



SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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September feels like such a month of waiting!

We're waiting for it to get cooler, and we have to wait for the best "decorator holidays" ... for Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas! There are no fun decorations and no special lattes or meals...sigh...what to do? What to do? Well, how about making September a time to celebrate STEWARDSHIP SEASON! Celebrate the many ways God blesses us and entrusts us with Time, Talents, and Treasures to use for the well-being of all and the Glory of God! Join us for the WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL AND BIBLE STUDY and prayerfully think about the ways that God is calling you to be a part of God's wonder-working in the world by putting to use what God has so generously given. God bless you!

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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEFFNER

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*Newsletter items for
October 2023
due **by Sept. 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

**14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 3
Labor Day Weekend**

**Church Family Retreat
Cerdakirk
Sat. and Sun., Sept. 16-17**

**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 17
Communion**

**9:00am Service - Cedarkirk
11:00am - Sanctuary**

*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



Deep Rock Well mission focus continues - Help us match the donation of \$7,500 made by a family of the church. We are challenging the

congregation to donate the additional \$7,500. Look for activities and future opportunities for you to participate in funding this mission project.

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

YARD SALE! Friday, September 29 and Saturday, September 30, 8am-2pm. It's time to declutter, cleanout the garage, attic, storage unit, closets and drawers. Items can be dropped off in room 5 and you can call Janet or Deb if you have large items for pick up.

Save the Date! October 29th is Commitment Sunday we will have a **potluck luncheon, blood mobile and the mission team will have 5th Sunday Serve projects** for you to participate in that will be an outreach to our community.

Thank you for the socks; we collected 665 pairs! Thanks for the great support of this mission opportunity.

A **great time was had by many** on August 19th getting wet and cooling off. Both Jay Heidt and Pastor Loli helped with this fund raising event by being targets of water balloons.

MUSIC

There is a catchy little tune from the folk music revival days which comes to mind. **"All God's Creatures got a place in the choir; Some sing low and some sing higher."** And that, friends, is the theme of this piece. Singing in church is a beautiful offering to God, and also to our neighbors who are inspired and comforted as only music can do. That is true whether the number of voices is large or small. This congregation sings well and heartfully. I know as I have been listening for more than twenty years! The actual choir has diminished in size, but the present members are dedicated, talented, good-natured and very welcoming to new members. No age discrimination here! All may join and there is no audition fee! Coming into the autumn season there are many opportunities to have special music, including Christ the King, Thanksgiving and the wonderful seasons of Advent and Christmas. If you would like to sing with either choir please contact TJ or Sheila. Thanks for giving consideration to this request.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS



SAY CHEESE!

Thank you to our **Picture Directory Task Force**, it is finally happening, and we hope to see everyone come out to have their picture taken. Pictures sessions continue Sundays in the Fellowship Hall (**September 3 and September 10**). We are excited for our Stewardship Bible study and dinner beginning soon. This is a great time for studying the scriptures.

Cedarkirk weekend is Saturday, September 16th through Sunday the 17th. It is a great time for fellowship, with many activities for everyone. Get your reservations in soon.

Our church is busy keeping you informed to share in the joy God has for us.



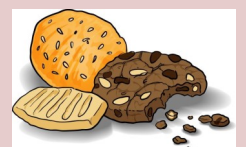
FELLOWSHIP



Our Potluck Luncheon on July 30th was attended by 60+ and I don't think anyone went away hungry! We had such a wonderful spread of delicious food and desserts. What a great time of fellowship with one another.

Our **Stewardship Wednesday Bible Study** will be **starting on September 20th**. 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 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.



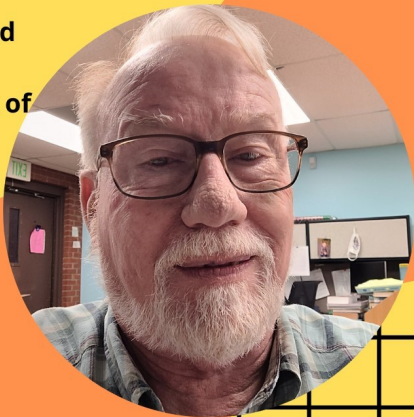
Thank You!

Thank you to **Elizabeth Kosan** for using her gift of art to do our basket signs!

I would like to thank all who helped on Saturday and Sunday the 5th and 6th with my granddaughter Rose and Patric's wedding. So many people came from the Congregational Care group and Fellowship group to offer their valuable help. Loli performed a beautiful ceremony and the previous instruction for the couple. The Lavazza's appreciated the help.

Joy Lavazza

It's Stewardship Season! Thank you Ron for all you do to make sure our finances are in order so that we can continue to be good stewards. We appreciate the gift of all of your talents.



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

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

To my church family: I want you to know how very much your love and kindness is appreciated. Having been through a "rough year" has not been so rough with your encouragement, your calls, cards, and prayers. You really do make a difference.
Thank you, Christine Spangler



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Grill Night
September 19th
(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.



Youth Montreat Trip Fundraiser

September 24th



Help us raise funds
for our summer
Montreat
Conferences.

CREATE YOUR OWN
BAKED POTATO
MASTERPIECE AT OUR
BAKED POTATO BAR!

TOPPINGS INCLUDE

- Chili
- Cheese
- Sour Cream
- Butter
- Cheddar
- Bacon
- Chives
- MORE

GET TO KNOW JOY GRIFFIN



Joy currently serves as our Fellowship Elder. She was baptized at our church as an infant and remained through her late teens. In 2015 she started attending again regularly. You can find Joy anywhere the church needs help. She's always there with a helping hand.

family

Joy was blessed with two daughters, Amber and Lacey, and three grandchildren. Her and Abby also have a few fur babies, a dog named George and two kittens, Annabelle and Freddy.

work

Joy is retired after working for the school district for over 35 years! She has taken on a new role in retirement raising her granddaughter, Abby. Retirement also offers her ample opportunities to serve our church.

interesting fact

Joy was on television when she was 12 years old.

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.

STOP

Drop them off at Publix where they can be recycled.

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!

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open - Ed Moseley
Close - Ron Smith
Liturgist: Youth

September 3

Usher 9:30am: Joann Williams
Ushers 11:00: Carina Brushwood and Joy Griffin
Sunday School: Olive Crawford
Little Lambs: Joy Lavazza
Acolyte: Dahlia Lavazza, Abby Towery
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Joy Griffin

September 10

Usher 9:30 am: Cindy Doyle
Ushers 11:00: Jim and Sara High
Sunday School: Christina Boyd
Little Lambs: Olivia Boyd
Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
Lemonade: Joy Lavazza
Flowers: Donna Cachia

September 17

Usher 9:30 am: Judy Golden
Ushers 11:00: Gabe and Corrie Heidt
Sunday School: Connie Uebel
Little Lambs: Joy Griffin
Acolyte: Penny Childs, Dahlia Lavazza
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Patty MacEwen

September 24

Usher 9:30 am: Mark Williams
Usher 11:00: Erik and Jennifer Friebolin
Sunday School: Deb Thatcher
Little Lambs: Deb Thatcher
Acolyte: Noah Boyd
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer
Flowers: Karen Childs

Office Volunteers while Kara is away:

Sara High (9/7, 9/11, 9/18)
Jim High (9/5, 9/12, 9/19)
Joy Griffin (9/14, 9/21, 9/28)
Anne Heidt (9/6, 9/20)

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD July 2023	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 142,706	\$ 163,584
Expense	\$ 151,796	\$ 163,584
Net (+/-)	\$ (9,090)	

SPECIAL OFFERING

Throughout the month of September, we'll continue to have opportunities for the congregation to participate in events and make donations to Deep Rock Well.

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Ed Holzman
on or before 9/2

Jim High
on or before 9/9

Alan and Sandra Harvey
on or before 9/16

James Boyd
On or before 9/23

Mark Williams
on or before 9/30

Greg Uebel
on or before 10/7



CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY !
GIVE A FINANCIAL GIFT TO THE CHURCH



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

September Birthdays

Penelope Evans-Nguyen	9/1
Peter Lapham	9/4
Olive Crawford	9/5
Alexandra Friebolin	9/5
Connie Uebel	9/5
Natasha Lamour	9/6
Larry Connell	9/7
Ethan Puente	9/7
Ed Moseley	9/11
Yasline Lamour	9/12
Anne Wheeler	9/15
Don Thatcher	9/16
Robert Lavazza	9/17
Rose Lavazza	9/17
Dave MacEwen	9/19
Samuel Shick	9/23
Lillian Triebwasser	9/23
Phil Messina	9/24
Nancy Mason	9/30

Anniversaries

Joy and Bob Lavazza	9/12
Carmen and Peter Lapham	9/23
James and Christina Boyd	9/27

No Food or Drink
Allowed in Sanctuary



NOTE NEW ADDRESS!

Myra Meredith
c/o Savannah Court
824 N. Parsons, Room 101
Brandon, FL 33510





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sunday Sch. 11 am Traditional Service	4 Committees Meet Throughout the Week	5	6 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30am Bible Study 4:00 pm Staff Meet- ing 6:30pm Choir	7	8	9
10 Youth Sunday 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	11	12 7pm Session	13 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 12 noon Holy Grazers 6:30pm choir	14	15	16 Cerdarkirk Church Family Retreat
17 Communion 9:00 am Contemp. Service @ Cedarkirk 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	18	19 6pm Men's Grill Night	20 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 5:30 pm dinner and study 6:30pm Choir	21	22	23
24 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	25	26	27 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 5:30 pm dinner and study 6:30pm Choir	28	29 8am-2pm Yard Sale	30 8am-2pm Yard Sale