

SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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Seeing Visions...Dreaming Dreams!
So are we "post-pandemic" or in between variants?

Is it fall yet or are we in the 4th quarter of a Florida summer?

...not sure, but in the church, as we prepare to celebrate the **Stewardship Season, it is the time to see visions and dream dreams!**

We do not ignore the economic difficulties our families are encountering, the rising frustration of the election season, or the angst we feel when we hear the news of our nation and around the world. As the church, we respond to the needs of our neighbors, we live out the values of the Good News of the Gospel, and we say with Psalm 46:

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change..."

Times of change are always times of stress, but also of opportunity; this Stewardship Season let us look toward the freedom God's promises give us to do good in the world. We look forward to learning how Jesus' invitation in Matthew 25 guides us to living into God's Kingdom here on earth today. And we look forward to celebrating God's blessing to our church family and how God has used us to be a blessing to others. The Celebration will begin **Sunday, September 18th**, and then our **Wednesday dinner and Bible Study series will begin Sept. 21st**. Our season will culminate on **Sunday, October 30th**, and we invite you to celebrate with us!



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Newsletter items for

October 2022

due by September 15th.

Please submit items to

kara@seffnerpres.org

Worshipping Together
live stream

and

in-person

9:30 am Contemporary

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Traditional

Communion

September 11th

Youth Fundraiser

September 25th

Children's Care available
during worship services
each Sunday.

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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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

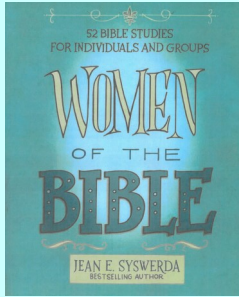
Glorifying God with mind,
body, and soul.



CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

Save the Date! October 8th -9th, as we proceed in organizing the Church Retreat at Cedarkirk this fall. See the sign-up form on the next page!

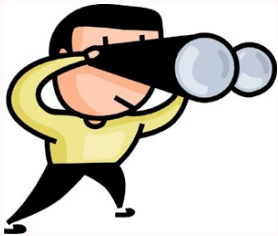
We are excited about Christmas and are planning a surprise for the congregation! We need your empty cardboard rolls (toilet paper and paper towel rolls; you may place them in the basket provided for you, in the fellowship hall. Also, if you have any tooling or netting to donate, it would be appreciated! Savor every day as you praise our God.



"Women of the Bible"

Starting September 11, 2022
Sunday morning at 9:30 am.
Books cost \$12.00.

The study is open to women, men and youth.



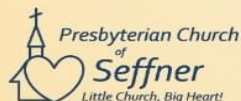
Fellowship

Holy Grazers meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month for lunch and fellowship. Bring a covered dish to share and come enjoy time with church family. The next Holy Grazers lunch is September 14th at 12 noon.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A: DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AND DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRIES

*Both positions are part-time

Interested candidates
should send their
resumes to
kara@seffnerpres.org



Mission Happenings

We are grateful for your faithful and generous response to our need for "Bikes for Jesus' Birthday". We've just about covered the cost and are looking forward to putting them together in December and bring more joy this Christmas! We continue to welcome donations for helmets, devotional books, and to prepare us for next year. Also, thank you for donating, helping set up, and buying items from our most recent **garage sale!** The proceeds will be going to mission projects here in our church, in our community, and around the world. **September's Mission Offering Focus will be "Youth Mission Trip"**, as they prepare to help one of the many communities recovering from natural disasters this summer.

Thank you, again for your support!

Make plans to join us for our annual
2022 Cedarkirk Church Family Retreat
October 8th & 9th

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

Please register by Sunday, Sept. 18 to reserve your spot by turning in a deposit and registration form to the offering plate or to the church office. Any questions, please call or email church office.

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

Option 1

1 night, from Saturday at 10 am through Sunday at 2pm

Includes 4 meals (lunch Sat. through lunch Sun.) swimming, activities, crafts, puzzles, line dancing, & campfire

Cost:

\$95 (Adult, age 13 and up)

\$85 (Youth, age 5 – 12)

\$285 (Family, 2 adults and 2 children)

Option 2 (Saturday only)

1 day, from Saturday at 10 am through Saturday 10 pm

Includes 2 meals (lunch and dinner) swimming, activities, crafts, puzzles, line dancing, & campfire

Cost:

\$40 (Adult, age 13 and up)

\$30 (Youth, age 5 – 12)

Family Maximum \$120 (Family, 2 adults and 2 children)

Option 3 (Sunday only)

1 day, from Sunday at 8 am through Sunday 2 pm

Includes 2 meals (breakfast and lunch) swimming, disc golf, hiking, puzzles

Cost:

\$32 (Adult, age 13 and up)

\$27 (Youth, age 5 – 12)

Family Maximum \$100 (Family, 2 adults and 2 children)

Cedarkirk 2022 Registration Form

Name(s) _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

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

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

Back to School Newsletter



Remind

We are using the Remind app to communicate. Communication is very helpful when planning and organizing. Thank you for helping us all stay in the loop. If you haven't joined REMIND yet, text @seffnerpr to the number 81010 to join the conversation. This is for **BOTH** youth and parents.

Cedarkirk Church Retreat

Come for faith, food, fellowship and fun! Join us October 8th and 9th for activities (crafts, swimming, zip line, puzzle building, etc.) along with delicious meals fresh from the Cedarkirk kitchen. We'll have more information in the church newsletter. Any questions, please call or email the church office, kara@seffnerpres.org.

Montreat Sunday

We are planning to show our appreciation, and what we've gained, from our trips to the Montreat Conferences. Please plan to attend our meetings on August 17th and 24th at 6 pm in the evening. Didn't attend Montreat? That's OK! Please join us. We have space for everyone to share in our worship plans.

Sign Up!

Parents, we need your help! We need volunteer hosts and hostesses for our Wednesday Evening Youth meetings OR for Youth Sunday School. There are a plethora of dates available. PLEASE choose 1 for us! Contact Melissa at triebsx4@gmail.com for information AND to sign up.

Worship Volunteers

We are looking for Youth Volunteers to be liturgists during the month of September. Contact Melissa Triebwasser for info.



Important Dates

September 25th

Baked Potato Fundraiser

October (TBD)

Mission Opportunity

October 8-9th

Cedarkirk Family Retreat

November 6th

Wreath Fundraiser Kickoff

December 11th

Casserole Fundraiser

Youth Sunday School

Join us in the Youth Room to study God's word and how we can apply it to our lives. We meet Sunday mornings at 9:45 beginning in September.

Greater Brandon Meals On Wheels

M.O.W. is now set-up to receive donations from Amazon through its smile.amazon program. We can receive .5% through the link below anytime you order from Amazon. Funds received will be distributed through our normal "Food Cost Reimbursements" to all churches who receive reimbursement. Here is our unique link:
<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/59-3589194>

This link will take you to smile.amazon. Then sign in to your Amazon account to get started. In the future, you would just sign in to smile.amazon.com to be automatically linked to the GBMOW account.
 Questions- Contact Carol Shick 813-404-1973

GREATER BRANDON MEALS ON WHEELS

Please consider donating your unused coolers to Meals on wheels. Medium to Large hard sided coolers.

NOTE: We are unable to use small 6 pkg. type or Styrofoam coolers.

You may contact Carol Shick for pick-up of coolers at 813-404-1973.



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Grill Night
September 20 (3rd Tuesday of the month)
7pm (Rain or Shine!)

Men 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.

As the days continue to be hot, please remember to be good stewards of not only your energy usage, but also the church's. Thank you!

THERMOSTATS

The thermostats are **PRESET**, please **DO NOT RESET** or put on hold. If you need to cool or heat, simply use the **UP** and **DOWN** arrows; when you leave, hit **RUN** and it will reset to original setting.



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.

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.

Other 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.



Generosity
 changes everything



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!

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD July 2022	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 154,507	\$ 153,594
Expense	\$ 149,926	\$ 153,594
Net (+/-)	\$ 6,581	

SEPTEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open - Ed Moseley
Close - Ron Smith
Liturgist: Youth

September 4

Usher 9:30am: Jackie Winter
 Head Usher 11:00: Jay Heidt
 Greeters 11:00: Anne Heidt, Carina Brushwood
 Acolyte: Finley Heidt
 Lemonade: Cindy Doyle
 Flowers: Anne Heidt
 Office: Sara High (9/1)

September 11

Usher 9:30 am: Cammie Williams
 Head Usher 11:00: Dave MacEwen
 Greeters 11:00: Janet Holzman, Patty MacEwen
 Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
 Lemonade: Need Hosts
 Flowers: Karen Childs
 Office: Jim High (9/8)

September 18

Usher 9:30am: Joann Williams
 Head Usher 11:00: Jim High
 Greeter 11:00: Joy Griffin, Sara High
 Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
 Lemonade: Joy Griffin
 Flowers: Carol Dolphin
 Office: Joy Griffin (9/15))

September 25

Usher 9:30am: Ed Moseley
 Head Usher 11:00: James Boyd
 Greeter 11:00: Dewey Walklin, Chris Spangler
 Acolyte: Noah Boyd
 Lemonade: Jackie Winter/ Youth Fundraiser
 Flowers: Deborah Thatcher
 Office: Cammie Williams (9/22),
 TBD (9/29)

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Jim High
 on or before **9/3**

Mark Williams
 on or before **9/10**

Greg Uebel
 on or before **9/17**

Jay Heidt
 on or before **9/24**

Ed Holzman
 on or before **10/1**



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



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

September Birthdays

Penelope Evans-Nguyen	9/1
Carrie Gonzales	9/4
Peter Lapham	9/4
Alexandra Friebolin	9/5
Connie Uebel	9/5
Natasha Lamour	9/6
Larry Connell	9/7
Ethan Puente	9/7
Ed Moseley	9/11
Yasline Lamour	9/12
Anne Wheeler	9/15
Don Thatcher	9/16
Bob Lavazza	9/17
Rosie 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

Joy & Bob Lazazza	9/12
Carmen & Peter Lapham	9/23
James & Christina Boyd	9/27

Would you like to share your flowers with the church?

The **Worship Committee** is looking for people who would like to join the rotation of supplying an arrangement of flowers for the sanctuary on Sunday mornings.

Please contact the church
 (813-689-4412)
 or Carol Shick (813-404-1973)
 If you would like to participate.



SAFETY PROTOCOLS

COVID numbers are on the rise. Please continue to make decisions that take into consideration your health and that of those around you. 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 9:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Worship	5 Labor Day Office Closed	6	7 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 4:30 pm Staff Meets 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	8	9	10
Committees Meet Throughout the Week						
11 9:30 am Contemporary Service w/Communion 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Worship w/Comm. Committee Reports Due	12	13 7pm Session	14 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 12 noon Holy Grazers 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	15 Newsletter Items Due	16	17
18 Stewardship Season Begins 9:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Worship	19	20 7pm Men's Grill Night and Devotion	21 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm Stewardship Wednesday Dinner 6:15pm Bible Study 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	22	23	24
25 9:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Worship 12 noon Youth Fundraiser - Baked Potato Bar	26	27	28 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm Stewardship Wednesday Dinner 6:15pm Bible Study 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	29	30	