

SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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From Pastor Loli ...

IDOLATRY...why couldn't Israel just learn to stay away from Idolatry?

In studying the prophets, you quickly pick up that all of them warned or fussed at Israel for the sin of idolatry. Seems dumb, right? ...worshipping statues and animals and other gods? Come on, Israel! ... But sadly, idolatry is a sin we are all guilty of. We may not be bowing down to statues or other beings, but we certainly put our trust in things other than God. And we bring the bulk of our Time, Talents, and Treasure offerings to people, institutions, and pursuits that have nothing to do with God. Is God at the center of our lives?

The prophet's remedy for Idolatry? ... turn your hearts back to God and do justice.

Let your heart love The One it was made to love.

While you may seek others, God always faithfully seeks for you.

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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Mission

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Clerk of Session

Worshiping Together
live stream and in-person
9:30 am Contemporary
9:30 am Sunday School
11:00 am Traditional

Palm/Passion Sunday
Communion
April 10th

Maundy Thursday
Communion
April 14th

Resurrection of the Lord
Easter Day
7:30am Sunrise Service
11am Traditional Service
April 17th

Holy Humor Sunday
April 24th

Children's Care available during worship services each Sunday.

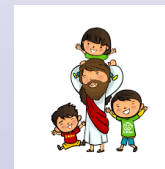
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www.seffnerpres.org
click on **Worship**
or go to

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WE MISS YOU AT SUNDAY SCHOOL!



Join us for a fun time learning about Jesus! Ages 3yrs old to High School. Every Sunday at 9:30!



Love. Grow. Serve.

Newsletter items for
May 2022

due by April 15th.

Please submit items to
kara@seffnerpres.org

Mission Happenings

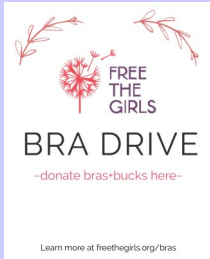
We did it and the check has been sent. We earned and donated enough money for a **Deep Well. \$15,080** was sent to the **Presbyterian Mission Agency**. This money will buy a deep well, 2 families of chickens and 3 sets of gardening tools. Giving Catalogs are in the Fellowship hall by the giving tree. Check out all the gifts you can give. The Mission Agency will decide the greatest need and build the well. It's amazing what we can do that makes a great impact to the hungry and oppressed. Thank you all who made this happen.



Our March madness **Yard Sale** was a great success. We made a little over **\$5,000**. This money will go into the general Missions Account and be given away to those in need. We have plans to donate another \$1,000 to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Program. As we distribute the monies we will let you know where and how it is spent.

We will again be making **50 Easter Baskets** filled with toys, books and candy for **Beth El Ministries**. We are also planning on making Easter baskets for the **Foster children** living at **Family Ministries, Inc** in Seffner.

One house is also coming to our Easter Egg Hunt. Donations of wrapped candy, and baked goods are needed. Candy will be used in the Gift Baskets and to fill the plastic eggs. You can bring the candy and put in baskets in the narthex and fellowship hall.



We continue to collect bras for **Free The Girls**. We have sent over 500 bras to **this foundation helping women make a living by selling bras**.

Gospel According to the Minor Prophets

Wednesdays

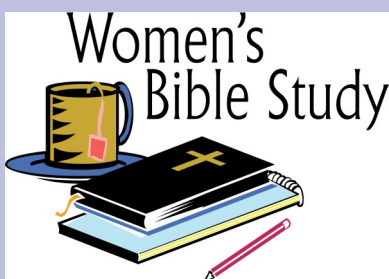
Continues through April 13th

5:30pm dinner (love offering)

6:15pm study (\$5)



The prophets spoke to specific issues facing Israel in their day, but the church also saw themes in their messages that spoke truth about the coming Messiah, Jesus. By the power of the Holy Spirit, the words of those prophets are still speaking God's truth to us today. Join us as we explore the timelessness of the prophets and their message. Contact the church office if you would like to participate, or look for the bulletin insert on Sunday to sign up. Child care is available.



2nd and 4th Friday mornings of the month, Women's Bible Study continues at **11:00 am**, in the fellowship hall.

"What My Grandmother Taught Me," is a study of the women in the lineage of Jesus.

Contact Janet Holzman at 813-681-2548 or 813-352-6443 to purchase a study book.



Vacation Bible School dates are set!

Mark your calendars for

June 20th-24th!

We'll need YOUR help!

Fellowship News



We are excited to see so many of our church family returning to our fellowship luncheons & receptions. At least 40 attend the Lenten Study dinners every Wednesday at 5:30 pm prepared by the Meals on Wheels team, headed by our chef Mac! Thank you for delicious meals that feed our body & soul!

The **Easter breakfast** will be returning **Easter Sunday, April 17th at 8:30 am**, following the **Sunrise Service, at 7:30 am**. The men will be preparing everything from pancakes, eggs, biscuits & gravy, bacon & more! So be sure not to miss!!

The **"Holy Grazers"** luncheon will return on **Wednesday, April 13th at 12 o'clock**. Bring a dish to share. All are invited.

Volunteers are **needed** for **Lemonade Fellowship** following the 11 o'clock worship service. You provide 2 to 3 dozen cookies or snacks. Lemonade mix & supplies are provided. Sign up with Kara or on the bulletin board in the fellowship hall.

Spring brings more opportunities for fellowship & plans are underway for a picnic style luncheon. Be sure to check your church calendar & bulletins for dates.

Music Minister Appreciation Month

*Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth;
Break forth and sing for joy and sing praises.*
Psalm 98:4

Thank you Logan, TJ and Sheila for the beautiful music you give our church every week and for sharing your talents with us.

Generosity
changes everything

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD March '22	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 63,782	\$ 43,904
Expense	\$ 41,410	\$ 43,904
Net (+/-)	\$ 22,372	



CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

The Presbyterian Women's luncheon was at Bloomingdale Presbyterian Church. The 3 Speakers were from Beth-el, Thornwell, and Camp Cedarkirk. They also allowed time to address any individual questions. The next Women's Synod in the PC (USA) will be at Epworth By The Sea located at St. Simons Island, Georgia on October 21-23, 2022.

Many special dates are ahead.

Palm Sunday April 10th- We have available a cookie recipe to make with your children highlighting scripture readings along with the ingredients.

Easter Sunday on April 17th We will be sharing a gift with all who join us to celebrate Easter that Sunday.

Thank you everyone for all you do for our members, and keep those smiles coming as we praise our LORD.



Spring is Here! The **Souper Bowl** fundraiser, **Bake Sale**, and **Chili Cook Off** were a **FABULOUS** success.

A great time was had both in and out of the kitchen at our annual Fat Tuesday Pancake fundraiser. We are so thankful for such a generous congregation, sharing your time, talents and gifts with the Youth of our church. We are truly **grateful**.

The t-shirts have been ordered, and we are hoping to distribute them at the end of March. Thank you so much for your orders!

Youth will continue to meet **Wednesday nights** at approximately **6:15**, following the Lenten Wednesday night meals. Please join us for fun, friends, and Bible study...and remember to reserve your meal by notifying the church office.

Dance Lessons

May 2022!

Wednesdays: **4th, 11th, 18th, 25th**
7pm to 8pm
in the
Fellowship Hall



No Partner
Necessary!

Your Donation
for the lessons
will benefit
Meals on Wheels.

Dance instructors:
Mike and Peg
Johnston



Men's Grill Night

April 19th (3rd Tuesday of the month)
7pm (Rain or Shine!)

Calling all men!!! You are invited to meet at the grill in the back parking lot of the church; bring a meat to cook and a leftover covered dish to share. Rev. Ramiro Ros will have a devotional to share.



Shirley and Henry Jokerst Scholarship

Application are being accepted until April 15, 2022.

The Jokerst Scholarship is open to active church members with at least a 3.0 grade point average. It is intended for active members of at least one year pursuing an undergraduate degree or certification from an accredited institution.

Confirmation Class

This is a rite of passage for our young people as they prepare to claim the faith their parents claimed at baptism as their very own. Through confirmation, our young people become full, active members of the church. We will begin a confirmation class for youth 7th grade and up starting **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20th**. We'll meet on **SUNDAYS, beginning APRIL 24th thru MAY 29th**. Confirmation will be on **Pentecost, JUNE 5TH**. If you are interested in being a part of this year's class, please email church office by **MONDAY, APRIL 18th**. Any questions, talk to Pastor Loli!

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.



*EASTER
FLOWER
ORDER*

Cost \$8/ each

If you would like to dedicate an Easter lily in honor or memory of someone, fill out the information below. Please print clearly.

Your name: _____
Phone #: _____

In honor of _____

In memory of _____

Quantity _____ X 8.00 each = _____
check _____ cash _____

You may place form and payment in offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Deadline for orders is April 10th.

APRIL VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open, Ed Moseley
Close, Bruce Derenthal

April 3rd

Usher 9:30am: Jackie Winter
Head Usher 11:00: Jay Heidt
Greeters 11:00: Anne Heidt, Carina Brushwood
Acolyte: Finley Heidt
Lemonade: Cindy Doyle
Office: Sara High (4/7)

April 10th

Usher 9:30 am: Joann Williams
Head Usher 11:00: Jim High
Greeters 11:00: Dewey Walkin, Sara High
Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
Lemonade: Jim and Sara High
Office: Jim High (4/14)

April 14th Maundy Thursday

Ushers/Greeters: Janet Holzman, Deb Thatcher

April 17th Easter Sunday

Usher 7:30am: Patty MacEwen
Head Usher 11:00: Jeff Mason
Greeter 11:00: Lydia Padovano, Nancy Mason
Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
Lemonade: Easter Breakfast
Office: Joy Griffin (4/21)

April 24th

Usher 9:30am: Ed Moseley
Head Usher 11:00: Dave MacEwen
Greeter 11:00: Chris Spangler, Carol Shick
Acolyte: Noah Boyd
Lemonade: Jackie Winter
Office: Cammie Williams (4/28)

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Jay Heidt
on or before 4/2

Ed Holzman
on or before 4/9

Jim High
on or before 4/16

Mark Williams
on or before 4/23

Greg Uebel
on or before 4/30

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



Simply give a gift for however many years you will be!

April Birthdays

Cindy Connell	4/15
Julia Williams-Watson	4/20
Jacob Schrand	4/25
Eliza Doucette	4/27
Lynn Orlosky	4/30

Anniversaries

Chad & Melissa Triebwasser	4/1
Paul and Paula Crawford	4/8
Janet and Ed Holzman	4/10
Janet and Church Brandt	4/13
Carol and John Dolphin	4/15
Lorraine and Bill Barry	4/21
Sara and Jim High	4/23

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thank you to all our Bible Study participants!
Celebrate Jesus this whole Easter season!
God bless!

LET'S WORSHIP TOGETHER!

Safety Protocols

We are grateful to God that COVID numbers have come down in our community.

Please continue to make decisions that take into consideration your health and that of those around you. Masks are no longer required in the office, and we continue to welcome but not require masks in worship. Thank you and God bless!



Do you have the gift of hospitality?

Please be sure to sign-up for Lemonade Time on Sunday mornings. Sign-up sheet is on bulletin board in the fellowship hall entry way.

For full details, contact Sara High.

More Ways to Get Involved!

We continue to collect **egg cartons for E.C.H.O.** You may place them in the container available in the main entry of the fellowship hall.



Resource Pet Center

We continue to collect old towels, and blankets and newspapers for the Pet Resource Center on Falkenburg. Your donations are making a difference!

APRIL

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Committees Meet Throughout the Week						
3 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	4	5 7pm Session	6 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 4:30 Staff Meeting 5:30 Meal/6pm Study 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	7	8 11am Women's Bible Study	9
10 Communion Palm Sunday 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	11	12	13 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 12 noon Holy Grazers 5:30 Meal/6pm Study 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	14 Maundy Thursday 7pm Service Communion Scholarship Applications Due	15 Newsletter Items Due	16 Egg Hunt 10:00am-12noon
17 Easter Sunday 7:30 am Sunrise Service 8:30 am Breakfast 11 am Traditional	18 Office Closed	19 7pm Men's Grill Night	20 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	21	22 11am Women's Bible Study	23
24 Holy Humor Sunday 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	25	26	27 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	28	29	30
New Members' Class Sunday, April 24th after 11 am service. Please contact the office (kara@seffnerpres.org) if you are interested and/or have any questions.						