

# SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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"The strongest argument against democracy is a five -minute discussion with the average voter." In other words, the average voter doesn't know enough to make good choices about governing. Some credit this quote to Winston Churchill, but that is debated. Still, this quote made me stop and think. What do you think?

The **responsibilities of a citizen** in the US of A are as follows:

\*Vote

\*Obey the laws

\*Serve on a Jury

\*Pay taxes

\*Be informed

Are we being good citizens? Are we taking the time to be informed? Are we taking the time to find out, to learn, to engage in discussions that will help us better understand the issues over which our state and national governments are debating and deciding? Being a good citizen requires us to do our duty and our homework!

Look up what they are talking about in the news. Some good sources are: **Ballotpedia**, **Votehillsborough.gov, and myfloridahouse.gov** when looking for information on candidates. The New York Times, PBS, and USA Today are at the top of several "trusted news source" lists. And, in a democracy, we have the ability to communicate with our elected officials, so here is their information:

# FL State: (District 68) Rep. Lawrence McClure /813-757-9110;

(District 23) Sen. Danny Burgess/813-779-7059 USA: (District 15) Rep. Laurel Lee/ (202)225-5626; Sen. Marco Rubio/rubio.senate.gov; Sen. Rick Scott/rickscott.senate.gov

"Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with the saints and also members of God's household, ... with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone." Ephesians 2:19

We are a family of faith made up of individuals who hold different views and ideas. Thanks be to God for the love and unity we share, and our continued commitment to be citizens with the saints in God's Kingdom of Peace and Justice here on earth. God bless you, *Loli* 

# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

OF SEFFNER 1906 S. Lenna Avenue P.O. Box 545 Seffner, FL 33583 Pastor: Lolimarta R. Reiter Kara Rutherford, Admin. Assist. -----, Music Director Sheila Donohue, Organist TJ Childs, Worship Leader -----, Youth Leader Carmen Lapham, Nursery Telephone: (813) 689-4412 FAX: (813) 689-3840 E-mail: kara@seffnerpres.org Web site: www.seffnerpres.org **Office Hours: Monday - Thursday** 9:00 am-2:00 pm

#### **Session Members**

**Christina Boyd** Administration **Carol Dolphin** *Stewardship* **Joy Griffin** Fellowship **Jay Heidt** *Facilities* Joy Lavazza Congregational Care **Olivia Boyd** Youth **Dewey Walklin** Worship **Greg Uebel** Mission Melissa Triebwasser Christian Education

Cammie Williams, Clerk of Session

Newsletter items for August 2023 due by July 15, 2023. Please submit items to kara@seffnerpres.org



Worshiping Together live stream and in-person 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional

> Trinity Sunday June 4th

3rd Sunday after Pentecost June 18th Communion

7th Sunday after Pentecost July 16 Communion

9th Sunday after Pentecost July 30 Combined Service 10am Blood Drive 5th Sunday Pot-Luck Luncheon

> VBS Begins July 31- Aug 3 9am-2pm Aug 4 9am-12 noon

Children's Care available during worship services each Sunday.

Join us for Worship at www.seffnerpres.org click on **Worship** or go to www.facebook.com/seffnerpres

#### **Our Mission Statement**

To provide opportunities for people to discover God's love, seek God's purpose, and do God's will.

<u>Our Vision Statement</u> Glorifying God with mind, body, and soul.

## **MISSIONS HAPPENINGS**

The Mission Committee has been busy with many the events in month of May. Over 80 ladies participated in the Ladies luncheon on May 13<sup>th</sup>. The ladies had a good time and enjoyed a great meal. The Mission Committee will provide \$2000 to the Family Promise of Brandon, as result of the Ladies Luncheon. the

A thank you to all who donated, worked and shopped for the yard sale held in May. The proceeds will help the mission team with the various mission programs supported by the church.

Since the pandemic and cost of living increases, there are many more families that are seeking help from Family Promise of Brandon. Items needed to help the families that are supplied by this church are: Dish soap, laundry detergent, household cleaning items, bath soap, deodorant, shampoo and conditioner. Any donations can me dropped off in the containers provided in the narthex and the entry of the fellowship hall.

The July mission focus is Sock-it to Beth-El. Last year over 600 pairs of socks were donated by you! A container will be made available for donations.

Look for more information about upcoming events in August that will help support another Deep Well project!

# MUSIC

Here we are at the midpoint of the year and looking forward to those lazy, hazy days of summer. So much is behind us in the church year - Lent, Easter, Ascension. And now we launch into the weeks after Pentecost which will carry us over to Advent. The choir will continue to meet and to practice the hymns for Sundays. There will also be a few special pieces from time to time. But for now it will be a more relaxed rhythm, until the late summer when we all start looking ahead to the joys of December. Our numbers are small and we would welcome to our congenial group anyone, of any age, who would like to sing with us. Personally, I would also be appreciative of any suggestions for special pieces that you might like to hear. Feel free to speak to TJ or Sheila if you think that a musical summer would be just what you need! And, of course, keep singing from the pews and lift up your voices!!

# **CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS**

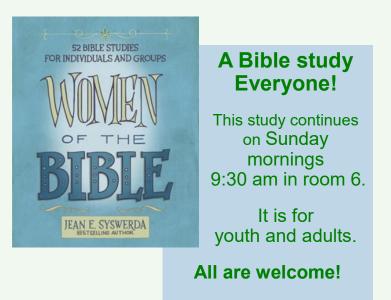
Mother's Day, Father's Day, and School is over. Vacations are being planned.

Now the question is what to do with the young people. Our church has an answer to that question.

We have Sunday School classes and a terrific week of Vacation Bible School planned. We can always use a second helper in the room with the Sunday School teachers. Also, the choir would enjoy having some young singers.

For the little ones, they may enjoy helping Mom or an older sibling make cookies and treats for lemonade time after church service. And Meals on Wheels could also use desserts or cookies for their program.

There is plenty to keep our young people busy working for our LORD during the summer. See you in church!



#### MEALS ON WHEELS



Meals on Wheels is looking for bakers to make desserts for our recipients. We need approximately 40 regular desserts and 12 sugar free desserts for our diabetics.

Please contact Janet Holzman by email or phone at 813-352-6443. All dates are open from now until the end of the year. A great opportunity for the youth to earn community service hours.



# SUMMER NURSERY HELP

Carmen, our Nursery Attendant, will be unavailable end of June, all of July and first part of August.

Would you consider volunteering to keep the Nursery for our church families? Please contact Melissa Triebwasser or the church office for more information.

# **CONGRATULATIONS!**

## **Graduating Class of 2023**



Aiden Heidt Elizabeth Kosan Maddie McClellan Lilita Ros Charlie Sherwood

# **Jockerts Scholarship Recipients**

Alexandra Friebolin Isabel Reiter Cade McClellan Kayley Sherwood Mackenzie Sampson Aubree Lapham Lily Ros Maddy McClellan Carmen Lapham Aiden Heidt Ethan Hudson Elizabeth Kosan



**The Youth thank you** so much for supporting the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser! The proceeds are being used to defray the expense of Cedarkirk travelling day camp for our summer VBS program.

May 17th is our final Wednesday Youth Meeting for this school year. Join us at Revolution Ice Cream on highway 60 in Brandon! We will carpool from the church parking lot, and dismiss from Revolution Ice Cream.

June 21st we'll be having a Summer Pool Party at the Boyd home. We'll provide the pizza, bring a drink or bag of chips to share. The fun starts at 5:30 PM. We'll also have a brief Mission Trip update and finalize our paperwork at about 6:30pm. All parents and youth attending the Mission Trip should plan to attend this brief meeting. (You're welcome to come for pizza and swimming too.)

Youth will resume after the start of the 2023 school year. We hope you have an awesome Summer!

## **FELLOWSHIP**

The Fellowship Committee hopes everyone has a

wonderful summer! We are getting excited for Vacation Bible School, July 31<sup>st</sup> through August 4<sup>th</sup>. The Fellowship Committee will be providing snacks and lunches for our children attending VBS. If you would



like to help out with preparing and serving, we would love to have you join us that week. Please contact Joy Griffin if you are interested.

Do you have a favorite cookie/bread/special treat recipe? We would love to taste your yummy treats at our Lemonade Time after the 9:30am and 11:00am worship service. The sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall. If you need more information regarding hosting, please contact Joy Griffin or the church office.

# SUCCEPTION

# Sunday School

One room Sunday School is planned for kids entering kindergarten through entering 6th grade. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Would you consider teaching just 1 week of Summer Sunday School? The sign-up sheet is available in the narthex. Please, consider this wonderful opportunity to work with our children. Just 45 min. of your time.

Thank you so much for volunteering!

# MANY THANKS!

The Ladies Luncheon to benefit **Family Promise of Brandon** was once again a wonderful event. All due to the labor of many.

A special shout out of thanks to Janet Holzman and Deb thatcher, who co-chaired the event.

More thanks to Jeanette Sampson, Janet Holzman and Deb thatcher for creating 30 raffle baskets!

We must not forget to thank all the kitchen help, Joy Lavazza, Anne Heidt, Joy Griffin, Janet Holzman, Donna Cachia and Deb Thatcher- together they made a tasty and attractive plate.

We were also blessed with beautiful table décor by Karen Childs, Deb Thatcher, Anne Heidt, Sara High, Carol Shick, Janet Holzman, Joy Lavazza and Joy Griffin as well as Kara Rutherford and Loli Reiter.

Last but by no means least - thank you to our raffle ticket sales people, Isabel and Olivia Reiter, Penny Childs and Dahlia Lavazza. They sold enough raffle tickets that gave us the opportunity to send \$2,000 to Family Promise of Brandon.

Yes it was a great time!. Thanks to all who came and shared their gifts. Please plan on coming next year. We will do it again!



As the days continue to get hotter, please remember to be good stewards of not only your energy usage, but also the church's. Thank you!

# THERMOSTATS

The thermostats are **PRESET**, please **DO NOT RESET** or put on hold. If you need to cool or heat, simply use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrows; when you leave, hit **RUN** and it will reset to original setting. **FAN** should always remain on **AUTO**.



# Worship

# Would you like to share your flowers with the church?

The **Worship Committee** is looking for people who would like to join the rotation of supplying an arrangement of flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings. The arrangements need to be live flowers and greenery, delivered on time for both services. If you would prefer dropping them off on Saturday, please contact Dewey Walklin.



Any questions, please contact the church at (813-689-4412) or Dewey Walklin <u>Dewey9776@gmail.com</u> (813-625-7465)



Men's Grill Night June20th & July 18th (3rd Tuesday of the month) 6 pm (Rain or Shine!)

Men are invited to meet at the grill in the back parking lot of the church; bring a meat to cook and a leftover covered dish to share. Rev. Ramiro Ros will have a devotional to share.

HOLY GRAZERS 2nd Wednesday (June 14th) of the month at 12pm, NO Lunch in July Everyone is invited to come, just bring a dish to share.





# WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:30am, Room 6 (2nd Wednesday bring a dish to share and stay for Holy Grazers Luncheon at noon)

# GET TO KNOW JOY LAVAZZA



Joy is our Congregational Care elder. Odds are you've already met her. She can be found singing in the choir, playing bells, teaching Little Lambs, helping with Meals on Wheels and the garage sales. The list is endless and she always has a smile.

Joy married her high school sweetheart, Bob. They have two sons, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Joy and Bob have moved 18 times since they have been married. Wow!

work life

Joy taught kindergarten, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade before moving on to work for Burger King for 30 years teaching classes and training managers. Joy was a candy taster and tester for M&M Mars. Best job

# SEPVE Being gods hands and feet

Last month we were informed that our insurance rates are going up by almost 20%. We have been able to remain within budget and have often ended the year with a little surplus, but this

ever

insurance increase will have an impact on our budget for the rest of the year. Thank you for continuing to faithfully give of your Time, Talents, and Treasures. God bless you...and your own dealings with insurance.

We continue to collect cardboard and plastic egg cartons only, no Styrofoam cartons, those may be dropped off at Publix where they can be recycled.





**Resource Pet Center** We continue to collect old towels, and blankets and newspapers for the Pet Resource Center on Falkenburg. Your donations are making a difference!

# ADMINISTRATION AND PERSONNEL

Administration and Personnel would like to start highlighting staff, elders as well as various volunteers in the church's monthly newsletters. We feel it would be another way for people who attend different services, or new members, to get to know the people of our church. Please take a moment to answer the following questions and send us a picture for use in the newsletter. We may also use them as a post on our social media each month.

- Name:

- How long have you been attending our church? - In What ways do you work/ volunteer at our church (list all)? - Tell us a little about yourself (age, where do you work/go to school/ retired, hobbies, etc.). - Tell us a little bit about your family. (significant other, children, grandchildren, pet, etc.) - Why is it important to you to work/ volunteer at our church? - What is your most memorable experience at our church? - A couple of interesting facts about VOU.

# WE ARE LOOKING FOR A:

# DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

\*Both positions are part-time

Interested candidates should send their resumes to kara@seffnerpres.org





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#### JUNE VOLUNTEERS

#### Gate Keypers: Open - Greg Uebel

Liturgist:

# June 4

Usher 9:30am: Head Usher 11:00: Greeter/Usher 11:00: Ethan Hudson Sunday School: One Room School: Acolvte: Lemonade: Flowers: Office:

#### June 11

Usher 9:30 am: Head Usher 11:00: Greeter/Usher 11:00: Deborah Thatcher Sunday School: One Room School: Acolyte: Lemonade: Flowers: Office:

#### June 18

Usher 9:30 am Head Usher 11:00: Greeter/Usher 11:00: Dee Andrekus Sunday School: One Room School: Acolyte: Lemonade: Flowers: Office:

#### June 25

Usher 9:30 am: Head Usher 11:00: Greeter/Usher 11:00: Chris Spangler Sunday School: One Room School: Acolyte: Lemonade: Flowers: Office:

# **Close** - Bruce Derenthal Greg Uebel Jan Brandt

Carina Brushwood TBD (Women of the Bible) Joy Lavazza Finley Heidt Dee Andrekus Anne Heidt Sara High (6/1)

Joann Williams Jim High TBD (Women of the Bible) Christy Mayfield Caroline Boyd Hospitality Volunteer Karen Childs Jim High (6/8)

Cammie Williams Joy Griffin TBD (Women of the Bible) Cindy Doyle Lotte Triebwasser Olive Crawford and Joann Williams Joy Griffin Joy Griffin (6/15)

Ed Moseley Lydia Padovano TBD (Women of the Bible) **Deb Thatcher** Noah Boyd Hospitality Volunteer Deborah Thatcher Cammie Williams (6/22)

John Atteberry, his father, Bill, family and friends who on April 21, 2023, lost Barbara, beloved mother and

wife. We continue to pray for the family and friends to be comforted and to find hope in the promise of the resurrection, for when Christ conquered death he opened the way for eternal life for us.

#### TEMPLE KEEPERS

**Mark Williams** on or before 6/3

**Greg Uebel** on or before 6/10

Jav Heidt on or before 6/17

**Ed Holzman** on or before 6/24

**Jim High** on or before 7/1



#### **CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY**! **GIVE A FINANCIAL GIFT TO THE CHURCH**



Simply give a gift for however many years you will be!

#### June Birthdays

Melissa Triebwaser	6/1
Judy Golden	6/3
Alex Sink	6/5
David Beck	6/9
Alex Messina	6/10
Shelly Schrand	6/11
Cammie Williams	6/15
Christine Spangler	6/22

#### Anniversaries

Greg and Connie Uebel	6/1
Michelle and Eric Forsyth	6/3
Kathy and ed Kelsey	6/7
Nancy and Jeff Mason	6/9
John and Loli Reiter	6/20

**NEW ADDRESS!** 



Tony, Jackie and Olivia Winter **Temporary:** 1701 Pinehurst Rd, #32B, Dunedin, FL 34698. Permanent starting June 15: 1654 Nash Ct. Dunedin, FL 34698

Thank you for your FAITHFUL Support of our MINISTRY! You can put your tithe/offering in the mail and send it to:

> **Presbyterian Church of Seffner** P.O. Box 545 Seffner, FL 33583

A Convenient Option ... You can also set it up with your bank as "Bill Pay", or give your tithe/offering or donate by making a secure gift through our website.



#### FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD April	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 79,286.00	\$ 93,391.50
Expense	\$ 85,716.00	\$ 93,391.50
Net (+/-)	\$ (6,430.00)	

#### JULY VOLUNTEERS

Close - Ron Smith

Joy Lavazza

#### Gate Keypers: Open - Ed Moseley

Liturgist:

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#### Olive Crawford Jay Heidt TBD (Women of the Bible) Joy Lavazza & Lydia Padovano **Finley Heidt** Lydia Padovano and Joy Lavazza Anne Heidt Sara High (7/6)

#### July 9

Usher 9:30 am: Head Usher 11:00: Greeter/Usher 11:00: Jim and Sara High Sunday School: One Room School: Acolyte: Lemonade: Flowers: Office:

#### July 16

Usher 9:30 am Head Usher 11:00: Greeter/Usher 11:00: Heather Ros Sunday School: One Room School: Acolyte: Lemonade: Flowers: Office:

#### July 23

Usher 9:30 am Head Usher 11:00: Greeter/Usher 11:00: Heather McClellan Sunday School: One Room School: Acolyte: Lemonade: Flowers: Office:

#### July 30

Head Usher 10:00: Greeter/Usher 11:00: Patty MacEwen Sunday School: One Room School: Acolyte: Lemonade: Flowers: Office:

Joann Williams Jim High TBD (Women of the Bible)

Penny Childs Hospitality Volunteer Karen Childs Jim High (7/13)

**Cammie Williams** Sammy Ros TBD (Women of the Bible)

Dahlia Lavazza Hospitality Volunteer Joy Griffin Joy Griffin (7/20)

Mark Williams **Bill McClellan** TBD (Women of the Bible)

Caroline Boyd Hospitality Volunteer **Deborah Thatcher** Cammie Williams (7/27)

# **Dave MacEwen** TBD (Women of the Bible)

Lotte Triebwasser Pot Luck Luncheon Carol Shick Sara High (8/3)

#### SPECIAL OFFERINGS Throughout the month of June Pentecost

Throughout the month of July Sock-it to Beth-El

#### **TEMPLE KEEPERS**

Jim High on or before 7/1

**Mark Williams** on or before 7/8

**Greg Uebel** on or before 7/15

Jay Heidt on or before 7/22

Ed Holzman on or before 7/29



**Blood Drive** Sunday, July 30th 8:30 am -1:00 pm





Simply give a gift for however many years you will be!

#### July Birthdays

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	Karen Martin	7/7
,	Charles Sherwood	7/7
	Oliver Evans-Nguyen	7/11
	Jeff Mason	7/11
	Todd Brushwood	7/12
	Loli Reiter	7/12
	Jane Beck	7/13
	Corrie Heidt	7/14
	Kitty Lowe	7/14
	Dolores Jaimungal	7/19
	Michaela Brushwood	7/21
	David Childs	7/25
	Joy Lavazza	7/26

#### Anniversaries

Bob and Polly Stettler

7/28



# **5TH SUNDAY POT-LUCK** LUNCHEON

July 30th immediately following the 11 o'clock worship service.

Bring a favorite covered dish to share!

## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Received May 21st Bryan Rodriguez 813-416-5188 611 Timber Pond Dr. BPROD822@aol.com Brandon, FL 33511

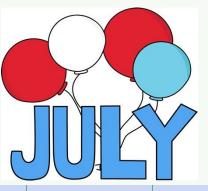
Karen Zilinsky 1719 Elise Marie Dr. Seffner, FL 33584

901-679-1093 silinsky@gmail.com

Received June 4th Alan and Sandra Harvey 954-552-1744 1108 Pam Drive harveys4@bellsouth.net Brandon, FL 33510



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