

SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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From Pastor Loli ...

As we prepare to go into the season of Lent...

"There is no motivation for WORKS OF LOVE without a sense of GRATITUDE, no sense of gratitude without FORGIVENESS, no forgiveness without CONTRITION, no contrition without a sense of GUILT, no sense of guilt without a sense of SIN... ...a guilty suffering spirit is more open to grace

than an apathetic or smug soul."

("A Look Inside" by Edna Hong)

Agree or disagree?

What do these words mean?

What do they mean to us as...

Human beings? Members of a community?

Christians? Disciples?

This Lenten season, as we travel together, may we find courage for our spirits to be more open to grace.

God bless you!

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.



Love. Grow. Serve.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEFFNER

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

Ash Wednesday
March 2nd, 7PM

2nd Sunday of Lent
Daylight Saving Time Begins

3rd Sunday of Lent
Communion

Lenten Bible Study
March 9th-April 13th

Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday
9am-2pm

Join us for Worship at
www.seffnerpres.org
click on **Worship**
or go to

www.facebook.com/seffnerpres

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We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of **Bonnie Taylor**, who went to her heavenly home on January 27, 2022.

We also extend our sympathy to Joy Griffin, her family and friends in the loss of her daughter, **Amber**, who went to her heavenly home on December 19, 2021.

Newsletter items for
April 2022
due by March 15th.
Please submit items to
kara@seffnerpres.org



Mission Happenings

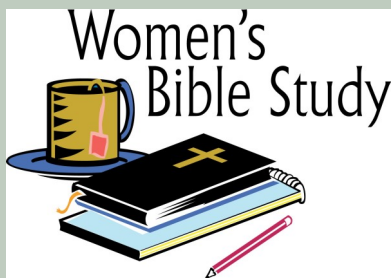
Yard sale March 11th and 12th , 8:30am - 2pm. You may start bringing small items to room 8 now and larger items the week of the sale. We will use the money earned to go toward **General Missions.**



Free The Girls and Beth El Sock-it to Me drives continue. When you are out shopping and see great deals on socks and bras please consider buying them and bringing them to church anytime. We will store them in room 8 until it is time to send them. We have sent over 500 bras to **Free The Girls, a foundation that helps women make a living selling bras and saved from human trafficking.** We have also given over 1,500 pairs of socks to migrant children starting a new school year.



Again thank you for all that you do to make our church able to be a blessing to those in need. Please continue to **share your Love of God with others.**



Friday morning Women's Bible Study will begin a **new study, March 25th** 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.

Men's Grill Night March 22nd 7pm

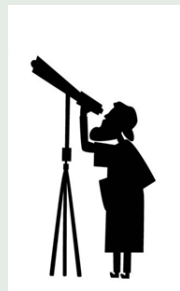
Calling all men!!! You are invited to meet at the grill in the back parking lot of the church; bring a meat to cook and a leftover covered dish to share. Rev. Ramiro Ros will have a devotional to share.

Men will meet once a month; date to be decided once they meet.



Gospel According to the Minor Prophets

**Wednesdays
March 9th-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.

New Nursery Attendant

Hi my name is Carmen Lapham I have been a member of the Presbyterian Church of Seffner since 2012.

I've volunteered in the nursery through the years. I also owned a licensed home daycare for many years while my children were young.

I currently am a substitute teacher at my son's Christian school. As you can see I'm very experienced and love children! I am privileged to be here, and hope to share a little of Jesus' love along the way.

Fellowship News

Back by popular demand will be our second Wednesday of the month Potluck luncheons. So mark your calendar for Wednesday March 9th, 12 o'clock "Holy Grazers" potluck luncheon.

We discussed having more potluck luncheons, other than just the fifth Sunday, as long as it doesn't interfere with another committees mission or fundraisers, etc. Those dates will be announced, so please check your newsletters monthly.

We had fun surprising our Administrative Assistant, Kara with a luncheon, on February 16th; January 9th marked her 20th anniversary with us!

We wished her 20 more years here, as she's a valuable part of our church family & we wanted to show our appreciation for all the things she does for us!!



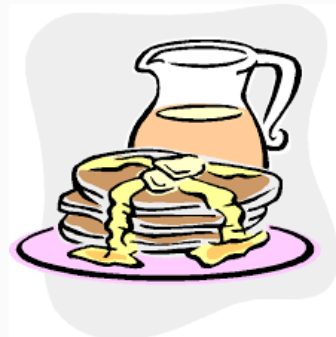
Thank you Presbyterian Church of Seffner! I was really touched and surprised by your kindness and special luncheon. You have made the first 20 years very special!!
- Kara Rutherford

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

We would like to thank Carina Brushwood for the fabulous job she did the last three years taking care of our membership. The best part is that she and Todd are going to stay on and help us to make a smooth transition. Also they will continue to be a part of our committee along with Dolores Jaimungal, Joann Williams, Connie Uebel, and Lydia Padovano. We all want to meet the congregations needs. Please call if you have a need or concern. Our Lord is always speaking to us, loves us and only wants the best for His children. If you are being led to become a part of our team, we always welcome your help. Here are some suggestions.

1. Prayer chain partner
2. People who love to cook or bake for others
3. Drivers are sometimes needed to give a ride to appointments.

We welcome anyone who has an interest in joining our team. Please call Joy Lavazza.



FAT TUESDAY PANCAKES

Tuesday, March 1st, 5:30 pm

The Youth will have all you can eat pancakes, syrup, strawberries, and whipped cream. We will serve these yummy pancakes with a side of sausage or bacon. Tickets are available for sale from a Youth Group member or in the church office for **\$8**. Tickets are also available at the door on March 1st.

Youth meetings are Wednesdays, 6pm for 6th grade and up.

A HUGE thank you to the congregation for their support of the Souper Bowl day. We had donations of chili and baked goods, and thank everyone that stayed to eat lunch and taste the chilis.

Dance Lessons

May 2022!
(COVID permitting)

Wednesdays: **4th, 11th, 18th, 25th**
7pm to 8pm



No Partner
Necessary!

Your Donation
for the lessons
will benefit
Meals on Wheels.

Dance instructors:
Mike and Peg
Johnston



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION



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!

SCHOLARSHIPS! Attention High School Seniors! The Jokerst Scholarship Applications will be available beginning in March. Reach out to Cindy Doyle or check bulletins/newsletter for more information.

Generosity
changes everything

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD January '22	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 36,685	\$ 21,942
Expense	\$ 22,167	\$ 21,942
Net (+/-)	\$ 14,518	



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.

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.



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!

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.



MARCH VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open, Greg Uebel
Close, Ron Smith

March 6th

Usher 9:30am: Jackie Winter
Head Usher: Jay Heidt
Usher: Dewey Walklin
Greeters: Anne Heidt, Carina Brushwood
Acolyte: Finley Heidt
Office: Sara High (3/3)

March 13th

Usher 9:30 am: Joann Williams
Head Usher: Jim High
Usher: Janet Holzman
Greeters: Deb Thatcher, Sara High
Acolyte: Dahlia Lavazza
Office: Jim High (3/10)

March 20th

Usher 9:30am: Cammie Williams
Head Usher: Dave MacEwen
Usher: Carol Dolphin
Greeter: Lydia Padovano, Patty MacEwen
Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
Office: Joy Griffin (3/17)

March 27th

Usher 9:30am: Ed Moseley
Head Usher: Jeff Mason
Usher: James Boyd
Greeter: Carol Shick, Nancy MacEwen
Acolyte: Noah Boyd
Office: Cammie Williams (3/24)

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Ed Holzman
on or before 3/5

Jim High
on or before 3/12

Mark Williams
on or before 3/19

Greg Uebel
on or before 3/26

Jay Heidt
on or before 4/2

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



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

March Birthdays

Lily Lavazza	3/1
Barbara Connell	3/3
Bob Lavazza	3/3
Carmen Tomasello	3/3
Laura Moseley	3/5
Matt Shick	3/6
Chris Doucette	3/7
Ron Smith	3/9
Kaylie Sherwood	3/10
Michelle Forsyth	3/12
Patsy Combs	3/14
Myra Meredith	3/15
Betty Jo Kosan	3/19
Janet Brandt	3/24
Cindy Doyle	3/25
Deb Thatcher	3/27
George Kosan	3/28
Charlotte Schrand	3/30

Anniversaries

Anna and Chris Doucette	3/9
Kathryn and Matt Shick	3/20



Shirley and Henry Jokerst Scholarship

Application window begins March 14, 2022 and
ends 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.



**March 26th
8 am until ?**

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.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
	Committees Meet Throughout the Week		8:30 am Meals on Wheels			
		5:30 - 7:00 pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Dinner	7pm Ash Wednesday Service			
6 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	7	8	9	10	11	12
		7pm Session	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		8:30 am - 2 pm Yard Sale!	8:30 am - 2 pm Yard Sale! Set clocks forward before bed!
13 Spring Forward Daylight saving begins 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	14 First day for Scholarship Application Submission	15 Newsletter Items Due	16 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 Meal/6pm Study 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	17	18	19
20 Communion 9:30 am Worship 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Worship	21	22	23 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 Meal/6pm Study 6 pm Youth Meeting 6pm Bells 7:30 pm Choir	24	25	26
		7pm Men's Grill Night			11am Women's Bible Study	8 am Church Work Day
				50th Year Anniversary Celebration at Cedarkirk!		
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