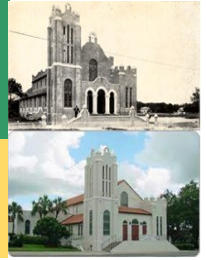


Worship and Work

100th Anniversary
A Century of Community in Christ
1925–2025



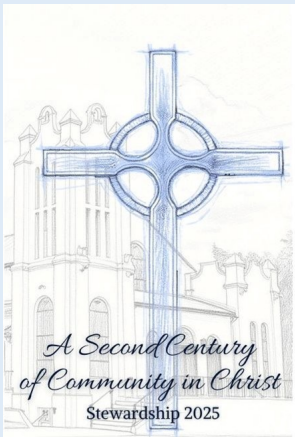
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STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION **SUNDAY** **NOVEMBER 16** **10:30 am**

Please make plans to attend worship on **Sunday, November 16**, when you will have the opportunity to bring your pledge card forward during worship.

After worship, come to our **Annual Youth Thanksgiving Fundraiser Luncheon**, in Struble Fellowship Hall.



Sunday, October 12: after we worshipped together celebrating 100 years at Park Lake, we gathered outside for a group photo.

Annual Youth Thanksgiving Fundraiser Luncheon **Sunday, November 16, after worship** **All are welcome to come and enjoy** **fun, food and fellowship!**

Donations will be accepted to help support the Park Lake Youth on their 2026 Church retreats and Mission Trips.
We are very thankful for your support this year and in years past!



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Changing Seasons



We are approaching the change of seasons from summer to fall. Here in Florida the visible reminders of that change, foliage and temperature, are very subtle, if apparent at all. Someone posted on-line a picture of one stray palm branch lying on the sidewalk with the caption, "Florida's fall foliage." I was recently so startled to see a raintree with one branch of red and yellow leaves in a sea of green that I stopped my car in the middle of the road to take a picture. There's been an early cold spell: the temperature in my car hasn't read 90 degrees for two days straight. These are signs, at least in Florida, that a change of seasons is afoot.

As we looked at the history of Park Lake for our 100th anniversary I wondered about the different ways to mark changes in the church's life across its history.

One way is to simply demarcate periods of time. We often tell the story of church or social group according to decades. So we might describe events grouped in ten year segments. What happened at Park Lake from 1925 to 1935, and so forth every ten years. The new time line created for the anniversary does that and it's interesting and informative to see the changes across the decades.

We can also tell the story of the church according to the tenure of its pastors. Park Lake during the Ferran years, the McCaslin years, the Gray years, and so forth. It is interesting how their particular personalities and skills shaped the life of the congregation.

One of our favorite ways to tell the story of the church is to let the buildings tell the story. This is especially apt for Park Lake since the Sanctuary was actually built before the congregation was organized, which is very unusual. And the buildings then formed the congregation in direct ways.

I think we can also tell the story of Park Lake according to seasons. Not spring, summer, winter, or fall, but times in life that emerge from the interplay of the church and world around it. We can talk about a season of beginnings - the dynamic impetus of people to act on faith and start a church. A season of contraction - what happens to the church when economic realities in the community and world change quickly and dramatically? A season of war - how does the church respond when the winds of war are blowing across the world? A season of growth and growing pains - what challenges face the church when people come seeking community and guidance?

Of course this raises the question of what season of change of seasons is Park Lake experiencing today? Possible answers are a season of cultural displacement - where we are still coming to terms with no longer being at the center of society; a season of deferred maintenance - where everything from buildings to bodies begin to show signs of age; a season renewed faith commitments - where we feel called by Jesus to serve him in particular ministries and contexts; a season of exploration - where we risk moving out into new relationships and opportunities.

It is a good time to think deeply and honestly about the changing seasons. Because at the heart of our faith is the trust that in the midst of changing seasons we will know, and feel, and see the presence of God, who in Jesus Christ, and through the Holy Spirit brings us life in whatever season we face. "Our God, Our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast and our eternal home."

Dan DeBevoise





Dear Park Lakers,

Thank you for your faithful giving in support of Park Lake's ministry and mission. Through August 2025, our pledged giving is at 96% of the total expected amount. Third quarter pledge statements were mailed in October. Your timely fulfillment of your pledge allows the church to meet its monthly obligations.

If meeting your pledge has become a problem, please send Linda Castle an e-mail, lindaparklake@gmail.com, so she can adjust your 2025 pledge accordingly.

Your faithful support is appreciated,
The Stewardship and Finance Committee

WELCOME New Members

We are pleased to welcome our new members to the Park Lake Presbyterian Church family who were introduced at our 100th Anniversary Celebration Worship service on Sunday, October 12th.

- ◆ Laurie Bookhardt
- ◆ Elizabeth Collins
- ◆ Tanner Mewborn
- ◆ Eden and Jim McEwen
- ◆ Donna Peral

UPCOMING IN DECEMBER!

Hanging of the Greens!
All are welcome!



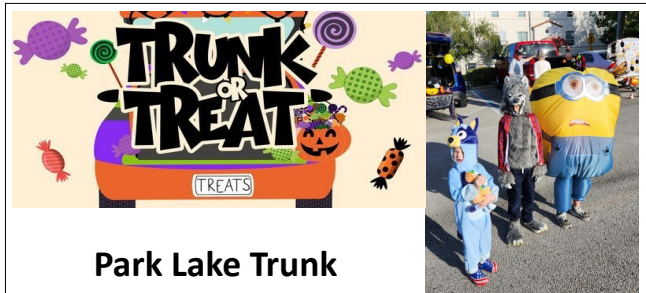
Let's decorate the Sanctuary for the upcoming Advent Season! The dates will be announced at the end of November in upcoming bulletins and the weekly Park Lake Up2date email! No experience necessary!

Contact Carol Bookhardt at carolparklake@gmail.com if you are interested in helping to decorate the Sanctuary.

*The **2025 Advent Devotional** will be available to pick up in the West Transept, in the Sanctuary, on the First Sunday of Advent, **Sunday, November 30** and will be sent in a daily email.*



If you would like to receive the email version of the Advent Devotional, and are not currently on our Park Lake Up2Date weekly email list, please contact Carol Bookhardt at carolparklake@gmail.com to be added.



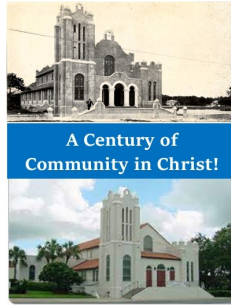
Park Lake Trunk or Treat

A fun time was had by all at the Park Lake Family Trunk or Treat! We had games, crafts, and candy in the Park Lake parking lot. Thank you to all of those who decorated trunks and handed out treats!



Go to plpc.org to see more Trunk or Treat photos and learn about other upcoming events at Park Lake!

Thank You



Thank you to the 100th Year Task Force Committee for a year of activities and to those who volunteered to celebrate our 100 Years of Community in Christ! Thank you to all who planned, volunteered, created, set up for events, cleaned up after events, and brought members to celebrate. Thank you to our Session members who put their stamp of approval on our year long celebration.

Thank you to our dinner celebration guest speakers Co-Pastors Helen and Dan DeBevoise, Orlando City Commissioner Robert Stuart, Rev. Dr. Michael and Janet Foley, Park Lake Members: Sandy Bogner, Paige McRight, Mary Ella Simmons.

A special thank you to John A. Dalles for writing our beautiful 100th Anniversary Hymn, "We Will Sing to God Our Songs of Praise". Thank you to Robb Ross, Will Benton and to the Park Lake Chancel Choir for leading us in making a joyful noise while celebrating.

100th Task Force

Janie Black
Jim Bogner
Erin Cook
Pastor Helen DeBevoise
Pastor Dan DeBevoise
Susan Gantt
Linda Shrieves
Anne Vercheski

Finance

Linda Castle
John Rogers
Sue Thompson

Deacons

Angela Chesser
Billie Jo Elliott
John Hunter
Barbara Martin
Cindy Schmidt

100th Dinner Musicians

Robb Ross, Choir Director; Will Benton, accompanist;
Park Lake Chancel Choir Section Leaders: Russell Stephens, Ali Molnar, Alice Fortunato, Faith Graves and Brandon Kaufman.

Volunteers

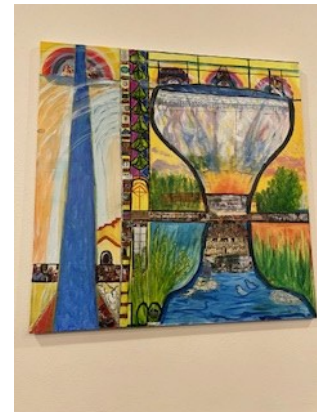
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Elizabeth Ingram
John Jenkins
Nancy Jones
Doug Lawton
Laura Moloney
Lauren Poore
Marian Price
Tom Price
Sherry Riley
Jill Schubert

100th YEAR ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW

Thank you to Will Benton for planning and organizing the 100th Year Anniversary Art Show.

Thank you to all of the artists who created the beautiful paintings, sculptures, stained glass, jewelry, pottery and other works to help celebrate Park Lake 100 years of Community in Christ.

- ♦ FAVO Artists: Will Benton, John Baker, Marion Fague-Bass, BeamT!me, Eric Blackmore, Marsha Da Broske, Mirjana and Darko Cesar, Denisse Berlingeri, Nick Bingham, Rona Castiglione, Cathi Gatti, Jim Hobart, Robin Johnson, Diane Martens, Thom Meaders, Richard Munster, Bethany Myers, Berto Ortega, Bob Smedley, Mark Snedeker, Kathryn Stecker, Vicki Taylor, Byron Walker, Susana Youngsteadt.
- ♦ Friends of Park Lake: Mark Bebermeyer, Brian Lanier.
- ♦ Park Lake Child Care Center artists: Ashley Burke and Jasmina Terzic.
- ♦ Park Lake Artists: Carol Bookhardt, Helen DeBevoise, Alice Fortunato, Susan Frith, Chris Stalder.



"100 Years of Welcome"
Alice Fortunato, FAVO Artist,
Park Lake Member

GayStraight@Park Lake would like to thank the PLPC community for their support of the church's participation in the Orlando PRIDE Festival on October 18th. It was wonderful meeting so many people and showing them the love of Christ.

The Pride Booth talked to more than 240 people, giving them information about the church and FAVO. The Blessing of the Pets blessed 40 animals that were at the festival and 77 pets were blessed via cell phone photos. Thank you to those who provided material support: Robert McRight, Scott Peterson, Sue Thompson and to FAVO artist Geo Gregory who made us tags for the pets we blessed at Pride.

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped at the Pride booths: Tony Boada Davila, Andre Davis, Dan DeBevoise, Susan Frith, Krys Fluker, Celeste Garcia, Howard Jaffe, John Jenkins, David Kaminsky, Doug Lawton, Jeanne Parks, Paige McRight, Melahn Murphy, Marian Price, John Rogers, Cindy Schmidt, David Simmons, Linda Wright Simmons, John Walker.



Picture above: Tony Boada Davila, one of the many volunteers.
Below L to R: John Jenkins, Pastor Dan DeBevoise, Andre Davis and others greeted guests representing Park Lake PC.



L to R: David Simmons and Linda Wright Simmons.



Linda Wright Simmons blessed the pets.



L to R: John Rogers, Doug Lawton, Cindy Schmidt and Andre Davis.



WASHINGTON SHORES PRESBYTERIAN FOOD PANTRY

Update from the Park Lake Mission Committee

Washington Shores Presbyterian is in need of food and hygiene items for their food pantry. We've been very faithful at Park Lake over the years, and the Mission Committee reminds everyone to please continue giving. Canned items such as tuna, corn, fruit, and sweet peas are needed, also cereal, peanut butter, jelly, and crackers. Don't limit it to just those, however! And hygiene items: bar soap, toothpaste and brushes, deodorant, etc. Their goal is 40 bags of food items and 40 of hygiene items once a month, every third Wednesday.

With Thanksgiving and Christmas coming, we have been donating money to purchase small canned hams for them to add to the food bags as holiday treats. Each ham is about \$10. If you would like to donate a little money, the need is certainly there. You can give in the offering plate on Sundays, mail a check to Park Lake, or give the check or cash to Leesa Bainbridge or John Bowers. **Please make your check out to Washington Shores Presbyterian Church.**

Thank You for your Support!!

5 CENTS A MEAL OFFERING Sunday, November 2nd

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.

To learn more about 5 Cents a meal go to:
cfpresbytery.org/path.html



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

UPCOMING EVENTS



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

First Fridays and First Saturdays ART EXHIBITS AT FAVO (Faith Arts Village Orlando)

5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Friday, November 7 and
Saturday, November 8



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 meeting will be **Sunday, November 9** from **12:30-1:30 pm** instead of November 16 so we can support the Park Lake Youth at their Annual Thanksgiving Fundraiser Luncheon, after worship. For more information, please contact John Jenkins at gaystraightatparklake@gmail.com.



Birthdays

- 1 Vicki Nicoll
- 1 Sue Thompson
- 4 Laurie Bookhardt
- 5 Rachel Foley
- 5 Grayson Trauger
- 7 Donald Gaboriault
- 7 Merissa Fe Borgelin
- 7 Vern Boatman
- 8 Evangeline Gabrielson
- 11 Sydney Patterson
- 12 Kaley Shropshire
- 15 Nancy Warlick
- 15 Renee Riegler
- 18 Mike Woods
- 18 Paula Nowell
- 19 Alice Schmidt
- 21 Elsie Oberst
- 22 Dan Johnson
- 22 Donald DeBevoise
- 22 Alison Walker
- 24 Daetwyler Bertram
- 25 John Bowers
- 26 Rosie Beardon

Anniversaries

- 1 Howard Vincent Kurtz and Howard Jaffe
- 4 Barbara and Donald Palmer
- 8 Billie Jo and Clay Elliott
- 24 Evangeline and Charles Gabrielson



PAGE TURNERS BOOK CLUB 10:00 am, Thursday, November 20



The November book is "The Maid" by Nita Prose. Our December meeting is to be determined. Meet in the **Koinonia room, located downstairs in the Sanctuary building**. For more information please contact Sherry Riley at sheray27@gmail.com

THE POTTER'S HAND: Combining Art and Faith

Look for upcoming art gatherings in upcoming bulletins and Park Lake Up2date weekly emails.



Contact Helen DeBevoise at helenparklake@gmail.com to participate.



Join Us for a Festive Afternoon of Building Your Own Gingerbread House

Sponsored by Esther Circle

**ALL MONEY COLLECTED WILL GO TO
FAMILY PROMISE OF GREATER ORLANDO**



Family Promise of Greater Orlando helps families facing homelessness achieve sustainable housing and self-sufficiency through a community based response. Creating a future in Central Florida where all families have stable housing and no child experiences homelessness.

Sunday, December 7, 2025

11:45 a.m.

Struble Fellowship Hall

Children and Adults of all ages

Lunch: \$5 per person

Gingerbread House: \$10 per kit

Please R.S.V.P.

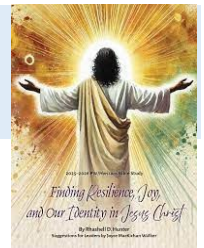
to erincook987@gmail.com

by December 4, 2025

Include: Name, Number of Adults/Children and Number of Gingerbread House kits (\$5 per person for lunch; \$10 per Gingerbread House kit)

****If you would like to donate money for candy for the Gingerbread House toppings, please contact Anne Vercheski.***

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, November 3
1:30 pm, Westminster Winter Park
Circle Representative and Bible
Moderator, Sandy Bogner,
sandybogner@cfl.rr.com

Sarah: Monday, November 3
2:00 pm, Westminster Towers,
Town Square
Circle Representative &
Bible Moderator, Marian Price,
marian@tompricearchitects.com

Joanna: Monday, November 3
7:00 pm, Parlor
Circle Representative, Sherry Riley,
sheray27@gmail.com
Bible Moderator Helen DeBevoise,
helenparklake@gmail.com

Esther: Tuesday, November 4
6:30 pm, Struble Fellowship Hall
Circle Representative, Erin Cook,
erincook987@gmail.com
Bible Moderator, Anne Vercheski,
avercheski@cfl.rr.com

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LITTLE FREE LIBRARY

Someone asked me about putting books in the Little Free Library. Anyone can put books there. You don't need to check with me. Anyone can take books out of it.

The Little Free Library is the book box on a stand beside the sidewalk to the Education Building. Stix Cook built it and our custodian Keith recently re-covered its roof to protect it from the weather until the roof can be repaired or replaced.

We accept donations of Bibles or other religious books, children's used school books, story books, paperbacks and hard cover books that you would otherwise discard. We accept Fiction and non-fiction and magazines as well.

Church members use it. Child Care Center families use it. Folks passing by use it. I like to have Bibles available in it. The Bibles are usually taken within a couple of weeks. That is wonderful.

Alice Schmidt, Church Librarian



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