

SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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From Pastor Loli ...

Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of the water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.

-John Lubbock

For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

-Exodus 20:12

Unlike Lubbock, I am more partial to "listening to the ROAR of the water" at the beach! Summer is an opportunity to work on keeping that 4th Commandment – Keep the Sabbath. Remember, Sabbath-keeping is not just what you do or don't do on Sunday. It is that time you make to rest and maintain balance, to put down your burden for a bit, to enjoy God's blessings and truly feel like praising and giving thanks!

God
bless,
Loli



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
August 2021
due by July 15th.
Please submit items to
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Worshiping Together
live stream and in-person

R.S.V.P. for Worship
by Thursdays
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June 20th
Communion

June 27th
VBS Sunday

July 4th
Independence Day

July 5th
Office Closed

July 18th
Communion

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

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FAITHFUL Support
of our MINISTRY!

You can put your tithe/offering
in the mail and send it to:

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TRAVELING THIS SUMMER?

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.



Vacation Bible School registration is still open and we are looking forward to hosting a safe and exciting event for our children (grades 1st and up!). Cost is \$5 and you can register on-line using the link below. We will be performing a musical called Heroes of Faith. No worries if singing isn't your passion, we have many other opportunities for participation. We will have crafts, recreation time, snacks and even story time hosted by our very own Pastor Loli. We need several volunteers to help with snacks and crafts. Please contact Melissa Triebwasser, (813) 679-4241, if you are interested in volunteering.

Register now!

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfEV6w1dPX-bpeTBIkODWPirUCmk2NS2LWhw-RatEDYLZ_Upg/viewform?usp=sf_link

Sunday school update: Many of our families are not ready to return to brick and mortar Sunday school and we are still in need of teachers so Sunday school will take a pause and return in August **FULL FORCE AND FULL OF EXCITEMENT**. In the meantime, **PLEASE** plan to attend our Family Fun and Fellowship events this summer.



Sooooo Many Save the Dates!

Graduation Sunday **May 30th**

Family Fun and Fellowship Bingo Night
June 2nd at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall

Parent meeting for ALL youth attending
Montreat: **June 2nd**, 5-6pm (pizza!)

Youth Pool Party **June 16th** at the Boyd's 6-8pm

V.B.S. **June 21st-25th**, (9 am- 12 noon)
V.B.S. Sunday **June 27th**

Back to School Bash **July 31st**
(time and location TBD)

Youth Ice cream Night **August 4th** 6pm
(location TBD)

Rally Day and Sunday School Welcome back!
Aug 22nd

We're back in the SANCTUARY!

We celebrated Pentecost by moving back into the Sanctuary and confirming the Confirmation class that began in the Spring of 2020. As we are also moving towards healthier times, we wanted to share what you can expect when you come back on-site until COVID numbers are safer for EVERYONE. Please continue to encourage friends and family to get vaccinated!

***Masks** – please continue to wear your masks when you are on church grounds. We are glad that many have been vaccinated, but we know that some haven't and that our kids can not. So let us continue to be welcoming of EVERYONE and wear masks just a little while longer.

***Seating** – please sit on marked side of the pews. You are welcome to sit in your favorite pew, but for your safety, we still need to maintain some distance.

***We want you to catch up and share how good God has been in your life, but please do it OUTSIDE in the fresh air!**

***Requested but not required** – For your safety, it is very helpful to know who is coming and how many will be in worship, but no one has ever been turned away from worship! So, we **kindly request but not require** that you let us know you will be coming to worship on-site.

Thank you for your understanding and for living up to the well-earned reputation of being "the little church with a big heart".

God bless you,
Pastor Loli and the Transition Task Force



Resource Pet Center

We continue to collect old towels, and blankets and newspapers for the Pet Resource Center on Falkenburg.



Blessing Bags are still being created and will now be placed in the fellowship hall for pick up. Please pick up a few and hand them out. We are in need of gently used or new ball caps and t-shirts.

Thanks again for all that you do. We are Blessed and continue to be a blessing to others. Thanks be to God!

Mission dates to remember

Saturday, June 26th

Water Fun Day Come learn about serving God through the gift of a Deep Well through the Presbyterian Mission Initiative.



Friday, July 16th & Saturday, July 17th

Yard Sale

Come by the church and check out all the stuff on sale to benefit the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program.



July

We will **collect socks** for children at Beth-El Farm Ministries.

Last year we donated close to 500 pairs of socks. Beth-El has a sponsor who gives each student a new pair of shoes. We would like to give each student 2 new pairs

of socks to go with their new shoes. So Let's **SOCK IT TO BETH-EL**. Collection baskets will be in the church narthex and fellowship hall. If you have **old beach or pool towels and children's bathing suits** your children no longer wear, please consider donating them for Beth-el children who are being sponsored to go to Cedarkirk Camp this Summer.



Looking into August. Please plan to be a part of our annual 5th Sunday Serve (which we didn't get to do last year). After church we will have lunch and then participate in a mission project of your choosing. We plan on doing several projects for the homeless population; a service project for Cedarkirk Camp and Conference; possibly for Family Promise. Any ideas from you? If you know of an organization that needs our help please speak to Deb Thatcher, Janet Holzman or Carrie Childs.

August 28

5th Sunday Serve Mission An outreach and lunch Mission Opportunity, The Mission Committee had put aside \$4,000 from our last fund raiser to be used as "Matching Funds" for our Deep Well Drive. We believe that our congregation working together can make a HUGE impact in a developing country by providing funds for a Village Deep Well. Please consider donating to this project.

For more information look for The Giving Tree in the church narthex. If you want to donate other items there is a booklet with all the items you can donate. During

VBS, the children's mission project will be collecting for the Deep Well Drive On **Saturday, June 26th**; we will have a church wide celebration of water with a fun day of water activities. Lunch will be provided as well as an opportunity to learn more about the **Deep Well Project**.



Jokerst Scholarship Recipients

We are so excited to announce the following young people who have been accepted for the Jokerst Scholarship this year.

Kai Abe
Ethan R. Hudson
Christian Jaimungal
Rachel Kosan
Aubree Lapham
Mackenzie Sampson
Kaylie Sherwood

We congratulate them all!

DEAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FAMILY,

THANK YOU SO MUCH for allowing me to be a scholarship recipient Summer & Fall 2021. I am continuing my education in Communication Sciences & Disorders, still on the path to becoming a Speech-Language Pathologist. With your support, I have maintained a 4.0 and had access to all the necessary resources to make this possible. Again thank you so much. Love, Rachel Kosan.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On Sunday, May 2nd, the Session and the congregation welcomed **Laura Bounds** and **Susan Paynter** as our newest members to the congregation.

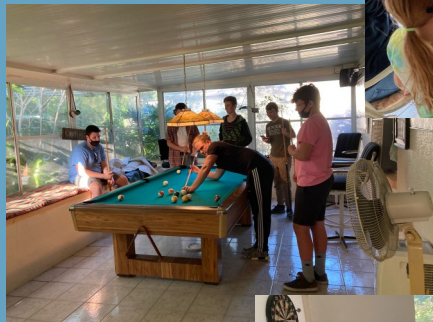
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YOUTH EVENTS

Having fun at the Thatcher's for Cinco de Mayo!



No Food or Drink
Allowed in Sanctuary



As we begin to move our worship service into the Sanctuary, we remind everyone to be mindful to please keep food and beverages in the courtyard. Trash receptacles will be available to dispose of cups and napkins prior to entering the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

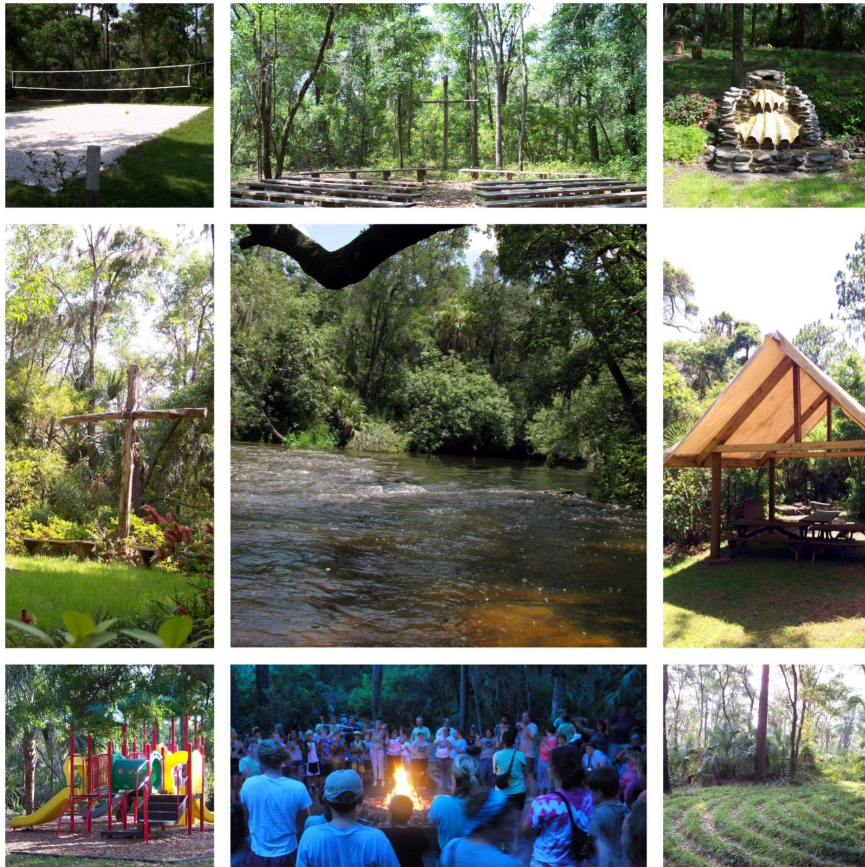
The Virtual Cooking Class with Chef Mac was a great success! Thank you to Mac and Patty for zooming us into their home to learn to cook such an amazing dish! We certainly enjoyed and appreciated learning from Master Chef Mac! Thank you to Abbie and Todd for helping us with the technology, the camera shots and managing when folks had questions in the zoom. Finally, thanks to all who joined in the fun!



SAVE THE DATE for our Church Family One Day Retreat at Cedarkirk on **Saturday, September 18!** The plan is to spend a wonderful day, enjoying God's beautiful creation and our (also beautiful) brothers and sisters in Christ. More details will be coming as we get closer to the event, but it will include a "lunch only" option or a "lunch and dinner" option. The pool will be open, and rumor has it - s'mores and worship will close out the evening! Please make plans to attend!



Friends, Congregational Care Committee is here for you! We miss seeing you at church and are hoping if you haven't already come back, that you will be able to start joining us in worship again soon. We also love seeing so many of you worshipping with us online, too, and we'd love to make sure you're getting our newsletter and bulletins. Call Kara at the church office (813-689-4412) or email her at kara@seffnerpres.org and give us your email address to make sure you're on the list! Please let us know if you're in need of anything. At PCS we worship together, pray for one another, cook for each other and fellowship together!



FACILITIES... and HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The Facilities Committee will hold our outside projects until summer is over except to fix something that is needed. Please thank the temple keepers for their work during this HOT summer. It is time to be prepared for storm and hurricane season. Start picking up loose objects so you don't have to at the last minute. Remember to help each other. Let the Church know if you need help.

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD April 2021	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 88,556	\$ 85,317
Expense	\$ 81,092	\$ 91,187
Net (+/-)	\$ 7,464	



NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

VISITATION AND HOME COMMUNION FOR MEMBERS

Pastor Loli with Myra Meredith



Fellowship Committee had a reception to welcome our new members. *Susan Paynter and Lauren Bounds* to the body of Christ, May 2.



CONFIRMANDS

Olivia Reiter Gabrielle Friebolin Olivia Boyd



Zoom Cooking Class with Chef Mac



We congratulate all the 2021 Graduates in their SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS!

THANK YOU - Michaela Brushwood has graduated Magna Cum Laude from Belhaven University in Jackson, MS. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing with a minor in Communication. Thank you to her church family for all the love, prayers and support she has received along the way. Thank you to Henry and Shirley Jokerst for their generosity in setting up the Jokerst Scholarship and to the scholarship committee for all their work to administer this incredible blessing.

High School...

Kaylie Sherwood Ethan Hudson Aubree Lapham



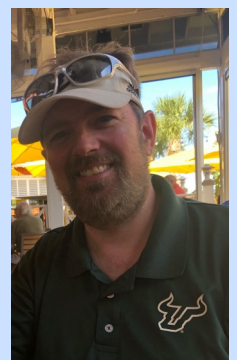
College...

Michaela Brushwood



Bachelor of Fine Arts in Creative Writing

Peter Lapham



Bachelor's Degree in Education

JUNE & JULY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers and Greeters:

June 6

Head Usher - Jim High
 Usher - James Boyd
 Attendance Greeter - Cammie Williams
 Entrance Greeter - Sara High
 Office: Sara High (6/3)
 Cammie Williams (6/10)

June 13

Head Usher - Dave MacEwen
 Usher - Patty MacEwen
 Attendance Greeter - Deb Thatcher
 Entrance Greeter - Carol Dolphin
 Office: See email schedule

June 20

Head Usher - Janet Holzman
 Usher - Carol Shick
 Attendance Greeter - Cammie Williams
 Entrance Greeter - Chris Spangler
 Office: See email schedule

June 27

Head Usher - Jim High
 Usher - Dewey Walklin
 Attendance Greeter - Sara High
 Entrance Greeter - Chris Spangler
 Office: See email schedule

July 4

Head Usher - Jay Heidt
 Usher - Dewey Walklin
 Attendance Greeter - Anne Heidt
 Entrance Greeter - Bruce Derenthal
 Office: Sara High (7/8)

July 11

Head Usher - Dave MacEwen
 Usher - Patty MacEwen
 Attendance Greeter - Deb Thatcher
 Entrance Greeter - Bobby Braxton
 Office: Jim High (7/15)

July 18

Head Usher - Jeff Mason
 Usher - Nancy Mason
 Attendance Greeter - Janet Holzman
 Entrance Greeter - Chris Spangler
 Office: Cammie Williams (7/22)

July 25

Head Usher - Jim High
 Usher - Sara High
 Attendance Greeter - Cammie Williams
 Entrance Greeter - Chris Spangler
 Office:



KAIROS PRISON MINISTRY

On behalf of the Kairos Prison Ministry volunteer team, we thank the Presbyterian church of Seffner for the generous contributions made during the May Mission Outreach. The support and prayers are so important to this ministry. Thank you also for the interest in volunteering to bring the Love of God to the incarcerated to bring hope and salvation to these men.

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Jim High
 on or before 6/5

Ed Kelsey
 on or before 6/12

Greg Uebel
 on or before 6/19

Jay Heidt
 on or before 6/26

Ed Holzman
 on or before 7/3

Mark Williams
 on or before 7/10

Jim High
 On or before 7/17

Ed Kelsey
 On or before 7/24

Greg Uebel
 On or before 7/31

PHOTO CONTEST!

Let's show everyone that we're the little church with a big heart. Photos should include church members and church friends with a heart. Get creative-are you at the beach? Draw a heart in the sand? Crafty? Make a heart and hold it. Submit your photos to Lauren for Facebook at bounds.Lauren@gmail.com or text them to 814-823-6940.

Contest will run through June .
 By submitting your photos you agree to them being posted on Facebook and in the Seffner Heartbeat.



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

Birthdays

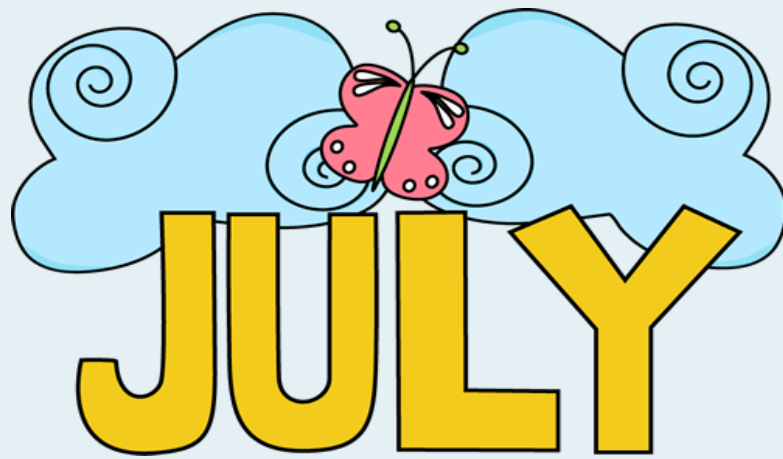
Melissa Triebwasser	6/1
Judy Golden	6/3
Jean Barfield	6/4
Alex Sink	6/5
John Taylor	6/7
David Beck	6/9
Alex Messina	6/10
Shelly Schrand	6/11
Cammie Williams	6/15
Christine Spangler	6/22
Carmen Lapham	7/3
Karen Martin	7/7
Charles Sherwood	7/7
Oliver Evans-Nguyen	7/11
Jeff Mason	7/11
Todd Brushwood	7/12
Loli Reiter	7/12
Jane Beck	7/13
Corrie Heidt	7/14
Kitty Lowe	7/14
Dolores Jaimungal	7/19
Michaela Brushwood	7/21
David Childs	7/25
Joy Lavazza	7/26

Anniversaries

Greg and Connie Uebel	6/1
Eric and Michelle Forsyth	6/3
Ed and Kathy Kelsey	6/7
Nancy and Jeff Mason	6/9
John and Loli Reiter	6/20
Judy and Roger Golden	7/9
Charlie and Melissa Siomiak/Thomson	7/11
Bob and Polly Stetler	7/28



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 7pm Committees Meet Throughout Week	2 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Parent Meeting for Montreat 6:30pm Family Bingo Night	3 3pm Task force meeting	4	5 3pm Memorial Service
6 11 am Worship	7	8 1pm Women's Bible Study 7 pm Session Meeting	9 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 4:30pm Staff Meeting	10	11	12
13 11 am Worship	14	15	16 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6-8pm Youth Pool Party @ Boyds	17	18	19
20 Father's Day 11 am Worship with Communion	21	22 1pm Women's Bible Study	23 8:30 am Meals on Wheels	24	25	26
VBS Week - Heroes of Faith 9am-12pm						
27 VBS Sunday 11am Worship	28	29	30	Note from the office... Kara Rutherford, our church administrative assistant, will be out of the office from June 14th through July 5th. The office will have a team of our wonderful office volunteers to help with answering phones and helping with other duties during her absence.		



JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4 <i>Independence Day</i> 11 am Worship 	5 <i>Office Closed</i>	6	7 8:30 am Meals on Wheels	8	9	10 <i>Sr. High Leaves for Montreat</i>
11 10am Sunday School 11 am Worship	12 <i>Middle School Leave for Montreat</i>	13 1pm Women's Bible Study	14 8:30 am Meals on Wheels	15 NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE FOR AUGUST EDITION	16 8:00am-2pm Yard Sale in F.H.	17 8:00am-2pm Yard Sale in F.H.
SR. HIGH & MIDDLE SCHOOL @ MONTREAT						
18 11 am Worship with Communion	19	20	21 8:30 am Meals on Wheels	22	23	24
25 11 am Worship	26	27 1pm Women's Bible Study	28 8:30 am Meals on Wheels	29	30	31 <i>Back to School Bash</i>