

# SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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*From pastor Loli ...*

*The willows are dripping honey color into rivers,  
And the mother birds are busy in manger nests,  
And I am learning again that "for everything  
there is a season  
And a time for every matter under heaven."  
O Lord, You have sketched the lines of Spring.  
Be with me in my unfolding.*

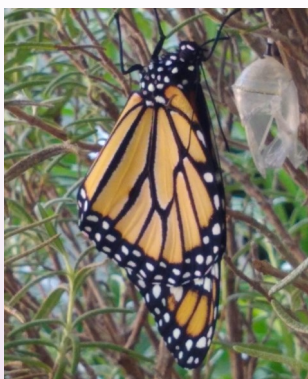
-Ted Loder, *Guerillas of Grace*

It happened so quickly, the whole "hunker-down-stay-at-home" COVID thing that I sometimes do feel like a very wrinkly, crumpled up piece that was hurriedly shoved into quarantine.

...But it is time to "unfold" and to ask that God be present in what that looks like and what new, life-giving thing it could mean.

Come journey with us as we find this out together.

God bless!



### [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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### [Session Members](#)

**Carina Brushwood**  
*Congregational Care*

**Carol Dolphin**

*Stewardship*

**Bob Friskney**

*Fellowship*

**Jay Heidt**

*Facilities*

**Patty MacEwen**

*Administration*

**Isabel Reiter**

*Youth*

**Carol Shick**

*Worship*

**Deborah Thatcher**

*Mission*

**Melissa Triebwasser**

*Christian Education*

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*Clerk of Session*

*Newsletter items for  
May 2021*

**due by April 15th.**

*Please submit items to  
[kara@seffnerpres.org](mailto:kara@seffnerpres.org)*

**Worshiping Together  
live stream and in-person**

**R.S.V.P. for Worship  
by Thursdays**

**April 1st**

**7:00 pm Maundy Thursday  
Coimmunion**

**April 4th**

**Easter Sunday**

**7:30 am Sunrise Service**

**9:00 am Worship Service**

**In-Person**

**11:00 am Worship Service**

**In-Person & Live Stream**

**April 11th**

**Holy Humor Sunday**

**April 18th**

**Gospel Sunday**

**Communion**

**April 25th**

**4th Sunday of Easter**

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Click on Worship or go to

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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**

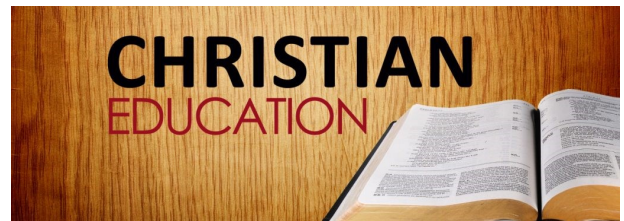
You can also set it up with your  
bank as "Bill Pay", you are also  
able to give your tithe/offering or  
donate by making a secure gift  
through our website.

**Lights! Camera! Action!**  
Vacation Bible School is planned for the **week of June 21st** and we have a "dramatic" plan starring our very own church family! Be sure to mark your calendars for the week of June 21st. **Registration forms will be available beginning in May!**



Sunday school is currently held weekly via zoom from 12:30-1. We are currently in the process of planning to host Sunday School at church beginning April 11th. We will meet outside with masks to help ensure the safety of all our children and youth. In order to make this happen and continue to support our younger church family, we NEED your support. We still need teachers. Please contact Melissa Triebwasser (813) 679-4241 or the church office to let us know which Sunday you would like to sign up for!

Friendly reminder, we will not have Sunday school on Easter Sunday but please plan to join us for our Family Easter celebration on April 3rd from 10-11:30 am.



Our new normal has made it a challenge to come up with creative ways to safely fellowship, as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord. Therefore, to continue a tradition, a "Continental Easter Breakfast" buffet will be set up in the church court yard, from 10am to 11am. We encourage you and your family to eat, then to explore & see all the wonderful renovations in the sanctuary, fellowship hall, & church grounds. We continue to pray for a safe return for all our church family as we move forward.

The Church is covered with yellow pollen as your house and car probably are. If you would like to help give the Church a bath please let Jay Heidt know.



**Jokerst Scholarship** applications will be available until **April 15** for the 2021-2022 year. Current and prospective recipients can apply during this window. Please contact Cindy Doyle at [cegdoyle@msn.com](mailto:cegdoyle@msn.com) for information on how to qualify and application. An information session through Zoom or telephone is required.

Thank you to everyone who filled out the survey for the **Congregational Care Committee!** We are excited to announce that the number one activity voted on by you, the congregation, is a Cooking Class on Zoom! No surprise, really, knowing how much our church family loves a good meal!

We are working on the details and will have more information for you once we get it all set, but plan now to zoom in with us for food and fellowship in late April or early May. We'll get you a list of ingredients to have at home, a zoom link to join in the fun and a fabulous chef to teach the class. Together on zoom, we will each prepare the recipe in our own kitchens and then we'll taste the delicious dish by the end of the class. It will be scrumptious! Be on the look out for a chance to sign up. Everyone is welcome; no apron required!

As always, Congregational Care Committee is here for you. Please let us know if you're in need of anything - prayers, meals, a ride - your church family loves you.



### APRIL VOLUNTEERS

**Jay Heidt** on or before 4/3  
**Ed Holzman** on or before 4/10  
**Mark Williams** on or before 4/17  
**Jim High** on or before 4/24  
**Ed Kelsey** on or before 5/1

#### Ushers and Greeters:

##### April 1st - Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm

Head Usher - Jay Heidt  
 Usher - Anne Heidt  
 Attendance Greeter - Cammie Williams

##### April 4th - Easter Sunday 9:00 am

Head Usher - Patty MacEwen  
 Usher - Dewey Walklin  
 Greeter - Carol Shick

##### April 4th - Easter Sunday 11:00 am

Head Usher - Jay Heidt  
 Usher - Anne Heidt  
 Attendance Greeter - Janet Holzman  
 Entrance Greeter - Carol Dolphin

##### April 11th

Head Usher - Jeff Mason  
 Usher - Nancy Mason  
 Attendance Greeter - Deb Thatcher  
 Entrance Greeter - Carol Dolphin

##### April 18th

Head Usher - Jeff Mason  
 Usher - Nancy Mason  
 Attendance Greeter - Cammie Williams  
 Entrance Greeter - Chris Spangler

##### April 25th

Head Usher - Dave MacEwen  
 Usher - Dewey Walklin  
 Attend. Greeter - Patty MacEwen  
 Entrance Greeter - Chris Spangler



Kind hearts are the gardens,  
 Kind words are the roots,  
 Kind thoughts are the flowers,  
 Kind deeds are the fruits,  
 Take care of your garden  
 And keep it out of the weeds;  
 Fill it with sunshine,  
 Kind words and kind deeds.  
 - H. W. Longfellow



#### Birthdays

Robert Bargo	4/03
Betty Harp	4/13
Cindy Connell	4/15
Julia Williams	4/20
Roger Golden	4/24
Jacob Schrand	4/25
Lynn Orlosky	4/30

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

On **Easter Sunday**, as we celebrate the Lord's triumph over death, we also turn our thoughts and gifts to the world around us through the offering of **One Great Hour of SHARING**.

*"In the wake of the countless domestic and international crises that have escalated since COVID-19 reached the United States, among them civil unrest, economic injustice and hunger -*  
**ONE GREAT HOUR of SHARING**  
*gifts never fail to bring life and hope.*

*From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, the three Presbyterian USA programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing -*  
**Presbyterian Disaster Relief, The Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Presbyterian Committee of the Self Development of People -**  
*provide people with safety, sustenance and support."*  
**Presbyterian Today** article by Emily Enders Odom

Please consider supporting this offering as we start back to our "New Normal " of worship and living.



**YOU SHALL BE CALLED REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH**

Providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.

— ISAIAH 58

 **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS  
HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

As we are looking toward Easter we will again support the children at Beth El with Easter baskets full of books, candy and toys. The youth group will fill the baskets during their Wednesday night meeting. We have been busy with the mail and have been giving books away to several local elementary schools, including Mango, Colson, Seffner, Gibsonton, Lincoln and Apollo Beach.



Thanks to all the people who donated items for the yard sale. The moneys raised will go to the general mission fund and to buy items for the Gifts of Love Tree. While people were shopping they were given the opportunity to vote for the items they would like us to buy. Too early to tell what items were chosen as this article is being created before the sale.

We continue to make Blessing Bags, we are known in the community for having them.. In fact one day a man came to the church looking for one as he was told he could find one on our benches in the courtyard. So we know they are a needed service. We could use donations of deodorant, sanitary napkins, and individual snack items. We had another family graduate for the Family Promise program last month. We were able to give her a house warming basket full of paper goods, laundry supplies, kitchen items, and bedding. We are always in need of paper goods, personal hygiene items such as shampoo, deodorant, bars of soap, as well as laundry detergent and bedding. We try to supply the families with needed items to start out a new home that they cannot buy with their food stamps. Again thank you for all the support you give so that we can be of service to the world around us. It's a blessing to be part of this Little Church with a Big Heart.



We are so grateful to God that more and more people are getting vaccinated and COVID-19 numbers continue to decline! **As long as numbers continue to decline**, our hope is to move forward with welcoming our church family "back home" to our beautiful church facility! We recognize that things are not "back to normal" yet and ask that you comply with the safety guidelines that we will be following, but here is a proposed plan the Transition Taskforce has been working on for our in-person opportunities.

	Worship	Children/Youth	Church Small Groups	Outside Groups
Phase 3 End of March Beginning April	In-person Fellowship Hall	Children & youth activities Outdoors & indoors	Small groups of 10 or less	10 or less Session permission
Phase 4 April and May	May 2 <sup>nd</sup> Back to 2 services in Sanctuary*	April 11 <sup>th</sup> Back to in-person Sunday School*	Small groups of 10 or less*	10 or less* Session permission

\*Masks will continue to be worn while on church grounds. We will re-evaluate this safety practice in the fall. We will check CDC guidelines, look to percent test positive # to be 5% or below, and to the % of Hillsborough County population vaccinated to re-evaluate social distancing in May and during summer months.

We will continue to worship online, and we pray that more and more of us will be able to safely gather here in person sooner than later. God bless you and yours!

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Please let us know what services you will attend **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**, so we can make accommodations. At all events, we will continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks. We look forward to worshipping with you!

**Maundy Thursday (4/1)**  
with Communion  
**7pm**  
Courtyard  
In-Person and Livestream

**Family Easter Celebration (4/3)**  
10:00-11:30 am  
Family Craft Fun!

**Easter Sunday (4/4)**  
**7:30am** Sunrise Service  
at Wheeler's  
In-Person

**9am Worship Service**  
Fellowship Hall  
In-Person

**10am**  
Continental Breakfast  
Courtyard

**11am Worship Service**  
Fellowship Hall  
In-Person and Livestream



#### FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

Year to Date Feb 2021	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 46,992	\$ 41,300
Expense	\$ 40,795	\$ 41,300
Net (+/-)	\$ 6,197	

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> <i>Maundy Thursday</i> <i>7pm Worship Service with Communion</i>	<b>2</b> <i>Good Friday</i>	<b>3</b> <i>10-11:30 am Family Easter Celebration</i>
<b>4</b> <i>Easter Sunday</i> <i>7:30 am Sunrise Service</i> <i>9am Worship</i> <i>10am Breakfast</i> <i>11 am Worship</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Committees Meet throughout the week</i>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> <i>8:30 am Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6:pm Youth Zoom Meet</i> <i>4:30pm Staff Meeting</i> <i>6:30pm Bells</i> <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b> <i>Holy Humor Sunday</i> <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>11 am Worship</i> <i>12:30 Sun. Sch.</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <i>7 pm Session Meeting</i>	<b>14</b> <i>8:30 am Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6pm Youth Meeting</i> <i>6:30pm Bells</i> <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b> <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i> <i>11 am Worship with Communion</i> <i>12:30 Sun. Sch.</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <i>8:30 am Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6pm Youth Meeting</i> <i>6:30pm Bells</i> <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> <i>4th Sunday of Easter</i> <i>11 am Worship</i> <i>12:30 Sun. Sch.</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <i>8:30 am Meals on Wheels</i> <i>6pm Youth Meeting</i> <i>6:30pm Bells</i> <i>7:30pm Choir</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	