



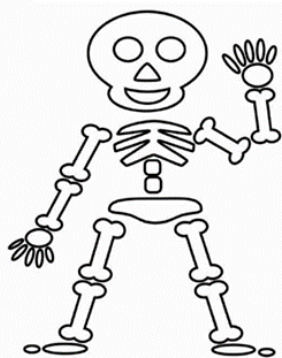
SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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Dem bones, dem bones, dem dry bones....
Well, your toe bone connected to your foot
bone...Your foot bone connected to your
heel bone ...Your heel bone connected to
your ankle bone...

"Dry bones" by the Delta Rhythm Boys



This song is often in Halloween mixes, but it is actually a Spiritual, a church song, from back in 1928. It talks about the prophet Ezekiel's encounter with God in the Valley of Dry Bones. As Ezekiel looks out over a valley of dead,

bleached-white bones, God asks him if these bones can live. Ezekiel, very cleverly responds, "O Lord God, You know." I mean, common sense says, "no way", but Ezekiel knows with God, there is always a way.

This Stewardship Season we proclaim this truth and celebrate the fact that we all play a part in God's life-giving work in the world using the Time, Talents, and Treasures that God has so generously given each of us.

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.
Ephesians 4:16

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
November 2023
due by October 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

**World Communion Sunday
October 1, 10 am**

**Combined Worship Service
in the Fellowship Hall
Communion**

**Peace and Global Witness
Offering**

**Stewardship Sunday
October 29, 10 am**

**Combined Worship Service
In the Fellowship Hall**

5th Serve Sunday

8:30am-1pm Blood Drive

11am Luncheon

*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

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.

MISSIONS HAPPENINGS

The mission team would like to thank the congregation for successfully reaching the goal of **\$15,000 for the Deep Rock Well Project.**

Also, thanks to everyone who donated, purchased and worked on the yard sale. Proceeds were used for the Deep Rock Well project and the Bikes for Jesus' Birthday for 2024.

In **October we support the Peacemaking Offering** which promotes change in cultures of violence into a community of Peace.

SAVE THE DATE: October 29th will be the mission outreach **5th Sunday Serve.** Volunteers are needed to **visit several area laundromats to offer prayer, some funds and children's books.** Also, you can help with the **Seffner cemetery clean-up** (bring your own yard tools) and a 3rd opportunity will enable you to **make a homeless bag with a small lunch and some useful personal items.**

October 29th is Commitment Sunday therefore we invite you and your family to a **luncheon** provided by the fellowship Committee, after worship. Along with the other opportunities to serve the community, the **blood mobile will be here for blood donations.**

MUSIC

The fine old hymn by Charles Wesley starts with these words: "O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise." It is a stirring image, but neither the author nor any of us has more than one tongue. But we know that when we join our voices in praise there is a transformation in the group as well as in the individual singers. The Sunday singing in this small church is usually strong and uplifting at both services. Now, here I am again asking for more voices to help make our coming celebrations beautiful. For Christmas there will be opportunities for singers, bell ringers, as well as people who have other musical talents. Come talk to Sheila or TJ about how you might be able to be part of the music ministry. In the past we have been blessed by the participation of our Festival Choir who have joined with the choir to sing the Cantata. We will meet on Wednesdays at 7:30 and practice the Cantata for a half hour. You can choose to stay for the rest of practice or leave as you wish. We will try to have CDs to use as practice aids. If you can't come every week, we will work with you to make it happen. Please give it your prayerful consideration.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

Our committee is always open to suggestions on how we could help you grow in the months ahead. Congregational care offers prayer partners; If you are ill, we have fabulous cooks ready to help. Looking for a way to get involved? We can help you find a place to suit your talents. You will be welcomed and feel the love of God.

Part of on-going ministries are Cedarkirk retreat in the fall, the Advent crafts to kick-off Advent season, and other numerous Christmas activities, just to name a few.

We thank those who gave their time and talents to our recent and on-going ministries, and to those helping the Task Force for our new Picture Directory, soon to be finished.

Stewardship has begun with an exciting bible study and dinner on Wednesday evenings at 5:30pm. Be sure to make plans to participate in the study and dinner. Looking forward to these activities allows us to serve our Lord and Savior.

Hope to see you there!

FELLOWSHIP



Our **Stewardship Wednesday Bible Study continues through October 25th.** If you are available to help with setting up for a delicious supper or cleanup afterwards, we will never turn down extra help.

Do you have the gift of hospitality?

Home baked goods are always a favorite, but we welcome the special kind you can pick up from the grocery shelf. **Please sign up to prepare Lemonade Time after the 9:30 am and 11:00 am 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.

Don't forget **Holy Grazers** on the 2nd Wednesday of the month! All are invited to bring a dish to share at 12 noon in the fellowship hall. Next one is **October 11th.**



GET TO KNOW OLIVIA BOYD



Olivia has been attending our church since she was in elementary school. She enjoys participating in all of the church activities, especially those involving food. She is currently serving as our Youth Elder and is serving on the Missions Committee. Her favorite church memories are taking part in Youth Group activities such as lock outs and lock ins. She feels that has helped her bond with other church members.

family

Olivia is the oldest child in her family at 16. She lives with her parents, James and Christina, along with her twin siblings, Noah and Caroline, 13. Her favorite family member might be her dog, Scout.

school life

Olivia is a junior at Strawberry Crest High School in the International Baccalaureate program. She is the diver for the swim and dive team.

fun fact

Olivia is going old school and collects vinyl records. She is trying to collect all of Taylor Swift's albums.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Our friends at **Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church** (Tampa) are taking a **pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, and you're invited! The trip is led by Revs. John DeBevoise and Nicole Abdnour, and takes place March 10-20, 2024. The pilgrimage will be preceded by a study of two books and monthly meetings, which will also be recorded and available virtually. You can find more information about this trip to Israel at www.palmaceia.org/holy-land-pilgrimage-2024 or by emailing Beth DeBevoise at DeBevoisePR@gmail.com.



Would you like to share your flowers with the church?

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.

Questions, please contact the church at (813-689-4412) or Dewey Walklin (813-625-7465)



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!



October 1st

10am

in Fellowship Hall

We are no longer taking cardboard, plastic or Styrofoam egg cartons.

Drop them off at Publix where they can be recycled.

STOP

We will have a special **Combined Service** affirming our connection and unity with the world.

Our worship will take place around tables, and of course we will share BREADS from around the world!

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open - Greg Uebel
Close - Bruce Derenthal
Liturgist: Christina Boyd

October 1 Combined Worship

Ushers 10:00 am: Dewey Walklin
Acolyte: Finley Heidt
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Anne Heidt

October 8

Usher 9:30 am: Jan Brandt
Ushers 11:00: Lydia Padovano, Dee Andrekus
Sunday School: Christina Boyd
Little Lambs: Olivia Boyd
Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
Lemonade: Christina Boyd
Flowers: Alan & Sandy Harvey

October 15

Usher 9:30 am: Joanne Williams
Ushers 11:00: Bill & Heather McClellan
Sunday School: Connie Uebel
Little Lambs: Joy Griffin
Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Jane Beck

October 22

Usher 9:30 am: Ed Moseley
Ushers 11:00: Deb Thatcher, Chris Spangler
Sunday School: Deb Thatcher
Little Lambs: Deb Thatcher
Acolyte: Noah Boyd
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Deb Thatcher

October 29 Combined Worship

Ushers 10:00 am: Dave & Patty MacEwen
Acolyte: Dahlia Lavazza, Abby Towery
Lemonade: Stewardship Luncheon
Flowers: Carol Shick

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Greg Uebel
on or before 10/7

Ed Holzman
on or before 10/14

Jim High
on or before 10/21

Alan and Sandra Harvey
on or before 10/28

James Boyd
on or before 11/4



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



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

October Birthdays

Lorraine Barry	10/3
Donna Cachia	10/3
Joann Williams	10/4
Rachel Kosan	10/8
Audrey Shick	10/11
Connor Bounds	10/12
Elizabeth Kosan	10/14
Keanu Abe	10/15
Cade McClellan	10/16
John Reiter	10/18
Bill Worth	10/20
Bunny Smith-Worth	10/22
James Boyd	10/23
Jim High	10/24
Sue Calvert	10/25
Carol Dolphin	10/27
Erik Friebolin	10/27
Joy Griffin	10/30



Blood Drive!

**Sunday, October 29
8:30 am-1:00 pm**



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

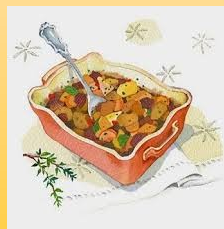
10:30am, Room 6
(2nd Wednesday bring a dish to share and stay for Holy Grazers Luncheon at noon)

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD August 2023	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 166,717	\$ 187,180
Expense	\$ 174,706	\$ 187,180
Net (+/-)	\$ (52,613)	

HOLY GRAZERS

2nd Wednesday (October 11) of the month at 12pm,
Everyone is invited to come, just bring a dish to share.





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>World Communion</i> <i>10:00 am Combined Service</i>	2 Committees Meet Throughout the Week	3	4 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 4pm Staff Meeting 5:30 pm dinner and study	5	6	7
8 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	9	10 7 pm Session	11 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30am Bible Study 12pm Holy Grazers 6:30pm Choir	12	13	14
15 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	16	17 6pm Men's Grill Night	18 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 5:30 pm dinner and study 6:30pm choir	19	20	21
22 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	23	24	25 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 5:30 pm dinner and study 6:30pm Choir	26	27	28
29 Stewardship and Sunday Serve 8:30 am Blood Drive 10:00 am Combined Service 11 am Stewardship Brunch	30	31	5			