBER

1 Becky Burris 4

2 Carol and Mike Bookhardt 4

3 Linda Eure 4

3 Joseph Osburn 5

4 Jody Eure 5

5 Matthew Barnebee 6

5 Lane Craner 6

8 Nancy DiSalvo 10

Bonnie McKnight 11

8 Jan and Gary Ellis 11

10 Liz Welker 11

10 Betty Cheek 11

11 Hannah and Grant Patterson 14

11 Kathy Dowless 16

13 John Franklin and John Rachey 17

16 Trevor Foley 17

17 Shenley Bertram 19

18 Carolyn Ragans 19

20 Shamba Warlick 20

20 Veronica Fortunato 20

21 Forrest Cheek 21

22 Susan Frith 21

22 Sabrina Ramos 21

23 Sara and Richard Abel 22

24 DeVonna and Jim Craner 22

25 Katherine Kelley 24

26 Christine Stewart 25

27 Janie Black 25

28 James Ingram 27

29 Piper Bertram-Connolly 28

30 Eleanor Hummert 30

David Koon 30

Elizabeth Abel 30

Dawn Neff 30



**WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 1, 2023**

UPDATE YOUR  
CONTACT  
INFORMATION



- Have you recently moved?
- Do we have your updated mailing address?

*Please check your address in the online Church Directory to update your mailing address and contact information. Go to [Instant Church Directory.com](https://www.instantchurchdirectory.com)*

## FISH 2.0 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATORS WORKSHOP

**September 22-23, 2023**

**Camp Montgomery  
for Leadership  
Development**

A collaborative  
effort of the

Central Florida  
Presbytery, the Presbytery of St.  
Augustine, and SOAP APCE. **FISH 2.0 is for  
Sunday School teachers, Bible Study  
Leaders, Pastors, Deacons, Elders, Youth  
Leaders, Christian Educators... all are  
welcome!**



With keynotes by Michelle Thomas-Bush, workshops offering tactical tools to bring back to your ministries, and a time to fellowship with other leaders from regional presbyteries, FISH 2.0 will be a great opportunity for all volunteers and professionals in church ministry and leadership!

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**SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER**

**2023**

## PARK LAKE LIBRARY NEWS

Please visit the Park Lake Library, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building. We have many interesting books to explore. The whole North wall of the library is about the Bible and the books of the Bible. There are reference books, commentaries and investigations of the individual books of the Bible. Collections such as The Interpreters Bible, there are many different translations of the Bible and books about the lands of the Bible times.



There is a book that may humble us "Bible scholars". I recommend, The Complete Bible Quiz Book, by Carlinsky (220.07 CAR). Some interesting questions I found in this book are:

- #537. Where did Jesus get the loaves and fishes to feed the multitude, according to John?
- #538. How was Jesus addressed by the two blind men he cured? Was it, a) Sire b) O Lord c) Thou son of David or d). Mr. Messiah.
- #539. Was it the son or daughter of Jairus that Jesus raised from the dead?
- #540. To whom did Jesus command, "young man, I say unto you 'arise'" and where did this miracle take place?
- #541. Jesus said "I have not found so great faith, no not in Israel", then he healed...?
- #542. When Jesus told Simon to let his net into the lake, the fisherman snared an abundance of fish. What two unfortunate events followed?

Please let me know if you need assistance.

Happy reading!

*Alice Schmidt, Park Lake Church Librarian*