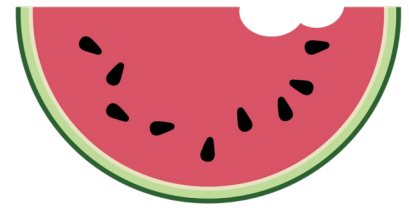


# Glad Tidings

June/July



2024

WEKIVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
211 WEKIVA SPRINGS LANE LONGWOOD, FL 32779-6123



High School Senior Recognition Sunday:  
Tavin Hebert, Lauren Prewitt, & Emma Grace Lucas



Yard Sale!

Acolytes Lauren  
and Emma Grace



"Angels Aware" Concert, Kids Club Choir directed by Aloma Bratek



New Members: Connie Wang, Brian Briddell, Valerie & Bill Husson, Mary & Ryan  
McCartney



PW Spring Plant Sale 2024  
Heidi Beavers & Carolyn Halvorsen



## The Quality of Life

Throughout the year we have looked at each part of the Apostles' Creed with the grand finale being "the life everlasting." The Creed has been leading to this from the beginning when God created the heavens and earth to when it ends with the redeemed world to come.

As I have reflected in my sermons, eternal life, as promised by Jesus, is about quality, not quantity. This means that every moment matters. We never know when any act we perform may be our last. Jesus promised that eternal life began here and now, and would find its completion at the end of the age. Are we living this blessed life now?

It is easy to be discouraged, and we all go through periods of loss and grief. However, even then, we are assured of the presence of the Lord. We are promised spiritual gifts and renewed spiritual power to face all trials and sufferings. As Jesus said,

*"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."*



Rev. Oscar Clavel  
Pastor



Eternal life is already in our souls. Whenever we follow Jesus, we experience His life, which is the source of our eternal existence. When you serve and minister to each other, you will receive the same benefits Jesus received. When you pray for the brokenhearted and minister to the sick, you experience Jesus giving His life to another through you. Eternal life is about being like Jesus, and that starts every time we pray and live in His name.

Are you looking for the eternal life that Jesus promises to be real for you today? Have you not been able to grasp the promises of Jesus and ask humbly for Him to strengthen you? I am confident that if we are able to walk closer to Him, even just one more step, the quality of our lives will be better. Maybe some things will not change, but the outlook will be brighter because God's presence will be active and breathing eternal life into our world.

*Oscar*

The deadline for the **AUGUST 2024 GLAD TIDINGS** is Thursday, July 25<sup>th</sup>.  
Send your submissions to [abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org](mailto:abbie@wekivapresbyterian.org)

## Notes from the Loft

by Betsy Bone

Another year of singing and ringing is over... (I go by school years)... It has been a GREAT year! All our groups have learned some wonderful music while growing their musical skills AND laughing (a lot), groaning, and growing together in the process. There are times when they've thought, "how are we ever going to get through this piece?" And as the piece starts coming together, they get more and more excited about singing or ringing it. It is the preparation that counts. If I've done my job right, they know why they are adding a crescendo here or diminuendo there, why that ring-touch is important right at that point, or why they just can't breathe in that one particular spot... all which help to bring the black notes on the page to life. It's a very rewarding journey only to be topped off by getting to share our efforts with you and God in worship!

We have also been blessed these past 11 months with some wonderful talent on the organ bench. God has been good in answering my prayers for help in fulfilling this task. He provided us with 14 year-old Ivan Kostorny, 17 year-old Jones Hogsed, Dr. André Lash, Julie Luschetski, Dr. Terry Yount, Alex Palmour, Vicki Fey, and a couple more new friends. Thank you, God, for the gifts of these persons and their willingness to share them with us in our time of need!!!

God has also been working hard behind the scenes preparing us and our new staff organist. A little over a month ago I got an email inquiring about our position. I think I held my breath as I whispered, "Is this the one, Lord?" It was only the third response to our advertisement of "Part-time Organist Position". A second person, who was a very good candidate, inquired just prior to the third. "God, please help me to know which one is going to be the best fit for us. I know you are working and have sent these delightful persons our way. Help me to know and do your will!"

I'm please to announce Dr. Anton Faynberg as our new organist and God's answer to all my prayers. You have gotten to sample some of his talent in the past few weeks. He is a delightful young man with a gentle spirit, good sense of humor, wonderful to work with, passion for worship, and talented pianist. The choir has enjoyed having him at our last three rehearsals.... They and I look forward to next year (2024-25) sharing, and making music together! Please give Anton a warm welcome whenever you get the chance.

**Introducing** our new staff Organist/Accompanist **Anton Faynberg** (pronounced Fine-berg.) Anton is a Russian-American pianist whose music is deeply personal and spiritual. He graduated from Oberlin Conservatory in Music Performance and earned a Doctoral degree in music from the University of Arizona. Anton performs, records, produces, and lectures on various aspects of classical and contemporary music. He specializes in music for dance, acoustic and electronic long-form improvisation, music for church, and novel presentations of Western Classical music.



In addition, Dr. Faynberg holds a master's degree from Graduate Theological Union in Theology and creates sacred music for church settings. These offerings, entitled "Musica Divina," combine pre-recorded materials with live improvisation and Scripture.

Anton has played with our Chancel Choir in worship several weeks over the last 4 months. He has demonstrated the ability to accompany the Chancel Choir well and is dedicated to providing meaningful music for worship.

### JOIN US!

- **Current**, our guitar group, will be practicing over the summer. If you'd like to play with us, please either text Betsy or catch me on a Sunday morning. Cell: 407-399-5035
- **Bell Workshop** will be held the week of August 12th ... details to follow.
- **Chancel Choir** will begin August 29th. Won't you come sing with us??



# PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

*Nurture Faith, Support Missions, Work for Justice and Peace, and Build Community*

## **Endeavor School Luncheon**

PW served lunch to the staff of the Endeavor school (formerly Rosenwald) in Lake Mary during National Teacher Appreciation week. Wekiva PW ladies have been supporting this school with treats for 40 years.

PW thanked the CCC staff for the love and dedication they give our children with gift cards to Target. Enjoy your summer, ladies!

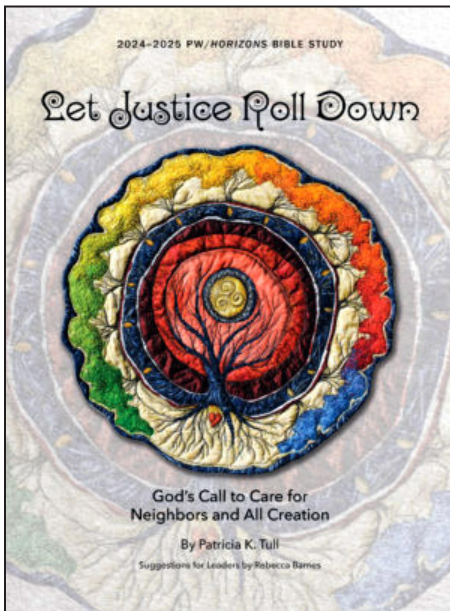


L to R: Jan Cayce, Ramona Seaver, Joy Keeley, Candace Nile, & Lois Harvey (Anne White not pictured)



## **Spring Plant Sale**

We thank everyone who purchased plants or cards at our sale in May. With your generosity, we are able to support our missions.



## **Ladies: It's Time to Prepare for our new Bible Study in September**

### **Let Justice Roll Down: God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation**

By Patricia K. Tull  
Suggestions for Leaders by Rebecca Barnes

We are called to care for neighbors and God's creation with all our hearts, with particular care for society's least powerful members who are disproportionately impacted by unjust systems. In God's first instructions to the nation of Israel we hear *"you shall not pervert the justice due to the poor"* Exodus 23:6; in Moses' final speech at the promised land's border, he reiterated, *"Justice, and only justice, you shall pursue"* Deuteronomy 16:20; and from Amos, the earliest recorded prophet, *"Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness*

*like an ever flowing stream"* Amos 5:24. Scripture reminds us that we are called to speak out to urge our society to act for just transitions in this fast-changing world.

Part of our PW Purpose is to **"nurture faith through prayer and Bible study."** Please join us for this Horizon Bible Study beginning in September. To order a study guide, please send a check made out to Presbyterian Women to: Kathy Sinclair, 2708 Dorado Ct, Apopka, FL 32703 or leave it in the PW mailbox at church. Please include your name, phone number, circle and whether you want a regular print guide for \$12 or large print for \$15. Order forms are in the PW mailbox.



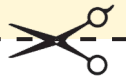
**Annual Bible Study Event - Saturday, August 3rd  
Pineda Presbyterian Church  
5650 N. Wickham Road, Palm Shores, Florida**

Please join your sisters from all over Central Florida Presbytery for an introduction to the new Bible study. Our PWCFP moderator Janet Foley will facilitate a short "overview" presentation.

**10:00 - 10:30    Registration and Light Breakfast  
10:45 - 11:45    Bible Study Presentation  
12:00 - 1:00     Lunch**

Cost is \$20.00 (Registration cost after July 17th is \$25.00) Please return the form and check by Wednesday, July 17th. For more information contact Julie Hill at: [julie2025pw@gmail.com](mailto:julie2025pw@gmail.com)

<b>Mail In Registration Form ~ PW Bible Study Event ~ August 3, 2024</b>	
Name:	Phone Number:
Address:	
Email Address:	
Home Church:	
Dietary Restrictions:	
Name Tag	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes. I would like a name tag.
<input type="checkbox"/>	No. I will be using my own home church name tag that I will bring with me and wear.
Make checks out to: <b>Presbyterian Women of Central Florida Presbytery</b>	
Send this form and the check for <b>\$20.00</b> to: Julie Hill, 3972 Scotland Street, Cocoa, FL 32927	



OR

Register Online at: <https://forms.gle/Qfaf2uUWyjWT3hnf6>  
Pay Online at: [https://account.venmo.com/u/CFL PresbyterianWomen](https://account.venmo.com/u/CFL_PresbyterianWomen)

**THANK YOU WEKIVA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!!**

The 2024 WPC Yard Sale was a success thanks to the abundance of items donated from our congregation and the many volunteers who sorted and priced donations the day before the Yard Sale and then provided their time and talents on the day of the sale, with setting up (very early), selling lots of "stuff" and then clearing away everything to prepare for Sunday service. A truck from St. Stephens took unsold items for further community missions.

The money from the WPC Yard sale totaled **\$2722.10** and will be used to support the installation of a desperately needed **water purification system** for our sister church in Remedios, Cuba.

*We thank you Lord for a beautiful day and the opportunity to serve.*

# ◆ Calendar ◆

**Mon Jun 3, 2024**

**Vacation Bible School Begins**

**Where:** Entire Campus: Education Hall, Reception Hall, Choir Room, Sanctuary, all classrooms, Playground

**Tues Jun 4, 2024**

6:15pm - 9:15pm D Group Mark Study Pt. 2

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Wed June 5, 2024**

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

1pm - 2pm Book Club

**Where:** Reception Hall

7pm - 8pm CE Committee Meeting

**Where:** via ZOOM

7pm - 8:30pm Deacon's Meeting

**Where:** Reformation Room and Zoom

**Thu Jun 6, 2024**

6:30pm - 7:30pm HR Committee

**Where:** Pastor's Office

**Fri Jun 7, 2024**

**Last Day Vacation Bible School**

**Where:** Entire Campus: Education Hall, Reception Hall, Choir Room, Sanctuary, all classrooms, Playground

**Sun Jun 9, 2024**

10am - 11am Worship Service - VBS Sunday

**Where:** Sanctuary

11am - 12:30pm **Ice Cream Social** hosted by the Deacon

**Where:** Education Hall

**Mon Jun 10, 2024**

7pm - 8:30pm CCC Board Meeting

**Where:** via Zoom

**Tue Jun 11, 2024**

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

9:30am - 1pm CCC "**Beach Bash**" Summer Camp

**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground

10am - 11am PW CT Meeting

**Where:** North Transept

1pm - 2pm Don Tschaen Memorial Service

**Where:** Sanctuary, Reception Hall

6:15pm - 9:15pm D Group Mark Study Pt. 2

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

6:30pm - 7:30pm Communication Committee Meeting

**Where:** ZOOM

6:30pm - 7:30pm Property Committee

**Where:** Reception Hall

7pm - 9:30pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision

**Where:** Crow's Nest

**Wed Jun 12, 2024**

9:30am - 1pm CCC "**Beach Bash**" Summer Camp

**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

1:30pm - 2:30pm Staff Meeting

**Where:** Pastor's Office

7pm - 8pm Mission & Benevolence Committee

**Where:** Reformation Room

7pm - 8pm Worship Committee Meeting

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

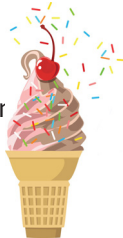
**Thu Jun 13, 2024**

9:30am - 1pm CCC "**Beach Bash**" Summer Camp

**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground

2pm - 3pm Caring Friends of Wekiva

**Where:** Reformation Room



**Sun Jun 16, 2024 - Father's Day**

10am - 11am Worship Service

**Where:** Sanctuary

4pm - 5pm Youth Committee

**Where:** Crosswalk



**Mon Jun 17, 2024**

6pm - 7:20pm Finance Committee

**Where:** Reformation Room

**Tue Jun 18, 2024**

9am - 1pm CCC "**Let's Have a Carnival**" Summer Camp

**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

6:15pm - 9:15pm D Group Mark Study Pt. 2

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Wed Jun 19, 2024**

9am - 1pm CCC "**Let's Have a Carnival**" Summer Camp

**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

2pm - 3pm Liz Minton Book Club

**Where:** Reformation Room

**Thu Jun 20, 2024**

9am - 1pm CCC "**Let's Have a Carnival**" Summer Camp

**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground

1pm - 2pm Cong Nurture Committee

**Where:** North Transept

**Fri Jun 21, 2024**

7pm - 9:30pm CNC Movie Night

**Where:** Crosswalk

**Sun Jun 23, 2024**

10am - 11am Worship Service

**Where:** Sanctuary

**Tue Jun 25, 2024**

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

6:15pm - 8:45pm D Group Book of Luke Study

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Wed Jun 26, 2024**

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

7pm - 9pm Session Meeting

**Where:** Reformation Room

**Sun Jun 30, 2024**

10am - 11am Worship Service

**Where:** Sanctuary

**Tue Jul 2, 2024**

9am - 10am Outreach Team

**Where:** North Transept

6:15pm - 8:45pm D Group Book of Luke Study

**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Wed Jul 3, 2024**

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study

**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

1pm - 2pm Book Club

**Where:** Reception Hall

7pm - 8pm CE Committee Meeting

**Where:** via ZOOM

7pm - 8:30pm Deacon's Meeting

**Where:** Reformation Room and Zoom

**Thu Jul 4 - Fri Jul 5, 2024**

All day **Church Office Closed** - Independence Day Holiday



**Sun Jul 7, 2024**

10am - 11am Worship Service  
**Where:** Sanctuary

**Mon Jul 8, 2024**

7pm - 8:30pm CCC Board Meeting  
**Where:** via Zoom

**Tue Jul 9, 2024**

9am - 10am Outreach Team  
**Where:** North Transept  
 10am - 11:30am PW CT MEETING  
**Where:** Reception Hall  
 6:15pm - 8:45pm D Group Book of Luke Study  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room  
 6:30pm - 7:30pm Property Committee  
**Where:** Reception Hall  
 7pm - 9:30pm Stephen Ministry Peer Supervision  
**Where:** Crow's Nest

**Wed Jul 10, 2024**

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study  
**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM  
 7pm - 8pm Mission & Benevolence Committee  
**Where:** Reformation Room  
 7pm - 8pm Worship Committee Meeting  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Thu Jul 11, 2024**

2pm - 3pm Caring Friends of Wekiva  
**Where:** Reformation Room

**Sun Jul 14, 2024**

10am - 11am Worship Service  
**Where:** Sanctuary

**Mon Jul 15, 2024**

6pm - 7:20pm Finance Committee  
**Where:** Reformation Room

**Tue Jul 16, 2024**

9am - 10am Outreach Team  
**Where:** North Transept  
 6:15pm - 8:45pm D Group Book of Luke Study  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Wed Jul 17, 2024**

9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study  
**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM  
 2pm - 3pm Liz Minton Book Club  
**Where:** Reformation Room

**Fri Jul 19, 2024**

7pm - 9:30pm CNC Movie Night  
**Where:** Crosswalk

**Sun Jul 21, 2024**

10am - 11am Worship Service  
**Where:** Sanctuary  
 11am - 12pm CNC Assembling Care Pkgs  
**Where:** Reception Hall  
 4pm - 5pm Youth Committee  
**Where:** Crosswalk

**Tue Jul 23, 2024**

9am - 1pm CCC "Outer Space" Summer Camp  
**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground  
 9am - 10am Outreach Team  
**Where:** North Transept  
 6:15pm - 8:45pm D Group Book of Luke Study  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Wed Jul 24, 2024**

9am - 1pm CCC "Outer Space" Summer Camp  
**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground  
 9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study  
**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

**Thu Jul 25, 2024**

9am - 1pm CCC "Outer Space" Summer Camp  
**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground

**Sat Jul 27, 2024**

10am - 1pm Church Volunteer Work Day

**Sun Jul 28, 2024**

10am - 11am Worship Service  
**Where:** Sanctuary

**Tue Jul 30, 2024**

9am - 1pm CCC "Dinosaur Dig" Summer Camp  
**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground  
 9am - 10am Outreach Team  
**Where:** North Transept  
 6:15pm - 8:45pm D Group Book of Luke Study  
**Where:** Wekiva Heritage Room

**Wed Jul 31, 2024**

9am - 1pm CCC "Dinosaur Dig" Summer Camp  
**Where:** Education Hall, Big Kitchen, playground  
 9:30am - 10:30am Pastor Bible Study  
**Where:** Reception Hall no ZOOM

**Note:** This calendar shows an abbreviated list of dates of events going on at WPC. For a complete list...

Go to:  
[www.wekivapresbyterian.org/calendar/](http://www.wekivapresbyterian.org/calendar/)  
 for all events

**CNC Nurture Notes*****A Grandparent's Prayer  
(or Parent's)***

Dear Jesus,  
 I whisper into the darkness.  
 I feel your Presence near.  
 I have some things to share with You.  
 I know that you will hear.

I bring my cares before You.  
 And I lay them at Your feet.  
 I ask You, please watch over them;  
 Each grandchild, oh so sweet.

They're young and very precious.  
 I'll bring them to You still,  
 Asking for Your blessing,  
 And praying for Your Will.

And when each child is fully grown,  
 I'll bring them to You still,  
 Asking for Your blessing,  
 And praying for Your Will.

~ Author Unknown



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## ***Bringing Clean Water to our Partner Church in Remedios***

Everybody deserves to have clean water to drink. People need water, but in some places in the world the water is not clean or safe. Bacteria in the drinking water poses serious health risks, especially for young children and older adults.

The gift of clean water transforms the lives of children, families, and the community. The Living Waters for the World Program works with volunteers and local communities to install water purification systems throughout the world.

The Presbyterian Church in Remedios and the surrounding community would benefit from this type of system. Wekiva Presbyterian Church is partnering with a Presbyterian Church in Charlotte to bring this water purification system to Cuba. The system will be installed in the church providing the congregation and local community clean water.

Wekiva Presbyterian is committed to this project and will be engaging our children in fundraising throughout the week at VBS. Children will learn how Jesus met the woman at the well and offered her living water and eternal life. A well will be set up in the sanctuary and the children will be challenged to help bring the living water to Cuba through this mission.

Your support and prayers for this project are needed. If you would like to contribute to this project, please include Cuba Water in the memo section of the check. In addition, there will also be opportunities to give during the worship service at the end of VSB. We look forward to updating you on this project as we move forward.

Thank you!

***Mission and Benevolence and Ken Lasseter***

