



SEFFNER HEART BEAT

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May your house be filled with love
and peace this and every month!

"A Prayer and House Blessing" by E. Congdon.

Bless this house, O God we pray.
Keep it safe by night and day.
Make this house a home.
May this be a place where love
grows,
where everyone knows s/he is
loved
and can love with abandon.
May this be a place where respect
is the way of relating,
where kindness and consideration
are usual.
Let it be a place where people can
grow and learn.
May it be a place for launching
people into the world,
and a place that welcomes them
back.
Bless this house, God above,
with joy, contentment, warmth,
and love.
Bless the doors that open wide
and let each welcome one inside.
Bless the windows, paths for light
and for viewing the world.
Bless each room and guard each
wall.
And let your peace be over all.
Amen.



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Newsletter items for
March 2023
due by February 15, 2023.
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

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Souper Bowl Sunday

February 12th

Chili Cook-off

and

Cornbread Bake-off

Transfiguration of the Lord

February 19th

Communion

Ash Wednesday

February 22

7:00 pm Worship Service

Children's Care
available during worship
services each Sunday.

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

www.facebook.com/seffnerpres



Our Mission Statement

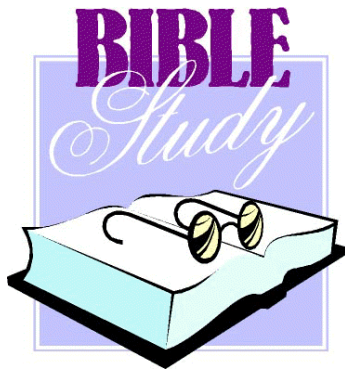
To provide opportunities
for people to
discover God's love,
seek God's purpose,
and do God's will.

Our Vision Statement

Glorifying God with mind,
body, and soul.



The February mission focus is SOUPER Bowl, collecting canned goods and non-perishable food items for ECHO. Look for bins in the narthex and fellowship hall. Donations will be collected all month long and will be taken ECHO on March 1st.



"Women of the Bible"

This study continues on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am in room 6.
All are welcome!

Wanted to clarify that what has happened with people asking for money in my



Know that I never have and never will ask for money via text or email.

I have reported it to the sheriffs office, but they said there's not much to do except tell my people to look at the address and phone numbers to verify it is from me and not someone who is using my name. We will continue to pray for them.

My name is not coming about because I am getting "hacked". It's called being "spoofed" which is when they use my name to create email addresses. They will also use phone numbers to text that are not mine. I'm hearing same is happening at other churches because of our websites.

Pastor Loli



MEN'S GROUP

Men's Grill Night

February 21 (3rd Tuesday of the month)
6 pm (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.

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



MISSIONS THANKS ...

Thank you to all who supported our yard sale to benefit the Greater Brandon Meals on Wheels.

We are grateful for your continued support for Kairos Prison Ministry. Your cookie donations truly make a difference. Kairos is planning an event in March.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE NEWS

We are happy about the response to the Christmas Card Exchange box. Even the children participated with great excitement! All cards not picked up have been mailed.



Our group met for a meeting lunch to give best wishes to Joy Griffin as she begins her new position as chair of the Fellowship Committee. We are sure she will be a

valuable addition to her new committee, as she serves our Lord.

Yard sale is coming up, so dig in those closets. Lets make this endeavor great so we can pass the rewards on to the Brandon Meals on Wheels. A big thank you to all the workers on this project.

Now is the time to slow down, refresh our minds, and pray for our people. Thank you God for the life you gave us!



**We can all use a little
H.O.P.E. nowadays!**

Join us to learn more about the Hillsborough Organization for Progress and Equality and their work to identify and address issues affecting our community today. By bringing together community leaders, churches, and organizations, H.O.P.E. has been a part of creative, effective, and long-lasting ways to deal with common concerns of Hillsborough county residents.

Join us

Wednesday, February 15th at 6 pm,
in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be heavy hors d'oeuvres
and good conversation!



Join us on **February 12th** for our annual Souper Bowl of Caring. The Youth are coordinating a **Chili Cook-Off AND a Cornbread Bake-Off.** We **NEED** your



entries! Please sign up in the Narthex, or contact Melissa Triebwasser to submit your secret (or not so secret) recipe. **EVERYONE is invited** to join us in the Fellowship Hall **immediately following the 11 o'clock service** to taste the submissions and vote for your favorites! Fun Free Fellowship for ALL!

As part of our **Souper Bowl of Caring** the Youth are **collecting food donations for ECHO.** Help us stock ECHO's shelves with non-perishable and canned foods. We will be collecting through February.

The Youth will also be hosting their annual **Fat**



Tuesday Pancake Dinner on February 21st. We'll be serving **ALL YOU CAN EAT pancakes** with a side of **b a c o n** or sausage. Toppings include

butter, maple syrup, strawberries, whipped cream and the beverage of your choice. **Dinner hours are 5:30 to 7:00 pm.** This fundraiser will help us participate in a Mission experience in the Blue Ridge Mountains this coming July. **Tickets can be purchased at the door or pre-sale tickets are available from a Youth member or Christy Mayfield.**

Thank you so much for supporting our Youth!

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

Lenten Bible Study

Starting **Wednesday, March 1st** and going through April 5th.

Dinner at 5:30pm, Bible Study 6:15pm – 7:15pm

There will be child care. Look for more information in the bulletin and March Newsletter.



We are in need of **Nursery Volunteers** - please reach out to Melissa Triebwasser if you are interested.



PLEASE LEAVE THE KITCHEN AND FELLOWSHIP HALL CLEANER THAN YOU FOUND IT.



...Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together with LOVE!
THANK YOU,
VOLUNTEERS!

It is God's LOVE and the LOVE of our amazing volunteers that keep this place going!

Thank you for your generosity with your time; your hard work and support of the staff, and for your faithfulness to God's ministry through this church! May God bless you richly as you continue to be a blessing!
From the staff and The Presbyterian Church of Seffner

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 Joy Griffin.



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.

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 December 2022	Actual	Budget
Income	\$ 281,265	\$ 263309
Expense	\$ 254,763	\$ 263,309
Net (+/-)	\$ 26,502	

FEBRUARY VOLUNTEERS

Gate Keepers: Open - Greg Uebel
Close - Bruce Derenthal

Liturgist:

February 5

Usher 9:30am: Joann Williams
 Head Usher 11:00: Jay Heidt
 Greeter/Usher 11:00: Anne Heidt, Carina Brushwood
 Sunday School: TBD (Women of the Bible)
 Little Lambs: Joy Lavazza
 Elementary: Joy Lavazza
 Acolyte: Penny Childs, Dahlia Lavazza
 Lemonade: Host Needed
 Flowers: Anne Heidt
 Office: Sara High (2/2)

February 12

Usher 9:30 am: Jackie Winter
 Head Usher 11:00: Jim High
 Greeter/Usher 11:00: Dewey Walklin, Sara High
 Sunday School: TBD (Women of the Bible)
 Little Lambs: Olivia Boyd
 Elementary: Christina Boyd
 Acolyte: Caroline Boyd
 Lemonade: Chili/Cornbread Cookoff
 Flowers: Cammie Williams
 Office: Jim High (2/9)

February 19

Usher 9:30 am: Carol Dolphin
 Head Usher 11:00: Jeff Mason
 Greeter/Usher 11:00: Lydia Padovano, Nancy Mason
 Sunday School: TBD (Women of the Bible)
 Little Lambs: Youth
 Elementary: Connie Uebel
 Acolyte: Lotte Triebwasser
 Lemonade: Jackie Winter
 Flowers: Carol Dolphin
 Office: Joy Griffin (2/16)

February 26

Usher 9:30 am: Ed Moseley
 Head Usher 11:00: Dave MacEwen
 Greeter/Usher 11:00: Patty MacEwen, Chris Spangler
 Sunday School: TBD (Women of the Bible)
 Little Lambs: Youth
 Elementary: Deborah Thatcher
 Acolyte: Noah Boyd
 Lemonade: Host Needed
 Flowers: Deborah Thatcher
 Office: Cammie Williams (2/23)

TEMPLE KEEPERS

Greg Uebel
 on or before 2/4

Jay Heidt
 on or before 2/11

Ed Holzman
 on or before 2/18

Jim High
 on or before 2/25

Mark Williams
 on or before 3/4



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



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

February Birthdays

Christina Boyd	2/1
Aidan Heidt	2/1
Steve Wooster	2/1
Bob Stetler	2/8
Polly Stetler	2/8
Michael Hawkins	2/12
John Dolphin	2/13
Josiah Lamour	2/13
Colin McClellan	2/15
Rick Kosan	2/17
Mary Shambach	2/18
Mark Watson	2/19
Jay Heidt	2/22
Dahlia Lavazza	2/26
Jensen Brushwood	2/28

Anniversaries

Robby and Tricia Lavazza	2/2
Mary and Fred Shambach	2/18
Ron and Bunny Smith/Worth	2/29

My hope and intention is to be back with this wonderful congregation at the beginning of February. These past few months of recovery from a broken hip and post surgical complications has meant an enforced (and somewhat

impatiently borne) absence from the many activities that mean so much. I cannot begin to say how much I have missed our Sundays together and the opportunity to share in worship with you. But at the same time, especially when I was stalled in my recovery, I was constantly reminded of your love and caring. I deeply appreciate the cards and visits and telephone calls which I received and I truly felt uplifted by your prayers. My son Danh was also comforted and encouraged during that hard time.

I look forward to moving forward to the Lenten season and into the joyous celebration of Easter. And I will put in a hint about how joyfully and sincerely our faithful choir would welcome new members in these coming busy months!

Once again, my heartfelt thanks.
 Sheila Donohue



February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Youth 6:30pm Choir	2	3	4
5 5th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional	6 <div>Committees Meet Throughout the Week</div>	7	8 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 12 noon Holy Grazers Luncheon 4pm Staff Meeting 6pm Youth 6:30pm Choir	9	10	11
12 6th Sunday after Epiphany 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional 12 noon Chili Cookoff And Cornbread Bakeoff	13	14	15 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6pm Youth 6pm HOPE Meeting 6:30pm Choir	16	17	18
19 Transfiguration of the Lord 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional	20	21 6pm Men's Grill Night 7pm Youth Pancake Dinner	21 Ash Wednesday 8:30 am Meals on Wheels 6:30pm Choir 7pm Ash Wednesday Service	23 6:30 pm King-sway Oaks H.O.A.	24	25 5-7pm New Members Soup with Pastor
26 1st Sunday in Lent 9:30 am Contemporary 9:30 am Sunday School 11 am Traditional	27	28				