

# Worship and Work

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April-May 2024

## **HAPPY 20TH TO WILL!**

There was a lovely reception in Struble Hall to celebrate Will Benton's 20th anniversary as organist at Park Lake. Will started at Park Lake on March 14, 2004 and has blessed this church with his music, energy, inspiration, creativity, and friendship ever since.



***Please make plans to join us to celebrate 20 years of ministry with Will Benton for a special concert presented by Will and Friends!***

**Scores of Memories**  
*A Musical Performance with Friends*



**April 14, 2024**  
**6:00pm**

Park Lake Presbyterian Church  
309 East Colonial Drive Orlando  
[plpc.org](http://plpc.org)

## CHURCH picnic

**Sunday, April 21st**  
**Noon - 2:00 pm**

Park Lake Park  
Off of Highland, North End of  
Education Building

Entrée' will be provided.  
Please bring a  
side dish or dessert to share.

Bring a lawn chair or blanket!  
Bring games!  
Bring a friend!

**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

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## Lessons from Holy Week on Peace



You know this story, the one about Palm Sunday. It is told by all four gospel writers. That means it's important. Jesus, guided by the prophecy of Zechariah 9:9, commissioned a young donkey, not yet trained to carry a rider, to take him into Jerusalem. The Ruler of God's people would arrive triumphant and victorious, and also humble and by humble means. This would happen while from another direction Pontius Pilate of Rome would enter with all the pomp and circumstance Rome was willing to yield, with all the military power and force necessary to impress upon Jerusalem that Rome was in charge and Pilate would be their Son of God. Those who were paying attention would get the point. Who was the true King? Who was the true Son of God? There was tension. This is a David and Goliath story.

Luke writes that as Jesus began the road up to Jerusalem, he wept. Jesus wept saying *"If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!"* Jerusalem is Hebrew meaning God's peace. To live in the city of God, to be God's people, is to live in God's peace. Jesus had come declaring the nearness of God's kingdom -work of salvation, God's lordship over their lives and yet the people missed it. This will be the undoing of the city of God's Peace and its people. Jesus saw it coming.

No one could miss the fact that 2000 years later our community, country and world are in desperate need of learning peace. Our relationships are strained, to say the least. What would Jesus say about our own commitment to God's peace in our lives? Would he shed tears? To survive, we must learn to live together. We have a compelling initiative called the **Central Florida Pledge**. The Pledge is based on work at Valencia College begun 15 years ago. The educators set out guiding principles for their campus on "How We Treat Each Other."

1. Hospitality and welcome.
2. Listen deeply.
3. Offer support, not advice.
4. Ask honest and open questions.
5. Give space for unpopular answers.
6. Respect silence.
7. Suspend judgment.
8. Identify assumptions.
9. Speak your truth.
10. When things get difficult, turn to wonder.
11. Practice slowing down.
12. All voices have value.
13. Maintain confidentiality.

Do any of these resonate with you? Challenge you? Can these principles help us work for peace as God's people in our community? Might they help build and rebuild broken trusts we have with one another? I'm going to choose one and start there. I invite you to join me.

*Helen DeBevoise, co-pastor*

You can find these principles expanded upon at:

<https://www.peacejusticeinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/PJI-Principles-English-1.pdf>

And the children's version:

<https://www.peacejusticeinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/PJI-Childrens-Principles.pdf>



**Thank You from  
Central Florida Presbytery**

Park Lake is a member of Central Florida Presbytery, sharing ministry and mission with sister churches of PC(USA) from Wildwood to Ormond Beach to Vero Beach. Park Lake participates in and supports the work and leadership both financially and through volunteer efforts. This year our own John Rogers is serving as moderator, and Rev. Dr. Paige McRight serves as chair of Presbytery Council. The Presbytery wants to share their thanks for Park Lake's partnership.

*See the full letter in the weekly Park Lake Up2date newsletter.*



**Park Lake PW Birthday Luncheon and Offering**

**Sunday, May 7  
after Worship  
in Struble Fellowship Hall**

***Come to the Birthday Celebration!  
Everyone is Welcome!***

**Menu:  
Fried chicken and birthday cake  
Please bring a side dish!**



Park Lake sponsored 20 Easter Baskets for the pediatric patients at [Grace Medical Home](#), one of Park Lake's mission partners. The baskets contained shampoo, sunscreen, and other needed items, as well as candy, small toys and an Easter book and were delivered by Easter. Thank you to everyone who donated to this ministry and for sharing the good news of the resurrection and the love of Christ with these children!



**Mark your calendars:  
Youth Sunday, will be on  
Sunday, June 2, 2024**

*If your child or youth has received special honors or awards at the end of the school year, please let us know!*



*We will publish it in the June Worship and Work Newsletter. Please email Carol Bookhardt at [carolparklake@gmail.com](mailto:carolparklake@gmail.com) with a short description of your child and their accomplishments.*

**THANK YOU FROM  
JAN AND GARY ELLIS**



*Park Lake friends,  
Thank you for the prayers for us—many miracles were realized and all glory goes to God for answering!  
Miss you all.*

*Love,  
Jan and Gary Ellis*

**THANK YOU FROM  
The ZEBRA YOUTH**



*To our friends at Park Lake,  
Thank you so much for your continued support of Zebra Youth! Your recent gift card drive totaled over \$1400 in gift cards that will be used by Zebra youth members for meals and other essential needs. Your continued partnership is a lifeline for our LGBTQ+ youth and we are so grateful!*

*Tommis Pritchett Rodriguez, Development Director*

**Thank you, to our 2023-2024  
Volunteers, Bible Study Leaders  
Sunday School Teachers and PRAYGround Hosts**

**Park Lake Children and Youth**

- ◆ **Nursery** - Barbara Boyce
- ◆ **PreK & Kindergarten** - Nancy Jones, Sandy Bogner Susan Frith and Carol Bookhardt.
- ◆ **Elementary** - Paige McRight, Mackenzie Bertram, Lauren Poore and Carol Bookhardt.
- ◆ **Middle School and High School** – Erin Cook, Meredith and Brett Hampton, Tony Boada Davila, Dan DeBevoise and Helen DeBevoise.
- ◆ **Young Adults** – Erin Cook and Matt Cook.
- ◆ **Children’s Church/PRAYGround** – Scott Peterson, Susan Frith, Alison Walker, John Walker, Annie Braxton Kiel, Erin Cook, B.J. Elliott, Carol Bookhardt, Paige McRight, Scott Peterson, Nancy Jones, Lauren Poore, Mackenzie Bertram.
- ◆ **Page Turners Book Club** - Anne Gardepe

**Adult Sunday School classes**

- ◆ **Logos class** - Helen DeBevoise, Dan DeBevoise, Aaron Hull, Mackenzie Bertram.
- ◆ **Disciples** - Anne Vercheski, John Walker, Linda Wright Simmons, Dan DeBevoise, David Simmons.
- ◆ **Fellowship** - Norma Knight, Dan Johnson, Alice Schmidt, Dan DeBevoise, Helen DeBevoise.
- ◆ **Koinonia** - Anne Gardepe, Sandy Bogner, Marian Price.

**Men’s Bible Study**

- ◆ Dan DeBevoise

**Presbyterian Women Circles**

- ◆ Dorcas - Circle Representative-Anne Gardepe; Bible Moderator-Sandy Bogner
- ◆ Esther - Circle Representative-Erin Cook; Bible Moderator-Anne Vercheski
- ◆ Joanna - Circle Representative-Sherry Riley; Bible Moderator-Helen DeBevoise, Vicky Nicoll
- ◆ Sarah - Circle Representative and Bible Moderator - Marian Price

**A/V and Technical Support**

- John DiSalvo
- Will DiSalvo
- Megan DiSalvo
- John Bowers
- Woody Reynolds
- Matt Cook
- Mike Bookhardt

**5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING**  
**Sundays, April 7 and May 5**



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 on Communion Sundays. This is 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.org](http://cfpresbytery.org)*

**SERVING AT THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER**

**10:45 am, 4th Tuesdays**  
**April 23rd and May 28th**



Thank you to February and March volunteers!

Park Lake continues to help serve lunch the **4th Tuesday each month** at Daily Bread at the Christian Service Center. We fill about 300 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 pm**, and it's easy and rewarding. Please consider helping a few times a year. See John Bowers or email [jbowers4@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbowers4@cfl.rr.com) for all the details.



The Park Lake Youth sends a **BIG THANK YOU** to their church family for coming to SOUPer Bowl Sunday and enjoying some delicious homemade soups and supporting the Blessing Bag Ministry and Washington Shores Food Pantry. We raised approximately \$800 for the Blessing Bag Ministry and a car load of canned goods was donated to the Washington Shores Food Pantry!

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

**Tuesdays, April 9 and 23**  
**and May 7 and 21**



Please check expiration dates on food items before donating.

Thank you to everyone who donated pantry items for [Washington Shores Presbyterian Church](#). Your generosity is appreciated!

**Hygiene items:**

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

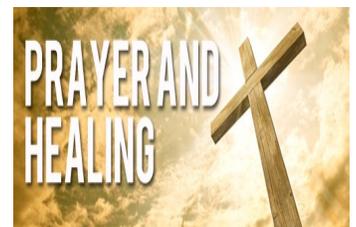
**Food items:**

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

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

Dick Butler, Helen Potter, Bob McKnight, Matilda Peasah, Valerie Gray, Pat Stalder, Christine Stewart, Gayle Schmidt, Chet Burris, Rebecca Johnson, Gayle Sherrod.

*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).*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**FAVO**  
faithartsvillage.com

**ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO  
(FAITH ARTS VILLAGE ORLANDO)  
FIRST FRIDAYS AND FIRST SATURDAYS  
5:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5 AND SATURDAY, APRIL 6  
AND  
FRIDAY, MAY 3 AND SATURDAY, MAY 4**



**SAVE  
THE  
DATE!**



**Park Lake's  
Vacation Bible School  
Monday, July 8 through  
Friday, July 12, 2024  
9:00 am - 12noon  
Ages PreK- 4  
through 5th grade  
Go to [plpc.org](http://plpc.org) to register online**

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 next two meetings will be **Sundays, April 21st and May 19th**, 12:30-1:30 PM. We hope to see you there! For more information, please email John Jenkins at [gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com](mailto:gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com).



**STORIES TO TELL**, will meet **Monday, April 15 and Monday, May 20, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm in the church conference room**. 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**

**10:00 am**

Meeting places are to be determined

- **Thursday, April 18th** to discuss Nothing to See Here by Kevin Wilson.
- **Thursday, May 23rd**, Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide by Kristof and WuDunn.

*For more information, email Anne Gardepe at [annegard64@gmail.com](mailto:annegard64@gmail.com).*

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

**APRIL**

**Anniversaries**

02 Kaley & Clay Shropshire  
13 Linda & Gary Castle

**Birthday**

01 Eva Hampton  
04 Lynne Long  
04 Sandra Burris  
04 Megan DiSalvo  
07 Chandler Schramm  
08 Virginia Porter  
08 Angela Chesser  
10 Phyllis Jackson  
10 Betty (Bezey) McKay  
11 Valerie Gray  
11 Julia Downs  
11 Casey Cox  
11 Howard Jaffe  
12 Rosalyn Russell  
13 Nathan Krasno  
14 Woody Reynolds  
17 Alice Fortunato  
17 Hunter Branstetter  
19 Kelsey Francis  
21 Robert Stillinger, II  
22 Anne Vercheski  
23 Lisa Loucks  
24 Jonathan Aniapam  
27 John Rogers  
27 Ellen Mask  
27 Matthew Denniston  
27 Mateo Sanchez  
28 Matilda Peasah  
29 Wilifred Peasah  
30 Ashley Kammeraad



**MAY**

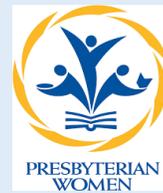
**Anniversaries**

01 Esther & David Gaboriault  
05 Elaine & Ted Szymankiewicz  
07 Betty & Forrest Cheek  
11 Susan & Vern Boatman  
16 Nancy & John DiSalvo  
26 Shijia & Matthew Barnabee

**Birthdays**

01 Dick Butler  
01 Noah Krasno  
02 Cassandra Mask  
02 Elizabeth Siwica  
03 Matthew Wood  
03 Shijia Barnabee  
05 Juanita Borysewich  
05 Warren Foley  
05 Afuah Baadu  
06 John Franklin  
06 Samantha Gabrielson  
07 Chris Stalder  
07 Catherine Johnson  
09 Clay Elliott  
11 Karen Lowdermilk  
12 Ann Wallace  
12 Matt Cook  
12 Carly Wray  
12 Mila Jones  
13 Pat Stalder  
14 Shawn Moloney  
15 David VanBrackle  
15 Kurt Hanus  
15 Britton Bertram  
19 Dennis Salmon  
20 Harry Carls  
20 Victoria Vargas  
21 Jeremy Boitano  
22 Susan Kaney  
23 James Peseah  
23 Helen DeBevoise  
27 Jill Schubert  
28 Evie Park  
28 Rose Jones  
28 Zach Monahan

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF PARK LAKE**



**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. Circle meetings are on the first Monday, or first Tuesday of each month from September—May.

- ◆ **Dorcas: Monday, April 1 and May 6**  
**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, April 1 and May 6**  
**2:00 pm, Westminster Towers, Town Square**  
**Circle Representative & Bible Moderator**  
Marian Price, [marian66@cfl.rr.com](mailto:marian66@cfl.rr.com)
- ◆ **Joanna: Monday, April 1 and May 6**  
**7:00 pm, Parlor**  
**Circle Representative**  
Sherry Riley, [sheryay27@gmail.com](mailto:sheryay27@gmail.com)  
**Bible Moderator**  
Helen DeBevoise, [helenparklake@gmail.com](mailto:helenparklake@gmail.com)
- ◆ **Esther: Tuesday, April 2 and May 15**  
**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)

**PW Coordinating team:**

Will be meeting on **April 11, 10:30 am**, in the Koinonia Room, downstairs in the Sanctuary building.

**PW Moderators:**

Will be meeting on Monday, **April 22, 9:45 am** in the Conference room.

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Return Service Requested

\*\*\*DATED MATERIAL\*\*\*

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## APRIL - MAY 2024

### Park Lake Church Library Selections

*Check out the church library in April and May*



First, if you have Bibles that you don't use anymore, please consider donating them to the Little Free Library or put on the library table to donate. People take them, this is much better than having them sit on your book shelf.

In the library, we have a copy of most versions of the Bible. Some of these have extra helps. These are the shelves to your left when you enter the library, sections 200 and 225. If you browse a particular verse, or section, of the Bible in these various versions, you might find one whose words give you a new understanding.

I have a version which has side-by-side English and Spanish and find that reading those comparable gives me deeper understanding.

These Bibles are not to be checked out, they are to help you choose a version you want to purchase for yourself. If you see that we are missing a version that you like, please let me know and I will purchase it.

The same goes for our other books, if you find one that you want to keep, tell me about it and I will purchase another copy after all, the library has a \$50 budget. Let's spend it on good books.

**Alice Schmidt, Park Lake Church Librarian**

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



Located at the Highland Education building entrance.