



SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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"Ruined for life"...

It's the unofficial motto the Jesuits give their volunteer program, says Chris Eaton, a retired pastor whose churches are very involved in missions and mission trips.

"Yes, that is what service does to you. Once you see as Jesus sees, well, in many ways you are 'ruined for life'." Chris was having a conversation with a fellow retired pastor about what "WOKE" means.

Did simply seeing the word make YOU mad? Put YOU in defense?

Yeah, people on "both sides" have taken this term and vilified it, glorified it, and twisted and turned it to fit their purposes. I appreciate the biblical approach Chris takes to explaining it.

He points to the story of the woman at the well, in the gospel of John, and to how Jesus tried to get his disciples to see her in a way they could not because of the blinders of assumptions and prejudices.

"So, for me 'wokeness' is about seeing what I previously did not or could not see. Jesus saw a woman at the well who was more than a second-class person. He saw her as a person with need. His disciples had not yet reached that point and couldn't see our common humanity."

Was Jesus the first "woke" being? Is Christianity a religion of "wokeness"? Things to ponder and pray about. God bless you.

From Tampa Bay Times article, "Jesus and the 'woke' parable of the woman at the well"

Our Mission Statement

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

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with mind, body, and soul.

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Newsletter items for
September 2023
due by August 15, 2023.
Please submit items to
[*kara@seffnerpres.org*](mailto:kara@seffnerpres.org)

Worshiping Together

live stream and in-person

9:30 am Contemporary

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional

10th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, August 6
Guest Preacher

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 20
Communion & Rally Day
Portraits of Congregation

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*](http://www.facebook.com/seffnerpres)

Generosity
changes everything

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.

If you need to test for COVID-19, test kits are available in the office for members. Please contact the office if you need one. Let's stay healthy!

MISSIONS HAPPENINGS

Deep Rock Well - A family of the church is donating \$7,500 for a well and is challenging the congregation to donate the additional \$7,500. Look for activities and future opportunities for you to participate in funding this mission project.

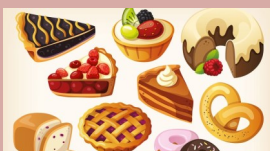
DEEP ROCK WELL WATER FUN DAY!

August 19th from 11am-1pm, come and enjoy a fun time and an opportunity to make a donation to the Deep Rock Well.

Lunch, water games, and waterslide will help all ages enjoy a time to get wet, fellowship and stay cool. Wear your bathing suit and bring a towel. Adult and youth **volunteers are needed** to host games. Please contact Deb Thatcher (813-240-1751), Greg Uebel (813-758-4855), or Janet Holzman (813-352-6443) to sign-up to help.

The **Mission Committee** has voted to alternate the Deep Rock Well and the Bikes for Jesus' Birthday missions each year due to the cost to support these missions.

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.

MUSIC

Well, we have just celebrated Christmas in June and where do we go next? August means new school year (sorry to touch a nerve!). But it is also a good time to think about the projects and plans for the rest of the year.

Christmas, the real one in December, will be upon us, especially since the world of retail starts it in October. The church doesn't rush the season, but we do need to plan ahead to have the special music we all enjoy as part of the worship. There are many good voices in this congregation at BOTH services. It would be so good to have more singers for the Christmas Cantata and it is always an enjoyable experience to collaborate with others for that special event.

Planning is starting and actual rehearsals will begin in September. We have been blessed by singers who join us for the Festival Choir and hope that in planning your fall activities you will give thought to joining us!

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

There is plenty of sunshine left for us to enjoy before Fall routines begin. Plan your last vacations and excursions while the Family can still gather together.

The Congregational Care group hopes you make the most of your family time together to glorify our God and explore His world. We wish your summer to be fabulous and remember He is with us always.



SAY CHEESE!

It's time for a new PCS Church Family Pictorial Directory!

It has been years since we've had a new pictorial church directory, and let's face it, some of us are looking better than EVER!!! Besides that, new members have joined in both services, and we want to be able to put names with faces! So, please join us to get your pictures taken and be included in the new directory! Our own Abbie Walters and Eric Friebolin will be snapping pictures in the Fellowship Hall **beginning Rally Sunday, August 20th**. One of them will be there, ready to take your pictures each Sunday after the services through September 10 (i.e., August 20 and 27, September 3 and 10). **NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY!** Just come looking as wonderful as you always do! Thank you.

-Church Directory Task Force

FELLOWSHIP



The Fellowship Committee hopes everyone had a wonderful summer! 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 on how to host, please contact Joy Griffin or the church office.

Also, Rally Day will be coming up on August 20th. This will give you an opportunity to see all the wonderful committees that our church has. Please pray and see where the Spirit guides you. If you have a love for food, the Fellowship Committee would love to have you join our group.



CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT

September 16-17, 2023

It's time to sign-up for our church Family Retreat at Cedarkirk! Join us for a

weekend of faith, fun, food and fellowship! Fill out the attached registration form and get on the list for fantastic weekend!

Please **register by Sunday, August 27** to reserve your spot by turning in a deposit and registration form to the offering plate or to the church office. Any questions, please call or email church office.

A \$25/person, non-refundable deposit is due with registration form.

Option 1

1 night, from Saturday at 10 am through Sunday at 2pm

Includes 4 meals (lunch Sat. through lunch Sun.) swimming, activities, crafts, puzzles, line dancing, & campfire

Cost:

\$105 (Adult, age 13 and up)

\$95 (Youth, age 5 – 12)

Family Maximum \$310 (Family, 2 Adults and children)

Option 2 (Saturday only)

1 day, from Saturday at 10 am through Saturday 10 pm

Includes 2 meals (lunch and dinner) swimming, activities, crafts, puzzles, line dancing, & campfire

Cost:

\$50 (Adult, age 13 and up)

\$45 (Youth, age 5 – 12)

Family Maximum \$150 (Family, 2 adults and children)

Option 3 (Sunday only)

1 day, from Sunday at 8 am through Sunday 2 pm

Includes 2 meals (breakfast and lunch) swimming, disc golf, hiking, puzzles

Cost:

\$45 (Adult, age 13 and up)

\$40 (Youth, age 5 – 12)

Family Maximum \$140 (Family, 2 adults and children)

Cedarkirk 2023 Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Option # _____

of Adults (13+) _____ # of Youth (5-12)

_____ # of Children (under 5) _____ (free)

Deposit \$ _____ check/cash (circle one)

Balance due \$ _____

Special requests (dietary, mobility, other?):

Make checks payable to:

Presbyterian Church of Seffner

Please indicate "retreat" in memo.



Thank You!

The **Worship Committee** would like to thank each and every one of you who purchased a Glory to God

hymnal(s) for the church.

The new hymnals were dedicated on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. Many of the hymnals were given in honor or in memory of someone.



I want to thank everyone who made George's Memorial service so special. He would have been so pleased. We want to give special thanks to all who helped with the setting up, the beautiful and delicious array of food and all that went with the reception. Our church is exceptional in the area of hospitality. Our love in Christ,
Betty Jo Kosan and the Kosan families.

Thank you to my Church family for the love and support all of you gave for the wonderful Memorial service and reception for my son, Chuck (Bruce Jr.), on Thursday June 2023. The gathering of Chuck's family, my Church family, and all of Chuck's friends was a sad occasion that was also an exciting celebration of his life. I'm certain Chuck enjoyed it very much. The efforts of you all are greatly appreciated. My family and I were all blessed by each of you. Thank you again.
Sincerely,
Bruce Derenthal



We extend our love and sympathy to the family and friends of the Derenthals in the loss of Bruce's son, Bruce Charles "Chuck"

Derenthal Jr. on June 7th, 2023.

We also extend our love and sympathy to Betty Jo Kosan, the family and friends, in the loss of George Kosan on June 23rd, 2023.

We continue to pray for the families 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.

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**.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Grill Night

August 15th

(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 (August 9th)
of the month at 12pm,

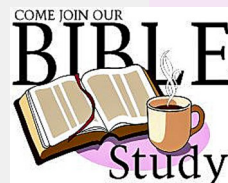
Everyone is invited to come, just bring a dish to share.



WEDNESDAY MORNING

BIBLE STUDY Resumes

August 9th, 10:30am, Room 6
(2nd Wednesday bring a dish to share and stay for Holy Grazers Luncheon at noon)



GET TO KNOW CAMMIE WILLIAMS



This is the 10th year that Cammie has served as our Clerk of Session and we don't know what we would do without her. She has also been an elder for Missions, Christian Ed and Worship & Music. The Bell Choir has counted on her for 20 years! Cammie does it all.

family

Cammie moved here in 1974 to finish school at USF. One of her most memorable moments was seeing her daughter, Julia, ordained as our youth elder. Her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren live nearby.

work life

Cammie taught in Hillsborough County for 38 years before she retired in 2015. She spent 26 of those years teaching kindergarten.

fun fact

Cammie started attending this church in 1983. Beverly Fields invited her when they taught first grade together in Plant City.



Rally Day!
Sunday, August 20th
Be a part of the
WONDER-WORKING!
Look for more info in bulletin.



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
Dewey9776@gmail.com
(813-625-7465)



Recently 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 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!

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



AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open - Greg Uebel
Close - Bruce Derenthal
Liturgist: Melissa Triebwasser

August 6

Usher 9:30am: Jan Brandt
Ushers 11:00: Jay and Anne Heidt
Sunday School: TBD (Women of the Bible)
One Room School: Joy Griffin
Acolyte: Finley Heidt
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Anne Heidt
Office: Sara High (8/3)

August 13

Usher 9:30 am: Joann Williams
Ushers 11:00: Jeff and Nancy Mason
Sunday School: TBD (Women of the Bible)
Sunday School: TBD
Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Alan and Sandy Harvey
Office: Jim High (8/10)

August 20

Usher 9:30 am: Cammie Williams
Ushers 11:00: James Boyd and Dewey Walklin
Sunday School: TBD (Women of the Bible)
Sunday School: TBD
Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Jane Beck
Office: Joy Griffin (8/17)

August 27

Usher 9:30 am: Ed Moseley
Usher 11:00: Janet Holzman and Chris Spangler
Sunday School: TBD (Women of the Bible)
Sunday School: TBD
Acolyte: Noah Boyd
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Deborah Thatcher
Office: Cammie Williams (8/24)

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Jim High
on or before 8/5

Mark Williams
on or before 8/12

Greg Uebel
on or before 8/19

Jay Heidt
on or before 8/26

Ed Holzman
on or before 9/2



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



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

August Birthdays

Ed Holzman	8/2
Aubree Lapham	8/2
Lydia Padovano	8/2
Abbie Walters	8/4
Charles Brandt	8/8
Kathy Kelsey	8/14
Charlotte Triebwasser	8/18
Karen Silinsky	8/19
Danh Cooney	8/20
Aaron Sampson	8/21
Bryan Rodriguez	8/22
Paul Crawford	8/26

Anniversaries

Johanna & Raymond McCoy	8/2
Deborah & Don Thatcher	8/11
Anne & Troy Abe	8/12
Laura & Ed Moseley	8/15
Alan & Sandra Harvey	8/23
Carina & Todd Brushwood	8/25
Anne & Jay Heidt	8/31

NOTE NEW ADDRESS!



Olive Crawford
617 4th St.
Valrico, FL 33594

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD June 2023	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 126,275	\$ 140,187
Expense	\$ 129,372	\$ 140,187
Net (+/-)	\$ (3,097)	

SPECIAL OFFERING

**Throughout the month of August,
we are having opportunities for the
congregation to participate and donate
to Deep Rock Well.**

NEW MEMBER CORRECTION

Karen **Silinsky** 901-679-1093
1719 Elise Marie Dr. silinsky@gmail.com
Seffner, FL 33584
Our sincere apologies to Karen, her last name **Silinsky** was misspelled in our last newsletter.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Committees Meet Throughout the Week		1 VBS 9am-2pm	2 8:30 am Meals on Wheels VBS 9am-2pm 6:30pm No Choir	3 VBS 9am-2pm	4 VBS 9am- 12pm	5 1pm Wedding reception set-up 7pm Rehearsal
6 9:30 am Contem- porary Service 9:30 am Sunday Sch. 11 am Traditional Service 2:30pm Wedding	7	8 7pm Session	9 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 12 noon Holy Grazers 6:30pm Choir	10	11	12
13 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	14	15  6pm Men's Grill Night	16 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 6:30pm choir	17	18	19 Deep Rock Well Fundraiser
20 Rally Day Communion Sunday 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	21	22	23 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 4:00 pm Staff Meet- ing and Lunch 6:30pm Choir	24 6:30 Kingsway Oaks II meeting	25	26
27 9:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service	28	29	30 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 6:30pm Choir 7	31	SAVE THE DATE FOR CEDARKIRK FAMILY RETREAT September 16 & 17. MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN TO BE THERE! SEE DETAILS ON PAGE 3!	