

# 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 23<sup>rd</sup>**! The questions above are some of the things we ask our Confirmants 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**

### **Pastor: Lolimarta R. Reiter**

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**Office Hours:**

**Monday - Thursday**

**9:00 am-2:00 pm**

### **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*

**Cammie Williams,**  
*Clerk of Session*

**Newsletter items for  
June/July 2021  
due by May 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**  
[kara@seffnerpres.org](mailto: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](http://www.seffnerpres.org)  
Click on Worship or go to  
[www.facebook.com/seffnerpres](https://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 it's 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

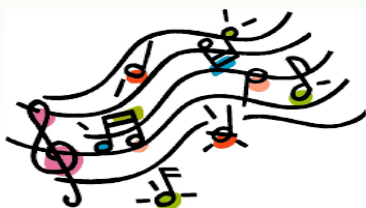
Kairos team are always recruiting new volunteers for the ministry. Please prayerfully consider joining this ministry to participate in this vital and God filled work. Volunteers include ages 18 years and up.

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](mailto:Kara@seffnerpres.org) or Carina [fivebuzybz@verizon.net](mailto: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!

### 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

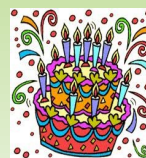
on or before 5/22

#### Mark Williams

on or before 5/29

#### Jim High

on or before 6/5



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

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