

# SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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How blessed are we ...

Thank you Rick Kosan and Family for providing our PALMS for Palm Sunday!

Thank you to John Harp and Family for Refurbishing the Bells in honor and memory of BettyLou Harp!

Thank you to TJ, Logan, Sheila and all who are a part of our music ministries (choir and bell choir) for their beautiful contributions to Holy Week, Easter Sunday, and every Sunday!

Thank you to John and our Tech department for making sure the Audio/Visual is enhancing our worship experience!

Thank you to Kara and all our office volunteers who made bulletins and handouts and a myriad of other things happen!

Thank you Jay and the Facilities Committee for making sure our grounds looked beautiful and were ant-free for the egg hunt!

Thank you Jay, James, and the other chefs that provided (and cleaned up after) a delicious Easter Sunday Breakfast!

Thank you Anne Wheeler and family for welcoming us into your beautiful space to celebrate the Early Easter Service once again!

Thank you Missions & Christian Education Committees and Lauren and the youth for creating a welcoming, safe, and fun space for our Easter Egg Hunt!

Thank you Worship Committee for providing us with a welcoming and beautiful space to worship and share communion!

Thank you Congregational Care for the sweets that made our Easter sweeter.

Thank you congregation for supporting these ministries through your Time, Talents, and Treasure along with your joyous presence!

...and thank you, God, for Your love, Your faithfulness, and for giving us Your Son, Jesus Christ! He is risen! He is risen, indeed!

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SEFFNER

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*Youth*

**Carol Shick**

*Worship*

**Deborah Thatcher**

*Mission*

**Melissa Triebwasser**

*Christian Education*

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

*Newsletter items for  
June/July 2022  
due by May 15th.*

*Please submit items to  
[kara@seffnerpres.org](mailto:kara@seffnerpres.org)*

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

**New Members Sunday**  
May 1st

**Mother's Day**  
May 8th

**Senior Sunday**  
**Communion**  
May 15th

**Confirmation Sunday, Blood Drive, 5th Sunday Luncheon**  
May 29th

**Memorial Day**  
May 30th  
Office Closed

**Children's Care available during worship services each Sunday.**

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

**Join us for Worship at**  
[www.seffnerpres.org](http://www.seffnerpres.org)  
click on **Worship**  
or go to

[www.facebook.com/seffnerpres](https://www.facebook.com/seffnerpres)  
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### 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.

## Mission Happenings

Thanks to all who shopped and helped, we will be sending Mission monies to **Presbyterian Disaster Funds** to be given to those in need in **Ukraine**.

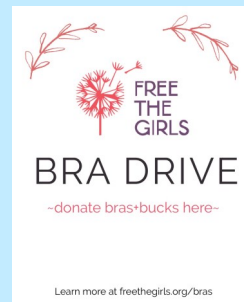
**Our Mission Opportunity this month is Free the Girls.** It is a program established to help women get out of Human Trafficking by earning money selling bras . We are collecting new and barely used bras.

We are still making **Blessing Bags** if you want to have a few for your car they will be in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall. We can always use deodorant, t-shirts, bottled water and snack food. We have plenty of toiletries.

**The Ladies Luncheon is coming!** Mark your calendars, Saturday May 7 in the fellowship hall 12:00 until 1:30. We will have a catered lunch, a dessert bar, chocolate fountain and many raffle baskets and items. Please come with a favorite picture of your mother and tell us how wonderful she was or is. If you would be able to host a table please let Deb Thatcher know. We also are looking for finger dessert donations. RSVP as tickets will not be sold, we will ask for a donation at the door. All proceeds will benefit Family Promise. We are also looking for donations of baskets for the raffle items, Broken crayons and Old buttons. Bring to church and give to Carrie Childs, Deb Thatcher or Janet Holzman.

We provided **50 Easter Baskets** filled with toys, books and candy for **Beth El Ministries**. We also provided Easter baskets for the **Foster children** living at **Family Ministries, Inc** in Seffner.

It's a great pleasure being on the Mission Committee and having the support of our **Little Church with a Big Heart**. Thanks for all the giving you do.



### CONGRATULATIONS Jay and Anne Heidt!

Their entry was the most recent photo contest winner with a wedding picture.

They received a stained glass heart to represent the little church with a big heart.



Youth will continue to meet through the month of May on Wednesday evenings. Entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade through exiting 12<sup>th</sup> grade youth are welcome to join us from 6 until 7:30 each Wednesday in the Youth room for games, FUN, and Bible study. The t-shirts have been ordered, and we are hoping to distribute them soon. Like many companies, our contact is having some supply chain issues, and getting ALL of the colors we requested. Thank you so much for your orders and your patience!

Senior Sunday is set for May 15<sup>th</sup>. Join us as we celebrate our graduates.

Check next month's newsletter for information about End of School AND Summer Youth activities. We're planning for lockouts, swimming parties, and more.



**Vacation Bible School dates  
are set!**

**Mark your calendars for  
June 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>!**

**We'll need YOUR help!**

## Fellowship News



The first **"Holy Grazers"** luncheon took place on **Wednesday, April 13th** and was well attended! We look forward to the next one, **May 11th!** Bring a dish to share. All are invited.

There are several opportunities for fellowship this month, so be sure to mark your calendars. There will not be a Spring Tea scheduled this year but instead the Mission Committee is heading up a ladies & girls **"Honor Our Mother" luncheon, Saturday, May 7th** to benefit Family Promise. Be sure to check your bulletins and newsletters for more details and **be sure to RSVP!**

We will celebrate our **New Members** on Sunday, **May 1st**, with a cake and punch reception. Be sure to mark your calendar.

We will celebrate a picnic style **Pot Luck luncheon** on **Sunday, May 29th** with hotdogs and hamburgers provided by the fellowship committee. We ask the congregation to bring picnic style food, i.e. green salads, baked beans, potato salad, desserts etc.

A cake and punch reception will be held on Sunday, **May 15th** to honor our **Graduating Seniors** following the 11 o'clock worship service.

**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.

Thank you, Lord, for food, fellowship & our generous church family who love to meet and support our many missions and one another!



## A Voice That Rings On!

Happy Eastertide from the bells and choir! We hope that you were able to hear our wonderful anthems we shared over Holy Week. You might have noticed that the Bells group started the week using hand chimes (long silver poles with an external hammer) and on Easter were using the shiniest bells in Seffner! We have been long anticipating the return of our beautiful bells from refurbishment (almost 8 weeks!) and they finally arrived just in time to celebrate the resurrection!

The bells have been tuned, shined, repaired, shined again, tuned again, and polished. Each was meticulously inspected and brought back into near perfect condition. A few of them had to have their handles replaced for the extensive use and wear placed on them. Having to replace some handles allowed us to do something very special; we were given the opportunity to put an inscription inside of them. The new handles read:

"In Loving Memory of Betty Lou Harp  
Presbyterian Church of Seffner"

We wanted to honor the time, talents, and treasure that was Betty Lou. We want to remember the love that she put into the music programs at our church. We want to celebrate the special place of music making, friendship, laughter, and love that she created. But most importantly, we wanted to make sure that her voice continues to ring on in our hearts and ears for years to come!

## CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Our Congregational Care Committee has been excited this month as we hear the stories of Jesus and God's plan for salvation.

The church has provided many ways you could experience Jesus's love and have Him in your life through the activities this month and the lovely poems you could offer to your friends and community.

Congregational Care plans to offer many more experiences to show God's love for us in the future.

We hope that you take time to enjoy God's blessings this season.

## NEW CHURCH DISHES

The Church has new dishes! Late last month the church received a donation of new 120 place settings of Corelle Livingware dishes. The dishes include dinner plates, appetizer/snack plates and bowls. These dishes are lightweight and much easier to handle than our former dishes. We did keep the coffee cups from our old set of dishes so you can see the difference next time you are in the fellowship hall. In keeping with the writing of John in John 6:12 says- When they were filled, he said unto his disciples, gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost...the old dishes were donated to Lighthouse Ministries where they will continue to be used.



## 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. Confirmation class for youth 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up meet on **SUNDAYS, thru the of month of MAY**. Confirmation will be on **Sunday, May 29<sup>TH</sup>**.

## 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!



## Dance Lessons

### May 2022!

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



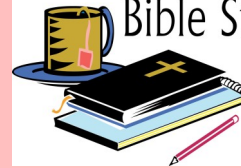
No Partner Necessary!

Your Donation for the lessons will benefit Meals on Wheels.

Dance instructors:  
Mike and Peg Johnston



## Women's Bible Study



**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.

## 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.



## Men's Grill Night

**May 17th** (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.

## MAY VOLUNTEERS

**Gate Keepers:** Open, Greg Uebel  
Close, Ron Smith  
**Liturgist:** Cammie Williams

### May 1st

Usher 9:30am: Jackie Winter  
Head Usher 11:00: Jay Heidt  
Greeters 11:00: Anne Heidt, Carina Brushwood  
Acolyte: Finley Heidt  
Lemonade: New Member Reception  
Office: Sara High (5/5)

### May 8th

Usher 9:30 am: Joann Williams  
Head Usher 11:00: Jim High  
Greeters 11:00: Janet Holzman, Sara High  
Acolyte: Caroline Boyd  
Lemonade: Need Host  
Office: Jim High (5/12)

### May 15th

Usher 9:30am: Cammie Williams  
Head Usher 11:00: Jeff Mason  
Greeter 11:00: Lydia Padovano, Nancy Mason  
Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser  
Lemonade: Need Host  
Office: Joy Griffin (5/19)

### May 22nd

Usher 9:30am: Ed Moseley  
Head Usher 11:00: Dave MacEwen  
Greeter 11:00: Chris Spangler, Patty MacEwen  
Acolyte: Noah Boyd  
Lemonade: Jackie Winter  
Office: Cammie Williams (5/26)

### May 29nd

Usher 9:30am: Carol Shick  
Head Usher 11:00: James Boyd  
Greeter 11:00: Dewey Walklin, Deb Thatcher  
Acolyte: Penny Childs & Dahlia Lavazza  
Lemonade: Pot-Luck Luncheon  
Office: Sara High (6/2)

## 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!

## TEMPLE KEEPERS

**Jay Heidt**  
on or before 5/7

**Ed Holzman**  
on or before 5/14

**Jim High**  
on or before 5/21

**Mark Williams**  
on or before 5/28

**Greg Uebel**  
on or before 6/4



Sunday,  
May 29  
8:30 am  
Until  
12 pm

## 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!

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



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

### May 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
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



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
<b>1</b> <i>New Member Sunday</i> 9:30 am <i>Worship</i> 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> 11 am <i>Worship</i>	<b>2</b> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>Committees Meet Throughout the Week</b> </div>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> 8:30 <i>Meals on Wheels</i> 4:30 <i>Staff Meeting</i> 6pm <i>Youth</i> 6pm <i>Bells</i> 7-8 pm <i>Dance Lesson</i> 7:30pm <i>Choir</i>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 11:30pm-1:30pm <i>"Honoring Our Mothers"</i> <i>Luncheon</i> <i>Benefit Family Promise</i>
<b>8</b> 9:30 am <i>Worship</i> 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> 11 am <i>Worship</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7pm <i>Session</i>	<b>11</b> 8:30 am <i>Meals on Wheels</i> 12 noon <i>Holy Grazers</i> 6 pm <i>Youth Meeting</i> 6pm <i>Bells</i> 7-8 pm <i>Dance Lesson</i> 7:30 pm <i>Choir</i>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 11am <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b> <i>Communion</i> <i>Sr. Highlight</i> 9:30 am <i>Worship</i> 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> 11 am <i>Worship</i>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7pm <i>Men's Grill Night &amp; Devotion</i>	<b>18</b> 8:30 am <i>Meals on Wheels</i> 6 pm <i>Youth Meeting</i> 6pm <i>Bells</i> 7-8 pm <i>Dance Lesson</i> 7:30 pm <i>Choir</i>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Items Due</i>	<b>21</b> 1-5pm <i>Member Graduation Party</i>
<b>22</b> 9:30 am <i>Worship</i> 9:30 am <i>Sunday Sch</i> 11 am <i>Traditional</i>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7pm <i>Men's Grill Night</i>	<b>25</b> 8:30 am <i>Meals on Wheels</i> 6 pm <i>Youth Meeting</i> 6pm <i>Bells</i> 7-8 pm <i>Dance Lesson</i> 7:30 pm <i>Choir</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 11am <i>Women's Bible Study</i>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>Confirmation Sunday</i> 8:30am-12pm <i>Blood Dr</i> 9:30 am <i>Worship</i> 9:30 am <i>Sunday School</i> 11 am <i>Worship</i> 12 pm <i>Luncheon</i>	<b>30</b> <i>Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day</i>	<b>31</b>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p><b>BLOOD DRIVE</b>  <b>Sunday, May 29</b>  <b>8:30 am-12 pm</b></p> <p>Give the Gift of Life            Look for the link in the bulletin-            reserve your donation            appointment soon!</p> </div>			