

SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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From Pastor Loli ...

Ezekiel 34:26

I will make them and the region around my hill a blessing;

**and I will send down the showers in their season; ...
...they shall be showers of blessing!**

Stewardship Season begins September 12th!

It is the time of the year when we celebrate God's many blessings in our lives and plan our grateful response! Stewardship season is also a time when we remember God's call to be stewards of all creation, using our God-given TIME, TALENTS, AND TREASURE to make the world a better place in the name of Jesus Christ. Our 6-week **Stewardship Bible Study** will begin, **WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 22ND** with dessert outside at 6pm and study from 6:15 to 7:15pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please fill out the form in your bulletins or let the church office know if you would like a book or if you would like to participate via Zoom (trying to work out those details).

Commitment Sunday will be October 31st when we will turn in our pledges and celebrate God's faithful provision. How we celebrate is still to be decided because of COVID, but one way or another, we will celebrate! Look forward to celebrating with you!

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](#)

Kara Rutherford, Admin. Assist.
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**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
October 2021
due by September 15th.**
Please submit items to
kara@seffnerpres.org

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

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

**Labor Day
Office Closed
September 6th**

**Communion
September 12th**

**Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9am-2pm**

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

**Labor Day
Office Closed**

**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", you are also able to give your tithe/offering or donate by making a secure gift through our website.



SEPTEMBER 12 is the extended deadline to sign up for the **CEDARKIRK One Day Family Retreat!** We hope you'll join us!!!

2021 Cedarkirk - ONE DAY - September 18

Church Family Retreat

Come for a day of faith, food, fellowship and fun!

We're keeping it super simple this year with our Church Family Retreat – one day at Cedarkirk full of FAITH, FUN and FELLOWSHIP! Join us Saturday, September 18 from 10am to 8pm for activities (crafts, swimming, zip line, puzzle building, etc.) along with a delicious lunch and dinner fresh from the Cedarkirk kitchen. **Reserve your spot by turning in a deposit & registration form** to the church office. Any questions, please call or email church office.

A \$25/person, non-refundable deposit is due with registration form.

ONE DAY CHURCH FAMILY RETREAT: Saturday, September 18 from 10 am to 8pm

Includes 2 meals (lunch and dinner) swimming, disc golf, games, hiking, crafts, puzzles, campfire & s'mores

Cost:

\$40 (Adult, age 13 and up); \$30 (Youth, age 5 – 12); Free for children 4 and under

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

_____ # of Adults (13+) _____ # of Youth (5-12) _____ # of Children (under 5) _____

Deposit \$ _____ check/cash (circle one) Balance due \$ _____

Special requests (dietary, mobility, other?): _____

Make checks payable to Presbyterian Church of Seffner. Please indicate "retreat" in memo.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Have you been wondering what you can do to help comfort and care for members of our congregation? Do you feel God calling you to serve others but are wondering what you can do? Well, Congregational Care has just the place for you! Our committee is looking for people to join us in the ministry of caring. We'd love for you to join our team. There are several ways you can get involved:

Prayer Partners: You can join the prayer chain and receive emails when our sisters and brothers need prayers.

Caring Cooks: You can sign up to prepare a meal for someone who needs it and/or help contribute to group meals when we host funeral receptions.

Dutiful Drivers: You can join the list of people to call when a brother or sister needs a lift to an appointment.

Salutation Senders: You can offer to help Joy Lavazza send out birthday cards or send cards to members you haven't seen in a while.

If you feel God calling you to join in any of these ministries of Congregational Care Committee, please talk to Carina Brushwood! We'd love to have you!

Stewardship Bible Study

Wednesdays from 6pm to 7:15pm

Sept. 22nd – Oct. 27th (6 weeks)

"Christians at our Best"
by Ed Stetzer and Andrew MacDonald

Today the Christian faith is being dismissed as hypocritical, self-interested, and politically co-opted. All around us people are operating from extremes, polarized by a variety of issues from whether or not my child will wear a mask to whether or not our world needs to do something about Climate change. This study will not be discussing these issues directly but instead will discuss what it means to represent the love of Jesus Christ in this **"Age of Outrage"**. Please register through the forms in the bulletin or by letting the church office know. **The cost of the book will be \$10, and we will gather for dessert outside at 6:00pm and begin the study in the Fellowship Hall at 6:15pm.** Look forward to studying with you.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study time and day has been changed.

Our next meeting will be **Friday, August 27th, at 11:00 am** in the fellowship hall. In September we will meet on **September 10th and the 24th.**

Our next study will be a DVD series on Water, as found in the Bible, starting September 24th.

If you would like to join the ladies, please contact Janet Holzman

WORSHIP TOGETHER!

The Worship Committee and Pastor Loli are planning a **Worship Education Event** to help our young church members understand more about being a part of worship. We'll talk about the sacraments, the elements of worship, make bread, check out the bell tower, and do acolyte training! **We ask that parents be a part of this experience and encourage all of you to come, even if you've done the class already!**

So mark your calendars, **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH after church**, and keep your eyes open for more details!

We are looking forward to this event!

SEPTEMBER SPECIAL OFFERING & MISSION FOCUS

We are looking towards Christmas, asking for contributions for Bikes for Jesus. We hope to be able to purchase bikes this year for Beth-El and Foster Angel children. If bikes are not available for a decent price we will again give gift cards and allow the youth to have to chance to purchase items for themselves.

Mission Happenings

We met our goal and some, (750+ socks) for Sock It to Beth-El. Thanks to all who participated. Cammie Williams was the lucky winner of a gift card for ice cream at Revolution Ice Cream Shop.

We are still working towards buying a Deep Well from The Presbyterian Giving Catalog. We have raised a little over \$6,000. Information can be found in the entrance hall of the fellowship hall.

We were able to build picnic tables for Cedarkirk and serve a hot meal, bagged lunch and Blessing bags to the homeless in the Gibsonton area this past 5th Sunday Serve.

Thank you to all who participated.



Fellowship has had to postpone our luncheons and gatherings in the Fellowship hall in the past year or so, however we are hopeful that we will resume safely this fall and winter. As a reminder, coffee is now available before the early church service located in our "coffee station" in the entrance to the fellowship hall. Lemonade time sign-up is posted on the bulletin board in the entrance also. All you need is to provide about two dozen cookies and the lemonade mix is provided in the kitchen with all the other supplies. We ask that the table be set up outdoors for safe gathering.

We continue to look ahead and plan this fall for our Stewardship luncheon, as well as World Communion Sunday, where we break bread together, and sample breads from around the world. Be sure to check your bulletins and newsletters for the dates that have been decided. We are so looking forward to safely gather again as brothers and sisters in fellowship!

No Food or Drink
Allowed in Sanctuary



We remind everyone to be mindful to please keep food and beverages in the courtyard. Trash receptacles are available to dispose of cups and napkins prior to entering the Sanctuary.



Looking for those **BIG HEARTS** to help with our **LITTLE Hearts** in the **NURSERY** during both worship services. You will be helping Ms. Laura, our Nursery Attendant plant seeds of

the gospel in the hearts and minds of children with every song you sing, game you play, and snack you give. Parents appreciate your service more than you can even imagine. The ability to attend worship service without distraction and with peace of mind that their child is well taken care of is a gift, and they are very thankful. If **YOU** are one of those **BIG HEARTS** wanting to minister to **LITTLES** or wanting more information, please call the office or contact Patty MacEwen.

AUGUST VOLUNTEERS

September 5th

Usher 9:30am: Deb Thatcher
 Head Usher: Jay Heidt
 Usher: Carina Brushwood
 Acolyte: Finley Heidt
 Attendance Greeter: Anne Heidt
 Entrance Greeter: Dewey Walklin
 Office: Sara High (9/2)

September 12th

Usher 9:30am: Carol Dolphin
 Head Usher: Jim High
 Usher: Sara High
 Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
 Attendance Greeter: Deb Thatcher
 Entrance Greeter: Carol Dolphin
 Office: Jim High (9/9)

September 19th

Usher 9:30am: Carina Brushwood
 Head Usher: Jeff Mason
 Usher: Janet Holzman
 Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
 Attendance Greeter: Nancy Mason
 Entrance Greeter: Chris Spangler
 Office: TBD (9/16)

September 26

Usher 9:30am: Cammie Williams
 Head Usher: Dave MacEwen
 Usher: James Boyd
 Acolyte: Noah Boyd
 Attendance Greeter: Cammie Williams
 Entrance Greeter: Patty MacEwen
 Office: Cammie Williams (9/23)
 TBD (9/30)



Love. Grow. Serve.

CHURCH WORK DAY!

**September 25th
8am - 12pm**

Many hands make light work...
 Therefore, all are welcome to
 come out to prepare the church
 for the fall! Brink your work
 gloves and rakes.

Have you checked out the
 wildflower bed in the East parking
 area? (In case you're wondering,
 the 4x4 post in the center is
 supporting solar lighting!)



TEMPLE KEEPERS

Ed Kelsey
 on or before 9/4

Greg Uebel
 On or before 9/11

Jay Heidt
 on or before 9/18

Church Workday 9/25
8am-12pm

Ed Holzman
 on or before 10/2



CHANGES?
Address, Email,
Phone #?

Bill & Lorraine Barry
 1651 Westmoreland Ave.
 Syracuse, NY 13210

Dell & Anita Beck
 13133 Lola Drive
 Spring Hill, FL 34609

Linda Carlile
 1539 Erin Lane
 Clearwater, FL 33755



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

Birthdays

Penelope Evans-Nguyen	9/1
Peter Lapham	9/4
Alexandra Friebolin	9/5
Connie Uebel	9/5
Larry Connell	9/7
Ethan Puente	9/7
Jason Messina	9/9
Ed Moseley	9/11
Anne Wheeler	9/15
Don Thatcher	9/16
Robert Lavazza	9/17
Rosey Lavazza	9/17
David MacEwen	9/19
Carrie Childs	9/20
Samuel Shick	9/23
Lillian Triebwasser	9/23
Phil Messina	9/24
Beverley Field	9/29
Nancy Mason	9/30

Anniversaries

Bill and Patsy Combs	9/21
Carmen and Peter Lapham	9/23
James and Christina Boyd	9/27

Generosity
 changes everything

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD July 2021	Actual	Budget
Income	\$136,571	\$149,303
Expense	\$134,583	\$149,303
Net (+/-)	\$ 1,988	



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	2	3	4
5 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Worship 12:30 pm Staff Retreat	6 Labor Day Office Closed	7	8 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	9	10 11am Women's Bible Study	11
Committee Meet Throughout the Week						
12 Communion 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 10:50 am Congregational Meeting 11 am Worship Committee Reports Due	13	14 7pm Session Meets	15 Newsletter Items Due Oct. Issue 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	16	17	18 Cedarkirk Retreat
19 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	20	21	22 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6 pm Dessert/Bible Study 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	23 3pm Task force meeting	24 11am Women's Bible Study	25 8am-12pm Church Workday
26 Youth Sunday 9:30am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11am Worship	27	28	29 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6 pm Dessert/Bible Study 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	30		