



SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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Great advice whether you are reading this during Election season, Thanksgiving season, or Advent season!

Everything in the world is about to be wrapped up, so take nothing for granted. Stay wide-awake in prayer. Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless—cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God’s words; if help, let it be God’s hearty help. That way, God’s bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus...to him belong the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 4:7-11 (The Message)



Nov. 27th, 1st Sunday of Advent
Join us for crafts, soups, and fellowship!

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Newsletter items for
December '22/January '23
due by November 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

All Saints' Sunday

New Member Class

Daylight Saving Time Ends

Wreath Youth Fundraiser

November 6th

New Members Received

November 13th

Christ the King

Communion

November 20th

1st Sunday of Advent

Hanging of the Greens

Crafts & Soups

November 27th

Children's Care

available during worship

services each Sunday.

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Join us for Worship at

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click on **Worship**

or go to

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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

We are excitedly looking forward to the next 3 months with plans for our congregation.

We wish to **thank all of you who donated the paper rolls.**

We met our goal quickly and appreciate you remembering us for this activity.

We thank God for our congregation. Their unselfish giving of time and food when we prepared for the funerals and receptions of our sisters in Christ, Blossom Burke and Beverley Field.

Final words: Take a deep breath, be in a prayer filled mind, and enjoy each day.



Fellowship

Our Advent Season is quickly approaching, so mark your calendar.

Sunday, November 13th, we will have a **New Member Reception with Cake and Punch,** following the 11 am worship service.



Sunday, November 27th, is the **1st Sunday of Advent.** After the **Hanging of the Greens** service, we will enjoy **Crafts and Soups Luncheon.** Come join the fun!



Looking ahead...we will have a **Christmas Cookie Exchange** on **Sunday, December 4th.** Details to follow.



Mission Happenings

Thank you for helping make our **5th Sunday Serve** a success! We appreciate all who signed up to help.

November's Mission Focus is Beth-El Family Christmas. Please look for further information in future bulletins and sign-up sheets in the narthex.

We are putting together **food baskets** for the **families** we will be sponsoring at **Beth-El Mission.** The food baskets will be **delivered when we deliver the Christmas gifts** to the families.

We as Presbyterians are called to help those in need. Yes Lord, when did we feed, or clothe you?

Mark your calendar! In **January, 2023, a yard sale** is being planned. So clean out those closets, garages and attics.

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

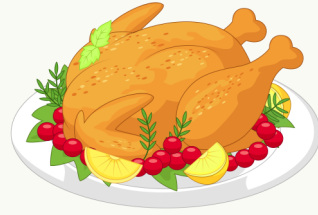


Be sure to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, November 5th before bedtime.



Meals On Wheels Serving Thanksgiving!

Thanksgiving is almost here and **Meals on Wheels is gearing up to serve Thursday, November 24th.** If you are interested in helping with meal preparation, making desserts or something else, look for sign-up sheets in the narthex soon. You may also contact Janet Holzman at (813) 352-6443.



Men's Grill Night

November 15th (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.

**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.

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.



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!

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.

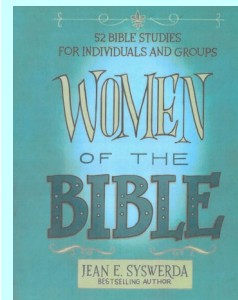


Winn Dixie is supporting our community by giving a part of the **flower sale profits back to the church!**

"Women of the Bible"

Study is continuing through
December 18th, 2022
Sunday morning at 9:30 am.

The study is open to women, men and youth.



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.

Generosity
changes everything

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

YTD September 2022	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 196,912	\$ 197,481
Expense	\$ 188,681	\$ 197,481
Net (+/-)	\$ 8,231	

Youth News

The **Youth are so thankful** for your generous support! Our baked potato bar was a HUGE success offering food and fellowship to our congregation AND helping raise funds for our summer mission trip. Thank you!

The Youth have been busy in October: volunteering to clean up after the storm, playing Gaga ball together, and learning more about the love of Jesus.

ALL **Youth entering 6th through exiting 12th** are **welcome** to join us **Wednesdays @ 6pm** for Fun, Fellowship and Bible Study!

Due to the generosity of **Shirley and Henry Jokerst Scholarship Fund**, the Presbyterian Church of Seffner is able to **offer college scholarship opportunities** to its members. Just a reminder for our current Juniors and Seniors in youth, scholarship applicants must:

Be an **active** member of the Presbyterian Church of Seffner for at least 1 year prior to application

Provide a **NARRATIVE** as part of the application, explaining the **active role** he/she plays in the life of the church

IMPORTANT DATES:

11/6 - Wreath Fundraiser Kick Off with Christmas cookies and punch

11/16 - Paint an ornament

11/23- No Youth

11/27 - Advent Event

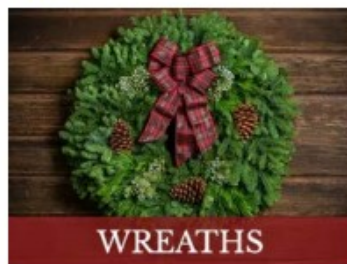
12/3 - Bike assembly day

12/10 - Progressive Dinner TBA

12/11 - Youth Casserole Sale

We are raising funds this year for a **Mission Trip, 2023**. More details to come, since the catastrophic affects of Ian are still being uncovered... More information about When and Where, etc. will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

Seffner Presbyterian Youth



WREATHS



FALL



CENTERPIECES



GARLAND



TABLETOP TREES



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NOVEMBER VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open - Ed Moseley
Close - Ron Smith

Liturgist: Christina Boyd

November 6

Usher 9:30am: Joann Williams
Head Usher 11:00: Jay Heidt
Greeter/Usher 11:00: Anne Heidt, Carina Brushwood
Sunday School: Janet Holzman
Little Lambs: Joy Lavazza
Elementary: Joy Griffin
Acolyte: Finley Heidt
Lemonade: Youth
Flowers: Anne Heidt
Office: Sara High (11/3)

November 13

Usher 9:30 am: Carol Dolphin
Head Usher 11:00: Jim High
Greeter/Usher 11:00: Joy Griffin, Sara High
Sunday School: Melissa Triebwasser
Little Lambs: No Sunday School
Elementary: No Sunday School
Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
Lemonade: Jackie Winter
Flowers: Carol Dolphin
Office: Jim High (11/10)

November 20 Christ the King

Usher 9:30am: Jackie Winter
Head Usher 11:00: Jeff Mason
Greeter/Usher 11:00: Lydia Padovano, Nancy Mason
Sunday School: Karen Childs
Little Lambs: Olivia Boyd
Elementary: Christina Boyd
Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
Lemonade: Need Host
Flowers: Carol Dolphin
Office: Joy Griffin (11/17)

November 27 1st Sunday of Advent

Usher 9:30am: Ed Moseley
Head Usher 11:00: Dave MacEwen
Greeter/Usher 11:00: Patty MacEwen, Dewey Walklin
Sunday School: Janet Holzman
Little Lambs: Lilita Ros
Elementary: Deb Thatcher
Acolyte: Noah Boyd
Lemonade: Crafts and Soups Luncheon!
Flowers: Deborah Thatcher
Office: (11/22)
Cammie Williams (11/23)
(11/28)

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Ed Holzman
on or before **11/5**

Jim High
on or before **11/12**

Mark Williams
on or before **11/19**

Greg Uebel
on or before **11/26**

Jay Heidt
on or before **12/3**

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



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

November Birthdays

Greg Uebel	11/2
Dyan Taylor-Harris	11/3
Anthony Harris	11/4
Tracy Messina	11/6
Patricia MacEwen	11/8
Carol Shick	11/10
Kai Abe	11/13
John Voelpel	11/16
Chad Triebwasser	11/17
Finley Heidt	11/21
Gabe Heidt	11/22
E.J. Paynter	11/23
Anna Doucette	11/24
Karen Kosan	11/24
Marcelo Lamour	11/25
Johanna McCoy	11/28

Anniversaries

Carrie and David Childs	11/7
Karen and Rick Kosan	11/16
Barbara and Larry Connell	11/16
George and Betty Joe Kosan	11/23
Peg and Mike Johnston	11/26
Mack and Patty MacEwen	11/27



We earned about **\$500** during our baked potato fundraiser. Thank you so much for your help and volunteering! Many hands make the work light. The Youth



"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity." (Psalm 133:1)

As a church family, we were so blessed to have **Bill Barry, Blossom Burke, and Beverly Field** as brothers and sisters in faith. We continue to pray for their friends and family to be comforted and to find hope in the promise of the resurrection. For when Christ conquered death, he opened the way for eternal life for us.

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.



NOVEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	3	4	5
	<i>Committees Meet Throughout the Week</i>					
6 All Saints' Sunday 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional 12 noon New Member Class Wreath Youth Fundraiser Kick-off Committee Reports Due	7	8 VOTE	9 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 12 noon Holy Grazers 4:30 pm Staff Meets 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	10 7-8:30 pm Family Game Night - Bring Sauces	11	12
13 New Members Received 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional 12:30 pm Session Meet	14	15 Newsletter Items Due for Dec. '22 and Jan. '23 7pm Men's Grill Night and Devotion	16 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	17	18	19
20 Christ the King 9:30 am Contemporary Service w/ Communion 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Service w/ Communion	21	22	23 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir	24 Meals on Wheels Office Closed 	25	26
27 1st Sunday of Advent 9:30am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Hanging of the Greens 12:00 pm Crafts and Soups Luncheon	28	29	30 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir			