

SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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From pastor Loli ...

When I think of Jesus, I wonder...

One thing I need to understand about God is...

I think being a part of a church means...

The thing that puzzles me the most about my faith is...

One everyday issue that I struggle with is...

One thing I would like to pray about is...

We are excited to have the **Confirmation class**, that began back in 2020, be confirmed at our upcoming **Pentecost celebration, May 23rd**! The questions above are some of the things we ask our Confirmands to think about as they embark on a journey of seeking to understand and critically think about their faith.

This is a journey that lasts a lifetime, as we experience the ups and downs of life and sometimes ask "Why, God?" and at others tearfully whisper "thank you!". If you have grown complacent in your faith; if you truly have no curiosity or questions about God and how God works in the world; if you haven't been moved by an experience of beauty or love recently, THEN THESE QUESTIONS MAY BE A GOOD PLACE FOR YOU TO GET BACK ON THE PATH. Give them some thought. Give them some prayer. Write it down, and see where the Spirit leads you on this leg of your faith journey.

God Bless,
Pastor 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
June/July 2021
due by May 15th.
Please submit items to
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Worshiping Together **live stream and in-person**

R.S.V.P. for Worship
by Thursdays
kara@seffnerpres.org

May 2nd
New Member Sunday

May 16th
Gospel Sunday

May 23rd
Pentecost Sunday
Communion
Confirmation

May 30th
Trinity Sunday
11 am Services
Blood Drive

May 31st
Memorial Day
Office Closed

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm

www.seffnerpres.org
Click on **Worship** or go to
www.facebook.com/seffnerpres

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

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, from 9am - 12pm for ages 6 and up! Cost is \$5. **Register now!**

<https://forms.gle/GieyT1oBR6Vf5a9B6>

We will need lots of volunteers to make this a successful event! We will need small group teachers and team leaders to chaperone our students from station to station. Please contact Melissa Triebwasser if you are interested in volunteering. (813) 679-4241.



ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!

Graduation and Scholarship Sunday
May 30th

If you have a graduating senior, please be sure to let the church office know.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Begins meeting in person in the Fellowship Hall
Tuesday, May 11, 1:00PM
(Meeting 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month)
NO FOOD and NO BOOK, but bring a Bible.
Video of "The Chosen" Bible study from Lenten will be used for discussion.

We are looking forward to returning to face to face
Sunday school and Children's Church!

In order to make this mission possible, we need your help.
If you are interested in helping with either Sunday school or Children's church let **Melissa Triebwasser know (813) 679-4241.**



Missions continues to be active in the community. We have given away several hundred **Blessing Bags**, books to local schools and Easter Baskets to children active in worship at Beth El ministries.

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.



We will continue to seek donations for our **Giving Tree** throughout the year. It is located in the entrance to the fellowship hall.

The mission committee has been approached by several people to consider thinking **BIG** in our donations to The Giving Tree. Thinking big as in a **Deep Well** for a 3rd world country, with the cost of \$15,000. The Mission committee had a wonderful yard sale and the proceeds of the sale (\$4,000) will be used as a matching fund for donations to a Deep Well.

The Deep Well and other items can be purchased by completing a leaf with the designated gift written on it, your name and amount given and put back on the tree.



We continue to support **Family Promise**. This past month another family of 4 and a baby on the way have graduated. We gave them a laundry basket full of household items needed to start a new home.

We are in need of shampoo, cream rinse, soap, toothpaste, paper goods, saran wrap and baggies, and cleaning supplies like dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner and Lysol type products. We try to give them items that they cannot purchase with their food stamps.

There are several booklets by the tree telling you about all the items that are available, from the Presbytery USA. Check it out! You'll be amazed at what the Presbyterian Church USA is capable of doing with our help. Again, we ask you to Give **BIG** and share your blessings with others.

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



Kairos Prison Ministry International

is the Mission Outreach focus for the month of May. The Team of volunteers wishes to thank the Presbyterian Church of Seffner for the continued support that has been given for better than ten years; through your prayers, donations, Youth participation in writing words of encouragement and making colorful placemats for the inmates who are able to participate in the Kairos program. And of course the members of our church who have volunteered their time to take part in the ministry.

The ministry is multi-faceted with its main purpose of bringing unconditional Love of God and His

Grace and Redemption to the incarcerated members of our society and in doing so create a Christian community within the confines of the prison. 55% of inmates return to prison after being released, but the fact is that **75% of released Kairos graduates, DO NOT return to prison.** There is also a **program for the women** that are affected by the incarcerated men in their lives. This is a short course in Christianity paid by Kairos. Then there is a **program for the "at risk youth"** in the community. All of these programs benefit the communities they serve.

The pandemic has put a real strain on the ministry, but the prisons are slowly opening back up for visitors and ministries. We have been able to go in for the monthly reunion in the last couple of months, and we are trying to get the "dog sled broke loose" to do another 4 day event, hopefully by this Fall. Finally, the

Kairos team are always recruiting new volunteers for the ministry. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry to participate in this vital and God filled work. Volunteers include ages 18 years and up.

Thank you for all your continued support! Be blessed.

Generosity
changes everything

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD March 2021	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 17,696	\$ 21,731
Expense	\$ 18,788	\$ 21,731
Net (+/-)	\$ (1,092)	



MUSIC

As the world begins to resume, let us continue lifting up praises and prayers for those around us in song! Here is a helpful list of Hymns for Everyone.

- The Dentist's Hymn: **"Crown Him with Many Crowns"**
- The Meteorologist's Hymn: **"There Shall be Showers of Blessings"**
- The Contractor's Hymn: **"The Churches One Foundation"**
- The Tailor's Hymn: **"Holy, Holy, Holy"**
- The Golfer's Hymn: **"There's a Green Hill Far Away"**
- The Politician's Hymn: **"Standing on the Promises"**
- The Optometrist's Hymn: **"Open My Eyes That I Might See"**
- The IRS Agent's Hymn: **"I Surrender All"**
- The Gossiper's Hymn: **"Pass it On"**
- The Electrician's Hymn: **"Send the Light"**
- The Shopper's Hymn: **"In the Sweet By and By"**
- The Realtor's Hymn: **"I've Got A Mansion Just Over the Hilltop"**
- The Pilot's Hymn: **"I'll Fly Away"**
- The Paramedic's Hymn: **"Revive Us Again"**
- The Judge's Hymn: **"Almost Persuaded"**
- The Architect's Hymn: **"How Firm a Foundation"**
- The Telemarketer's Hymn: **"A Charge to Keep I Have"**
- The Postal Worker's Hymn: **"So Send I You"**
- The Server's Hymn: **"Fill My Cup Lord"**
- The Gardener's Hymn: **"In the Garden"** or **"Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming"**
- The Criminal's Hymn: **"Search Me Oh God"**
- The Shoe Cobbler's Hymn: **"It is Well with My Soul"**
- The Geologist's Hymn: **"Rock of Ages"**
- The Hematologist's Hymn: **"Are You Washed in the Blood"**
- The Librarian's Hymn: **"Whispering Hope"**

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.

No Food or Drink
Allowed in Sanctuary



FELLOWSHIP

A **new member reception** is being planned for Sunday, May 2nd, following the 11 o'clock worship service. Cake & punch will be served to welcome our new members.

Also, mark your calendars for Sunday, May 23rd, as we celebrate **Pentecost**; the birth of the church. A cake & punch reception will take place following the 11 o'clock service.

We have begun looking forward to getting back to our Sunday luncheons by August. We ask for continued prayers for a safe return to fellowship with one another.

FAMILY EASTER CELEBRATION



 Our Easter Family Celebration was a great success! We decorated eggs, made crafts and smashed a piñata.

Thank you to all our members and youth for helping make this a successful event!



PCS's first Virtual Cooking Class with Chef Mac

Join us for Food, Fun and Fellowship on Zoom!

It's no surprise that our congregation's #1 choice on the interest survey was a virtual cooking event! We here at Presbyterian Church of Seffner love GOOD FOOD so we're hosting a **Virtual Cooking Class on Friday, May 14 at 6:30 on zoom.** Not only that, but we have our own, world-class chef who has graciously agreed to guide us in making a delicious new recipe – **Chicken Chasseur!** That's right! Chef Mac is going to lead the class and Abbie Walters is going to help with the camera angles and zooming that needs to happen. Mac will teach us to make this amazing French classic that is "Yummy and Easy." Its name means Hunter's Chicken, so **YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!**

Here's how you can join in the fun. Sign up by emailing the church Kara@seffnerpres.org or Carina fivebuzybz@verizon.net in order to be put on the list. Then, we'll send you the zoom link invitation and a list of ingredients that you will need to purchase and have ready to cook along with Mack. The whole process should take 30-45 minutes and you will be able to taste your new dish by the end of the class! If you'd rather just watch and learn in order to cook it another day, that'd be just fine, too! Our goal is to have fun and fellowship with our sisters and brothers doing what we all LOVE to do – EAT!

Mark your calendars and make plans to join us! Invite your friends, too! This will be a great way to make new friends as well as visit with "already friends," so sign up today!



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

MAY VOLUNTEERS

Ushers and Greeters:

May 2

Head Usher - Jay Heidt
Usher - Dewey Walklin
Attendance Greeter - Janet Holzman
Entrance Greeter - Anne Heidt

May 9

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

May 16

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

May 23

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

May 30

Head Usher - Jim High
Usher - Sara High
Attendance Greeter - Cammie Williams
Entrance Greeter - Carol Shick



TEMPLE KEEPERS

Ed Kelsey

on or before 5/1

Greg Uebel

on or before 5/8

Jay Heidt

on or before 5/15

Ed Holzman

on or before 5/22

Mark Williams

on or before 5/29

Jim High

on or before 6/5

Birthdays

Bill Barry	5/2
Bill McClellan	5/2
Troy Abe	5/3
Ed Kelsey	5/4
Sheila Donohue	5/5
Caroline Boyd	5/6
Noah Boyd	5/6
Eric Forsyth	5/6
Brenda Harp	5/6
Andrew Messina Jr.	5/10
Logan Siomiak	5/14
Jennifer Friebolin	5/15
Carina Brushwood	5/18
Raymond McCoy	5/19
Colin Shick	5/24
Bob Friskney	5/27
Ruth McWebb	5/29
Dewey Walklin	5/30
Janet Holzman	5/31

Anniversaries

Tracy and Phil Messina	5/22
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FACILITIES



The Facilities Committee will **pressure wash the CHURCH** and if you see us washing, be careful because we will

be cleaning with bleach.

If anyone has a pressure washer and wants to help, contact Jay 813-390-4431.

May 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <i>Cooking class on Zoom</i>
2 <i>New Members</i> 10am Sunday School 11am Worship	3 <i>7pm Committees Meet Throughout Week</i>	4	5 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 4:30pm Staff Meeting 6pm Youth Meeting 6:15pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	6	7	8
9 <i>Mother's Day</i> 10am Sunday School 11 am Worship	10	11 <i>7 pm Session Meeting</i>	12 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6:pm Youth Zoom Meet 6:15pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	13	14	15 <i>NEWSLETTER ITEMS DUE FOR JUNE & JULY EDITION</i>
16 10am Sunday School 11 am Worship	17	18	19 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Youth Meeting 6:15pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	20	21	22
23 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 10am Sunday School 11 am Worship with Communion	24	25	26 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Youth Meeting 6:15pm Bells 7:30pm Choir	27	28	29
30 <i>Trinity Sunday</i> 8:30am-1pm Blood Drive 11 am Worship	31 <i>Memorial Day Office Closed</i>	MOVING FORWARD IN FAITH...with safety in mind! Please look for the letter and emails with updates about HOW and WHEN we'll be moving back to 2 services in the sanctuary and other parts of our life together in person this month.				