



# SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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From Pastor Loli...

**I am so thankful to be alive –  
Eyes in love with seeing,  
Ears in love with hearing,  
Heart in love with attending,  
Mind in love with connecting;  
Eager to miss NO message of grace  
in the ballet of beauty or the cramp of  
struggle of this incredible gift of life...  
“I am so thankful to be alive”**

Guerillas of Grace  
T. Loder

I am so thankful for this and for YOU,  
Family of Faith!  
Thank you for your pledges turned in at  
the Commitment Celebration, and for  
the way you continue to faithfully offer  
your Time, Talents, and Treasures  
throughout the year!  
Thank you to OUR STAFF who faithfully  
lead, support, and work alongside the  
many ministries and members of this  
church! Thank you to our SESSION  
whose prayers and efforts on behalf of  
this church are powerful and effective!  
Thank you to ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS  
without whom our church could not  
function! ... And Thank you, God, for  
being a good God, a faithful God, and  
a God who continues to surprise us with  
the blessings God sends!

May God bless you!  
Pastor Loli

**SPECIAL OFFERING**  
Throughout the month of  
November,  
Christmas wishes of  
families from Beth-El will  
be made available for  
members to help fulfill.

## **PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEFFNER**

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### **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  
**December '23/January '24  
due by November 15, '23.**

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

**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Sunday, Nov. 5**

**Christ the King Sunday  
Communion  
Nov. 26**

Children's Care  
available during worship  
services each Sunday.

Join us for Worship at  
[www.seffnerpres.org](http://www.seffnerpres.org)  
click on **Worship**

or go to

[www.facebook.com/seffnerpres](https://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.

## **Our Vision Statement**

Glorifying God with mind,  
body, and soul.

**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.

## CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

November is a time to give thanks.

-Thank you to Lydia for sending get well, thinking of you, and sympathy cards to our congregation.

-Thank you to Joy L. for the Birthday cards sent every month.

-Thank you to our congregation for supplying us with new unused cards of every type, including Christmas cards.

-Thank you to our cooks who give their time and generosity in creating numerous meals for all occasions.

-Thank you for all of the prayers being said for our loved congregation.

-Thank you for our Elders who tirelessly lead us to be pleasing to our Lord in all ways.

-Thank you for our pastor who loves God and all of us.

-Thank you for Kara who keeps the train on the track in every aspect of our church workings.

-Thank you for the upcoming Advent Season and the following Christmas and what it means.

-Thank you for our prayers for one another as Jesus taught us to pray.

- Please join us this season of caring for one another.

## YOUTH NEWS

Our Youth Group is back in full swing! We have activities and events planned throughout the Fall. We hope you'll join us on Wednesday nights after the Stewardship Dinner in the Fellowship Hall for fun, games, and learning more about God's love for us.

This summer our Middle School and High School students will be attending the Montreat Conferences in TN and NC. We have fundraisers to help us defray expenses AND help us build our community of faith. Please see Melissa Triebwasser for more information about Youth Group or the Montreat Conferences.

### Important Dates:

10/1 - Wreath Fundraiser is OPEN

10/25 - Fun Fall Event during Youth Group

11/5 - Wreath Fundraiser Kick Off w/ Cookies and Punch

11/15 - Youth Cook Out

11/26 - Youth Casserole Sale pans and recipe cards available

12/2 - Youth Progressive Dinner

12/3 - Advent Event

12/10 - Youth Casserole Sale

12/13 - Youth Escape Room event

## MISSIONS HAPPENINGS

**Deep Rock Well-** We have met our goal of \$15,000 to build a well. Thank you to all who donated items and shopped the garage sale to help push us over our goal.

**Bikes For Jesus 2024-** The garage sale was such a success that we were able to put approximately \$3,300 towards bikes for next year. As we all know, Hurricane Ian devastated parts of our state. Session has approved our request to send \$2,500 in to the **Florida disaster program** to aid our neighbors during this difficult time.

Christmas is right around the corner and we will once again be **supporting Beth-El families**. Sign up sheets will be available with gift requests soon, so keep your eyes open. We'll keep you posted on the November mission focus. Speaking of Christmas, missions will have a **table set up for shopping**. All proceeds will go to support our church's

**Meals on Wheels program.**

## MUSIC

Our loyal choir members are busy getting ready for special music at Christmas time. In addition to Christmas Eve, there is the annual Christmas Cantata which this year will be on December 17. Every year we have been blessed by the participation of additional singers - our Festival choir for the Christmas season. Please give some consideration to help us make a joyful noise. We plan on some lovely music which is accessible and festive! We practice is at 6:30 on Wednesday evenings. If you would like to sing with us, please leave me a note or speak to me or TJ at church. I know it is a busy time and you may not be able to come to every practice but we will make an effort to help you catch up if you can't come every week.



### 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!



# GET TO KNOW JAY HEIDT



Grew up in Brandon. Attended Yates Elementary, where his music teacher was BettyLou Harp, our former choir director. Graduated from Brandon High, where he met Anne. In 1974, they married at Seffner Presbyterian, and Jay joined our church shortly thereafter. He's served many terms as a ruling elder on our session, most recently as chair of the facilities committee.

## family

Proud father of two -- Gabe (part of our Seffner Pres crowd) and Emalee (living in Barnstable, Massachusetts). Grandfather of four (Aidan & Finley here at Seffner, and Luke & Betsy in MA). New to the family is sweet yellow Labrador pup, Ida, who joins 14-year-old Posey Cat.

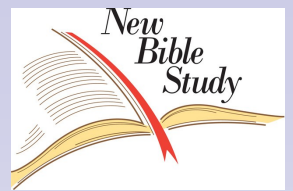
## work life

Jay spent four years in the US Navy and was honored to be a rescue diver for the Apollo space program. In 1974-75, he spent time in Egypt helping to clear the Suez Canal following the Egyptian-Israeli War.

He established his wetland management business in 1988 and literally worked in the swamps (frequently on his airboat) daily until retiring in 2018.

## fun fact

Jay has always been happiest outdoors... fishing, canoeing, sailing, swimming, boating, scalloping, long-distance bicycling, hiking, camping. He continues to share his love and respect of nature with family and friends.



## Sunday Morning 9:30 am

If you would like to be a part of this study, we will have the introduction of the **Book of Matthew** on November 19th. This is a 10 week study.

Please contact Janet Holzman at 813-352-6443 if you plan to join this study.

**NEW MEMBER  
CLASS  
SUNDAY, NOV. 5  
12:30PM  
ROOM 6  
Receive New  
Members  
Sunday, Nov 12**



**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)

## Men's Grill Night November 21st

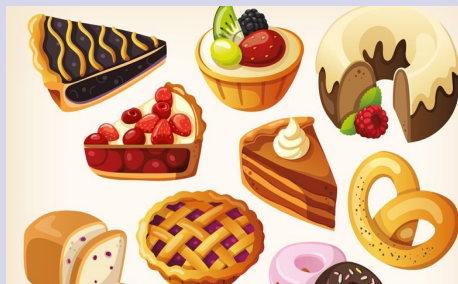
(3rd Tuesday of the month)  
6 pm (Rain or Shine!)

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.



**MEN'S GROUP**

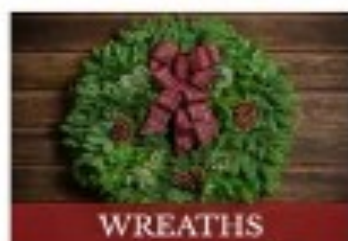
## MEALS ON WHEELS



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.

# Seffner Pres Youth Montreat 2024



**WE EARN 15%**

*Supporting our fundraiser is easy...  
Simply decorate your home or send  
an elegant evergreen gift!*



## SUPPORT OUR CAUSE

- 1 Visit [www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/300639](http://www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/300639)
- 2 Click on a product category or Shop Online
- 3 Choose a Team Member to support (if applicable)
- 4 Click Shop Now to give back 15% of your purchase!

ENTIRE PRODUCT AVAILABILITY ONLINE

PREFER TO ORDER BY PHONE? CALL 1-888-426-0781 AND REFERENCE CAMPAIGN #300639



December 10th

# YOUTH CASSEROLE SHOP



CASSEROLES  
SIDES  
DESSERTS  
WHATEVER YOU  
LIKE!



Our youth are raising fund to attend the Montreat Youth Conferences. Would you support them by making/buying a casserole on December 10th?



## NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

**Gate Keepers:** Open - Ed Moseley  
Close - Ron Smith  
**Liturgist:** Cammie Williams

### November 5

Usher 9:30 am: Olive Crawford  
Ushers 11:00 am: Jeff and Nancy Mason  
Sunday School: Olive Crawford  
Little Lambs: Joy Lavazza  
Acolyte: Finley Heidt  
Lemonade: Youth (11am)  
Flowers: Donna Cachia

### November 12

Usher 9:30 am: Mark Williams  
Ushers 11:00: Jim and Sara High  
Sunday School: Christina Boyd  
Little Lambs: Olivia Boyd  
Acolyte: Caroline Boyd  
Lemonade: New Member Reception  
Flowers: Karen Childs

### November 19

Usher 9:30 am: Joanne Williams  
Ushers 11:00: Janet Holzman & Joy Griffin  
Sunday School: Connie Uebel  
Little Lambs: Joy Griffin  
Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser  
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer  
Flowers: Joy Griffin

### November 26

Usher 9:30 am: Judy Golden  
Ushers 11:00: Sammy & Jessie Ros  
Sunday School: Deb Thatcher  
Little Lambs: Deb Thatcher  
Acolyte: Noah Boyd  
Lemonade: Hospitality Volunteer  
Flowers: Anne Heidt

## HOLY GRAZERS

**2nd Wednesday (November 8) of the month at 12pm,**

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



## FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD September 2023	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 189,222	\$ 210,578
Expense	\$ 187,962	\$ 210,578
Net (+/-)	\$ (1,260)	

## TEMPLE KEEPERS

**James & Noah  
Boyd**  
on or before 11/4

**Amanda & Bryce  
Moseley**  
On or before 11/11

**Mac & Patty  
MacEwen**  
On or before 11/18

**Jay Heidt**  
On or before 11/25

**Dewey Walklin**  
On or before 12/2



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



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

## November Birthdays

Greg Uebel	11/2
Tracy Messina	11/6
Patty MacEwen	11/8
Carol Shick	11/10
Kai Abe	11/13
John Voelpel	11/16
Chad Triebwasser	11/17
Finley Heidt	11/21
Gabe Heidt	11/22
E.J. Paynter	11/23
Karen Kosan	11/24
Marcelo Lamour	11/25
Johanna McCoy	11/28
Lili Ros	11/29

## Anniversaries

Karen and Rick Kosan	11/16
Barbara and Larry Connell	11/16
Peg and Mike Johnston	11/26
Mac and Patty MacEwen	11/27

## FELLOWSHIP

Our **Stewardship Wednesday Night Bible Study and dinner** has been amazing. **Dave "Mac" MacEwen** has prepared some pretty delicious dinners, **Thank You!** And I want to send a big **Thank You** to the clean up crew, **Jim and Sara High, Matt MacEwen and Bruce Derenthal**. The Fellowship Committee is so grateful for all your support and help!

Please join us on **Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>** (combined service at 10:00am) for our **Commitment Sunday** with a delicious **Brunch being prepared by the Fellowship Committee after worship**. There will be activities set up to help our community as well.



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.



# November




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Group trip to The Barn Antiques in Lake Alfred, Tuesday, Nov. 7th</b> - If anyone is interested in going us, please contact the church office or Sara High. by Sunday Nov. 5th.			<b>1</b> 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 4pm Staff Meeting 6:30pm Choir	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Daylight Saving Time Ends 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sun. School 11 am Traditional 12:30 New Member Class	<b>6</b> <b>Committees Meet Throughout the Week</b>	<b>7</b> Election Day Group Trip to The Barn Antiques in Lake Alfred	<b>8</b> 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30am Bible Study 12pm Holy Grazers 6:30pm Choir	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> Receive New Members 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sun. School 11 am Traditional Service 12 New Member Rec.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 7 pm Session	<b>15</b> 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 6:30pm choir	<b>16</b> 6:30 Kingsway HOA Meeting	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 6pm Men's Grill Night	<b>22</b> 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 6:30pm Choir	<b>23</b> 12 pm Church Family Thanksgiving Meal 	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> Communion Sunday 9:30 am Contemp. Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11:00 am Traditional Service	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 10:30 Bible study 6:30pm Choir	<b>30</b>		