



SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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*If I were a wiggly worm, I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm;
And if I were a crocodile, I'd thank you, Lord, for my big smile;
And if I were a fuzzy, wuzzy bear, I'd thank you, Lord, for my fuzzy, wuzzy hair;
And I just thank you Father for making me...me.*
(from "The Butterfly Song")

Stewardship doesn't make much sense unless we first experience the joy and grace of GRATITUDE! When we realize how good and generous God is to us in countless ways, everyday, we are able to think about how we can use our TIME, our TALENT, and our TREASURE to serve God and others. It is this grace of gratitude that helps us rightly identify not as owners of what we have, but as managers/stewards of what God has so generously given us. I pray you take the opportunity to sabbath and enjoy the many ways God provides for us; that you are able to experience the peace of knowing that God is always faithful and will always provide; and that you are able to experience the joy of responding to God's goodness and grace!

Join us for the **Wednesday Stewardship Dinners and Bible Study**. And we hope you will celebrate with us on COMMITMENT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30th at 10am for our combined service. We will eat afterwards and have an opportunity to join together in mission! God bless!

* Pastor Appreciation Month *

It takes a special type of person to lead a faith community, and you are the perfect person for this role! Know that we are grateful for your continued guidance.

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Youth

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Worship

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Mission

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Cammie Williams,
Clerk of Session

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

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

Communion
October 2nd

Cedarkirk Church Retreat
October 8th-9th
9:15am Worship
@ Cedarkirk
11:00am worship - Sanctuary

Stewardship Sunday
October 30th
10am Worship
11am Luncheon
5th Sunday Serve

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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P.O. Box 545
Seffner, FL 33583

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 all looking forward to the Cedarkirk Church Retreat October 8th through October 9th.

Thank you all for the paper rolls! We have almost reached our goal of 200. We plan on using them for a Christmas surprise.

We are so happy that our Lord has led some visitors to our church. The Body of Christ could always find another place right where He planned.

Please let our committee know of any need that we have missed. We enjoy continuing to serve God and our congregation.

Fellowship

Thanks be to God we are back to gathering together for fellowship and worship & many other activities at church this Stewardship season. Be sure to mark your calendars for fall events & our busy Advent Season.

During the month of September, the Wednesday night Stewardship dinner and Bible study continue through Wednesday, October 26. The meals on wheels team will provide the delicious meal beginning at 5:30 pm, so be sure to sign up ahead to let our chef know how much to prepare.



Our Stewardship **Sunday, October 30th**, & 5th Sunday Serve, will be a little different this year with a combined church service at 10 AM. Following that, we will have a **brunch style meal prepared by the fellowship committee**. The menu will include French toast, egg casserole, fruit, pastries, beverages, so be sure not to miss!

Our busy Advent Season kicks off Sunday, November 27th, so be sure to watch for opportunities for fellowship & worship.



Mission Happenings

Thanks for all the help and donations. We made almost \$4,700 in our last yard sale. We will use the money earned for mission projects and seed money for Bikes for Jesus next year and buy a few smaller bikes for this year.

SAVE THE DATE !!!
OCTOBER 30TH - 5TH SUNDAY SERVE

We will be doing mission work after service Sunday. We would like to encourage everyone to come and share God's love. We will have several opportunities to serve the community, through our Time, Talents and Treasures.

1. Help fill Backpacks with Halloween Goodies and treats for the Foster Children at Family Ministries in Seffner. The Mission committee will provide most of the items needed for these projects. We are asking the congregation to provide candy, trinkets and small toys or games for the Foster children's Backpacks.
2. Make bag lunches for THORN Ministries, a homeless program.
3. Fill Gift Bags for MOW participants.
4. Paint the fence at Beth El Ministries.

Please consider making time to be with us on the 30th to be God's Helping Hands. There will be a sign up sheet, so we know how to prepare. High school students will be able to earn Community Service Hours for all of these projects.

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

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.

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.



Important Dates

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 9:45am. Wednesday evenings (6 to 7:30 pm)

The Bright Days of October



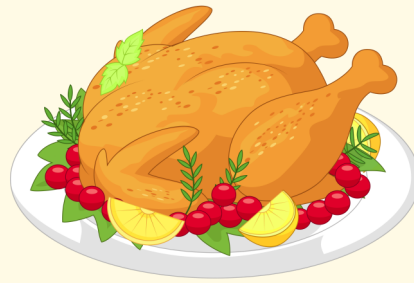
We feel the somewhat cooler temperatures and soon we will feel the pressure and rush of the autumn and winter holidays. Soon it will be All Saints (or All Hallows) Day, preceded by the ancient preChristian festivities of Halloween. And then, as we know from experience, the rest of the year slides right by at great speed. Just on the horizon will be Thanksgiving and Reformation Sunday. And then the great rush to Christmas.

We hope to celebrate and take joy in all these days and to mark these special times with special music. At this moment, we do not yet have a music director to follow in the footsteps of Logan Sorey and his predecessor, the late Betty Lou Harp. But TJ and the worship team, as well as the choir, will continue to bring music to the service and to our hearts.

Now here is the catch! We are like choirs all over the world who are trying to rebuild after pandemic days. The present members have been loyal through these times, but we would really welcome more singers (and bell ringers and chimes players and instrumentalists) to join us. In the past, extra singers have joined the Festival Choir for the Cantata and we are counting on them again. But beyond that, please consider being part of the music worship in your church, especially as we enter a season with many beautiful feasts. Watch the bulletin for scheduled practices and feel free to speak to anyone in the Music Ministry about joining our merry band! Thank you for giving thought to this request, especially during Stewardship season when time and talent are also important contributions.

Meals On Wheels

Thanksgiving is right around the corner 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. Please contact Janet Holzman at (813) 352-6443.



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.



Men's Grill Night

October 18th (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.

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.



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!

Generosity
changes everything

FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP

| YTD August 2022 | Actual | Budget |
|-----------------|------------|------------|
| Income | \$ 177,428 | \$ 175,539 |
| Expense | \$ 168,157 | \$ 175,539 |
| Net (+/-) | \$ 9,271 | |

OCTOBER VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open - Greg Uebel
Close - Bruce Derenthal
Liturgist: Joy Lavazza

October 2

Usher 9:30am: Jackie Winter
 Head Usher 11:00: Jay Heidt
 Greeters 11:00: Anne Heidt, Carina Brushwood
 Sunday School: Karen Childs
 Little Lambs: Joy Lavazza
 Elementary: Joy Griffin
 Acolyte: Finley Heidt
 Lemonade: Cindy Doyle
 Flowers: Anne Heidt
 Office: Sara High (10/6)

October 9

Usher 9:30 am: Joann Williams
 Head Usher 11:00: Jim High
 Greeters 11:00: Dewey Walklin, Sara High
 Sunday School: Janet Holzman
 Little Lambs: No Sunday School
 Elementary: No Sunday School
 Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
 Lemonade: Need Hosts
 Flowers: Cammie Williams
 Office: Jim High (10/13)

October 16

Usher 9:30am: Carol Dolphin
 Head Usher 11:00: Jeff Mason
 Greeter 11:00: Lydia Padovano, Nancy Mason
 Sunday School: Melissa Triebwasser
 Little Lambs: Olivia Boyd
 Elementary: Christina Boyd
 Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
 Lemonade: Joy Griffin
 Flowers: Carol Dolphin
 Office: Joy Griffin (10/14)

October 23

Usher 9:30am: Ed Moseley
 Head Usher 11:00: Dave MacEwen
 Greeter 11:00: Patty MacEwen, Chris Spangler
 Sunday School: Janet Holzman
 Little Lambs: Lillita Ros
 Elementary: Deb Thatcher
 Acolyte: Noah Boyd
 Lemonade: Jackie Winter
 Flowers: Deborah Thatcher
 Office: Cammie Williams (10/20)

October 30 Stewardship Sunday

Head Usher 10:00: James Boyd
 Greeter 10:00: Joy Griffin, Deborah Thatcher
 Sunday School: Karen Childs
 Little Lambs: No Sunday School
 Elementary: No Sunday School
 Acolyte: Penny Childs, Dahlia Lavazza
 Lemonade: Stewardship Brunch
 Flowers: Carol Shick
 Office: Cammie Williams (10/27)

TEMPLE KEEPERS

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

Jim High
 on or before **10/8**

Mark Williams
 on or before **10/15**

Greg Uebel
 on or before **10/22**

Jay Heidt
 on or before **10/29**



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



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

October Birthdays

| | |
|-----------------|-------|
| Lorraine Barry | 10/3 |
| Donna Cachia | 10/3 |
| Joann Williams | 10/4 |
| Rachel Kosan | 10/8 |
| Aubrey Shick | 10/11 |
| Elizabeth Kosan | 10/14 |
| Keanu Abe | 10/15 |
| Cade McClellan | 10/16 |
| John Reiter | 10/18 |
| William Worth | 10/20 |
| James Boyd | 10/23 |
| Jim High | 10/24 |
| Sue Calvert | 10/25 |
| Carol Dolphin | 10/27 |
| Erik Friebolin | 10/27 |
| Joy Griffin | 10/30 |

I want to thank all those people who prayed for me, and called me, and sent me cards. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Lydia P.

SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Please continue to make decisions that take into consideration your health and that of those around you.

We welcome, but not require masks at church activities.

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.

October Happenings

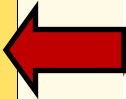
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|---|---|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| | | | | | | 1 |
| 2 9:30 am Contemporary Service w/ Comm. 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Worship w/Comm. | 3 Committees Meet Throughout the Week | 4 | 5 8:30 am M on W 4:30 pm Staff Meets 5:30 pm Stewardship Wednesday Dinner 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir | 6 | 7 | 8 Cedarkirk Church Retreat |
| 9 Cedarkirk Retreat 9:30 am Contemporary Service at Cedarkirk 9:30 am NO Sunday School 11 am Traditional Worship Committee | 10 | 11 7pm Session | 12 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 12 noon Holy Grazers 5:30 pm Stewardship Wednesday Dinner 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir | 13 | 14 | 15 8am-Until done Church Work Day Newsletter Items Due |
| 16 9:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Worship | 17 | 18 7pm Men's Grill Night and Devotion | 18 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm Stewardship Wednesday Dinner 6:15pm Bible Study 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 23 9:30 am Contemporary Service 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional Worship | 24 | 25 | 26 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 5:30 pm Last Stewardship Wednesday Din 6:15pm Bible Study 6pm Youth 7:30pm Choir | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 30 5th Sun. Serve 8:30am-1pm Blood Drive 10 am Combined Worship Service 11 am Stewardship Brunch | 31 | | | | | |

Sunday, October 30



**HELP SAVE A LIFE +
GIVE THE GIFT OF BLOOD**

8:30 am - 1:00 pm



Seffner Presbyterian Youth



WREATHS

WE EARN 15%

*Supporting our fundraiser is easy...
Simply decorate your home or send
an elegant evergreen gift!*



FALL



CENTERPIECES



GARLAND



TABLETOP TREES



HOME DECOR

SUPPORT OUR CAUSE

- 1 Visit www.lynchcreekfundraising.com/c/299281
- 2 Click on a product category or Shop Online
- 3 Choose a Team Member to support (if applicable)
- 4 Click Shop Now to give back 15% of your purchase!

ENTIRE PRODUCT AVAILABILITY ONLINE

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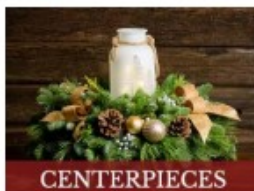
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