

The Encourager

May 2017

First United Methodist Church of Seffner

Open Hearts Open Minds Open Doors

Our mission at First Seffner is to GO into
the world to make disciples for Jesus Christ.

Potpourri of Happenings

May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30: Country Western Music Group: 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall.

May 2: Legend Dairy 4H Group Meeting: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Good News Room.

May 3, 17 & 31: Family Support Group: 6:00 p.m. Every other Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall.

May 6: Women's Spring Luncheon: Saturday, 11:45 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

May 7, 14, 21 & 28: Confirmation Classes: Sundays, 9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

May 7, 21 & 28: Youth Group Meetings: Sundays, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

May 8: Irene Circle Dinner: Monday, 6:30 p.m. at Ruby Tuesday's in Valrico.

May 9: Trustees Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Good News Room.

May 10: Wednesday Night Dinner: 6:00 p.m. Join us for fellowship and a delicious dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Advance Sign Up - \$6.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children under 12.

May 14: Happy Mother's Day!

May 16: Foster Angels Board Meeting: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. In the Good News Room.

May 21: Heritage Sunday Celebration: 10:30 a.m. Celebrate with us at Worship Service, followed by a covered dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

May 21: Graduate Recognition Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Celebrating our Graduates.

May 25: SPR Meeting: Thursday, 6:30 p.m. in the Good News Room.

May 25: Church Council Meeting: Thursday, 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

May 29: Memorial Day: Monday. The Church Office will be closed for the holiday.



Dear Friends in Christ....

Ask a florist what day of the year is their busiest, and most will tell you that it's Mother's Day! May brings us our national Mother's Day observance, a day set aside to pay tribute to our mothers. Before sharing some random thoughts about what I think Mother's Day is, I think it's a good thing to look at what this holiday is not.

Even though we can certainly find verses in God's Word where mothers are recognized (Proverbs 31:28 states that the children of a godly woman will "arise and call her blessed.") as well as verses about honoring our parents, which by the way I believe extends well beyond what is done on one special day of the year, nowhere in the Bible can I find where it commands us, or even suggests, that we set aside a special day to do so. The tradition of celebrating Mother's Day, however, has been around for quite a long time.

I believe it's fair to say that beliefs about motherhood vary widely whereby many cultures have marked entry into motherhood with special rites and ceremonies or have held annual festivals to honor mothers. Just to name a few of history's celebrations of motherhood: the ancient Greeks had an annual festival to Rhea, the mother of the gods, when motherhood was celebrated; in Christian tradition, motherhood was marked with traditions such as the Churching of Women, a ceremony where women were blessed after surviving and recovering from childbirth; in medieval times some churches celebrated "Mothering Sunday" which began as a day for returning to your "mother church" but then was expanded into honoring the mothers themselves.

Our modern Mother's Day holiday began in our country in 1908 and was the vision of Anna Jarvis of West Virginia. She wanted to honor her own mother's memory. To turn her personal and small memorial service into a wider-reaching holiday, it's said that she contacted a local wealthy store owner. Her hope was reportedly to gain his financial backing with the hope to increase the reach of the newly founded holiday. Within just a couple of years of the first local celebration, all of West Virginia officially recognized the holiday known as "Mother's Day." Anna Jarvis then took on a letter-writing campaign to have the holiday added to the nation's calendar by contacting politicians and newspapers with her argument that this holiday to honor mothers was needed, especially since so many holidays were already focused on men and their achievements.

As a result of her persistence, her campaign resulted in forty-five states observing the new holiday. It's reported that by 1914 President Wilson officially marked the second Sunday in May as a national holiday: Mother's Day. It should be no surprise that florists, greeting card companies and other retailers saw this as an opportunity for profit, and the holiday caught on very quickly. I read that in America, Mother's Day spending is over \$18 billion and that the average adult spends more than \$150 on flowers, cards, gifts, dining out, etc. Thus, my earlier statement that Mother's Day has become the busiest holiday for most local florists and is also one of the largest commercial holidays in our country.

With that bit of history about Mother's Day, let me now add a few statements about what Mother's Day is. To state the obvious...it's a day to celebrate motherhood. God created women as the ones to bear children, but there's more that goes into being a parent than just the biology of it. It includes such things as nurturing and teaching her children. So, on Mother's Day we also celebrate those women who have adopted and have cared for and loved a child as her own. As Christians, I believe that we honor God's design. Praise is due Him as well as due the mothers among us.

Mother's Day is a special time to help moms feel special. I believe that motherhood is an awesome responsibility, and from what I've seen and heard, motherhood isn't easy! I think moms can use, and certainly appreciate, a reminder of how worthwhile it is to be a mom, especially in the midst of the challenging times. Although it's great that we have a national holiday to do this, it's my hope and prayer that we do this often.

Mother's Day is just one day to honor our mothers. In God's Word, specifically in the Ten Commandments, we're told by God that we are to honor our mothers and fathers (Exodus 20:12). This is a command that Jesus himself reinforced as recorded in Matthew 15:4-6. Paul's letter to the Ephesians (6:1-3) instructs us to both honor and obey our mothers and fathers, all the days of our lives, not just on Mother's Day. These commands don't state any time reference to do this, which means that we should honor them throughout the year.

Having said all of this, I think it's also important to say that Mother's Day is hard for some people, and I believe we need to be very sensitive to that. Truth be told, not everyone has a good mother, a mother who hasn't followed God's design. Not all mothers are nurturing and loving as God intends them to be. Sadly, some mothers neglect or even abuse their children, so Mother's Day serves as a negative reminder for those who have suffered because of the mother they had. Although as Christians Jesus calls us to move toward forgiveness, Mother's Day is undoubtedly still difficult for some. This day is a time to be sensitive, compassionate, understanding, and non-judgmental of those who struggle with Mother's Day.

Finally, Mother's Day is a day to remember mothers who are no longer with us. I know that as I walk through the card stores this time of the year, that as I look at row after row of Mother's Day cards, my heart aches as I remember my mom who passed nine years ago. Many folks, women and men alike, will have only memories on this holiday. It's especially difficult for those with a recent loss of their mother, but even for those whose mother died years ago, this day can stir up grief and in some cases can make it as fresh as if death occurred yesterday. In some cases, it even stirs within us guilt and regret that we didn't take the time that we know we should have to express our love and appreciation while our mothers still lived. Mother's Day is a day to be aware and sensitive to those around us who may need some comfort.

Mother's Day is all of this and so much more! It's my prayer that this Mother's Day will be for us a time to bring to God whatever we need to bring to him so that the day can be the best it can be, whatever our relationship is, or has been, with our mothers, those living and those who have died.

In Christ,
Pastor Terry

**A Poem for Mother's Day:
“God's Masterpiece is Mother” (Herbert Farnham)**

God took pieces of everything wonderful to make moms:

God took the fragrance of a flower....
The majesty of a tree....
The gentleness of morning dew....
The calm of a quiet sea....
The beauty of the twilight hour...
The soul of a starry night....
The laughter of a rippling brook....
The grace of a bird in flight....
Then God fashioned from these things
A creation like no other.
And when his masterpiece was through
He called it simply – Mother.

PASTOR TERRY AWAY....

Pastor Terry will be helping his son, Dustin, move home from Camp Lejeune as he separates from 5 years of serving our country in the U.S. Navy, Monday, May 8 through Friday, May 12. Pastor Brian Brink will be on call for pastoral care emergencies during this time. Pastor Terry will be in the pulpit both May 7 and May 14.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU...from Pastor Terry for the amazing Easter morning surprise of my very own Easter basket that was filled with all kinds of gifts and goodies that make my heart smile...like a new Duke cap and travel cup and lots of Oreo's of all sizes and gift cards to Starbucks as well as some Starbucks coffee, both to brew and to drink from the bottle, as well as juices and other wonderful gift cards for good eats, gas, and shopping! And, of course there were my very own plastic Easter eggs filled with jelly beans! All in all...the WHOLE basket was amazing and so appreciated! The surprise helped to make my Easter morning even more special than it already was!



WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Welcome to our new member, Coleen Burch-Cline, who joined our church during worship on Sunday, April 30th. Welcome Coleen!

Lenten Coin Folders

On behalf of the United Methodist Children's Home \$191.00 was collected through this year's Lenten Coin Folders. Thank you to everyone who participated in this annual special offering for the Children's Home!

Easter Lilies

THANK YOU...to EVERYONE who placed Easter lilies in the sanctuary for our Easter celebration, Sunday, April 16th! They were placed in honor and memory of loved ones and added an amazing and beautiful touch to our sanctuary for the glorious celebration of our Lord's Resurrection!

Easter Egg Hunt

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Easter Egg Hunt with volunteering and donations. Thanks to all your Q-Tip donations lots of cute lamb crafts were made. We had around 170 children this year. We couldn't do it without you and the children had a great time!

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone for the cards, flowers, fruit, gift cards and lunch for Secretary's Day. It was a wonderful surprise and everything was very much appreciated!

Blessings, Deborah Gendreau

MINISTRIES AT FIRST SEFFNER CHURCH THAT CONTINUE TO NEED YOUR SUPPORT..

Altar Guild helpers...call Deborah at the church office to help!

Card Ministries...cards are available in the church gathering area for your use to send to church members for birthdays, get well wishes and messages of sympathy.

Altar Flowers....needed for a number of Sundays in 2017. Sign up on the flower calendar in the church gathering area. Only \$25/Sunday and given in honor or memory of loved ones.

Weed Pulling...we continually grow a great crop of weeds on the church grounds! If you have a few minutes some morning, come on by the church and pull as many as you'd like!

Volunteers for Youth Group Lunches



Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to bring lunch for the Youth Group after church on Sundays for their Youth Group Meetings, for 8-10 kids. May 7, 21 and 28 are available. Please call Denise Short-Nieves at 813-618-1268 if you have any questions.



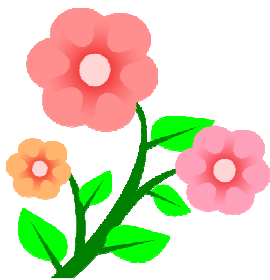
Florida Conference United Methodist Summer Camps



As the Florida heat index climbs so does the excitement of our Youth. Why you ask? It means we are getting closer to Summer camp of course! Keep an eye out for ways you can help our young people make it to camp to experience worship, fellowship, and fun with like minded and God loving teens.



Rising fourth graders through seniors in high school are invited to experience the beauty of God's creation at the Warren Willis camp in Leesburg. The camp weeks are June 5, June 12, June 19, June 26, July 3, July 10, July 17, and July 24. Please contact Denise Short-Nieves, our Youth Director, at 813-618-1268 or shortgreen7796@gmail.com for more information and to let her know if you would like to go. Registration can be done online and is processed on a first come, first serve basis. To register or for more information about summer camp, go to: www.warrenwilliscamp.org.



Women's Spring Luncheon

May 6 ~ 11:45am

Women of all ages are invited to the annual Women's Spring Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to come and enjoy a time of good food, great fellowship and interesting program. Door prizes will be awaiting you.

Our theme this year is *Bloom Where You Are Planted!*

The menu will include salad bar, potato bar, and dessert bar. Cost is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children (4 to 12 years), and 3 years and under is free.

Sign up on your bulletin insert on April 30th and place in the offering bucket.

Wednesday Night Dinner

May 10 @ 6pm

Please join us for fellowship and a delicious dinner on Wednesday,
May 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Dine in or Take Out

Menu: Lasagna, Salad, Garlic Bread, Dessert

Advance Sign Up: \$6.00 - Adult ~ \$3.00 - Children under 12

At Door: \$7.00 - Adult ~ \$4.00 - Children under 12

*Please sign up in the Narthex to reserve your seat.



MOTHER'S DAY 2017 AT FIRST SEFFNER CHURCH....May 14th

ALL the women of the church will be honored during our worship celebration.

129 Years Young

We will celebrate our annual Heritage Sunday event on Sunday, May 21. We will be reminded of where we came from and know that it is shaping who we are. There will be a covered dish following worship in the Fellowship Hall. Drinks will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex to let us know how many will be coming and what you would like to bring.



Check out the photographs from decades ago, be reminded of people who led before us, reminisce about "the good ole days". It will definitely be fun, fulfilling, and rewarding. Invite previous members, friends and relatives. We will be eager to see you there. Long-time members, short-time members, not even a member yet, are all invited!

Native American Ministries Sunday, May 21st

"I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, that I know very well" --Psalm 139:14 NRSV

This is one of six Church-wide special Sunday offerings of the United Methodist Church. Gifts to Native American Ministries Sunday fund scholarships for Native American seminarians and help to strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities as well as annual conference Native American ministries.

Thank you for your gift on May 21st....your gift matters!!!



CONGRATULATIONS AND GOOD LUCK TO OUR 2017 GRADUATES!

Graduate Recognition Sunday

We would like to honor our 2017 Graduates
on Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 21, 2017, during our Worship Service.

Richard Scionti, Jr. is graduating from Strawberry Crest High School. He is graduating 6th in his class, top 2%, with a weighted GPA of 6.342. In December of this year, Richard will graduate from HCC with an AA degree in Psychology. He plans to pursue a bachelors degree in Psychology from USF, followed by a masters and PHD in Industrial Organizational Psychology to become a Human Resources Consultant.

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**Micah Allen** is graduating from Armwood High School where he excelled in the Culinary Arts Program. Micah received college credits for his dual enrollment with the Culinary Arts program. In July, he will be attending the Art Institute in Tampa for Culinary Arts. He recently received the Rank of Eagle Scout.

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Daniel Allen is graduating from St. Leo University with a BA in Business Administration and Psychology. Daniel is currently attending St. Leo University in the Master's Program for Business Administration.

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**Dawn Allen** is graduating from St. Leo University with a BA in Business Administration and Human Resources. She is currently attending St. Leo University in the Master's Program for Business Administration.

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## Boy Scouts News

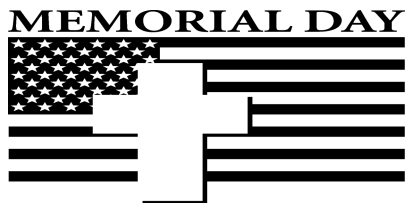
We would like to congratulate Micah Allen on reaching the Rank of Eagle Scout. This is the highest rank in scouting. For his project Micah installed 308' of fencing, 16 by 24 foot hay feed cover building, and a 16 by 52 foot roof over horse feed stalls. He did his project at RVR Horse Rescue in Riverview. The project took him a little over 6 months to complete and he raised just over \$7,200.00 to complete the project. Please join us in congratulating Micah on this great accomplishment.

Troop 797

I would like to thank everyone that helped set up, participated, and attended my Eagle Scout ceremony. It was a great evening being able to share this milestone with my church family and friends. Thank you all again.

Thank you, Micah Allen





## **A WORD ABOUT MEMORIAL DAY....**

**Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**

“We come, not to mourn our dead soldiers, but to praise them.” --Francis A. Walker

“How important it is for us to recognize and celebrate our heroes and she-roes!” --Maya Angelou

“Memorial Day this year is especially important as we are reminded almost daily of the great sacrifices that the men and women of the armed services make to defend our way of life.”  
--Robin Hayes

“For love of country they accepted death.” --James A Garfield

“The dead soldier's silence sings our national anthem.” --Aaron Kilbourn

“I have one sentiment for soldiers living and dead: cheers for the living; tears for the dead.”  
--Robert G. Ingersoll

These are just a very few of hundreds of statements that have been made by people from every generation of our great nation about the reason for Memorial Day....that day set aside to remember the men and women of our armed forces and give thanks for their ultimate sacrifice of death for sake of freedom. Originally the day was known as Decoration Day and dates back to the 1880s, when the holiday was a day of remembrance for those who died during the Civil War. By the 20<sup>th</sup> century, Memorial Day had become a general day of commemoration for fallen veterans of all American wars.

To some people, Memorial Day is merely seen as the official beginning of summer, but to many, many others it is a solemn day of remembrance of those who have served our country through the armed forces and who have passed from this life. However, to the war veteran and to the families/survivors of fallen soldiers, this very special day carries a significance so deep that words pale in expressing their heartache and loss. Those who have been personally affected by war understand and appreciate this day of remembrance in a way that many of us will never know.

May this Memorial Day 2017 be a day of remembrance and gratitude for those who have lived and died ensuring that the freedoms that we so often take for granted are not taken for granted. May our prayers be prayers of gratitude for each and every man and woman who served so valiantly. And, may our prayers be for their surviving families and friends for strength and comfort for the journey of loss that they're on. So, what should we say to those who sincerely honor this day for the reason it was begun? “Happy Memorial Day” doesn't seem very fitting to me. Maybe closer to appropriate would be, “I'm sorry for your loss and find a way to honor their legacy.

Pastor Terry



## VBS Registration

Calling all children!

First United Methodist Church of Seffner invites you to attend our Vacation Bible School Thursday, June 8th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, June 9th and 10th from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with a BBQ to follow that Saturday. To register please turn in a completed registration form to the Church Office or call the Church Office at 813-689-3513. Registration forms can be found in the Narthex. Register your children early so we can get an accurate count for food and crafts. Feel free to forward this information to anyone with elementary age children that would like to come. If you have any questions please contact Renee Lebron or Joan Sampere.

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## Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

If you would like to help out with Vacation Bible School we could use your help! Volunteers are needed to help with crafts, food, recreation, music, and walkers for the kids. The dates are June 8 through 10 with a BBQ following Saturday. Please sign up in the Narthex if you are interested in helping. Please contact Renee Lebron or Joan Sampere for information.

Times for VBS will be:

June 8, Thursday: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

June 9 & 10, Friday and Saturday: 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. with BBQ to follow.

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## CONFIRMATION WILL BE PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 4<sup>th</sup>.

Confirmation in the United Methodist Church is a time of intentional preparation, leading to the first public profession of faith for our youth. Through the time they spend together with Pastor Terry they will learn what it means to “claim the name” of both Christian and church member. Confirmation is a significant step in the journey of faith that we invite all 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders in our church family to take together. Please be in prayer for our confirmands!



## **A Few Words From Nurture**

If you enjoy the Cuban sandwiches, Wednesday night dinners, Breakfast Club breakfasts and almost every other meal at FUMC Seffner thank Jim and Dot, the wonderful Blaney's. And though they enjoy cooking it is starting to be a lot on them. If you are a cook and would like to "do your thing" at your church or have never cooked and would like to try please let Jim and Dot know. And if neither of these options work for you please pray that God provides as he always does. The Blaney's are our true treasures and we need to give them some love, care and rest.

Blessings, Joan

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## **Stewardship Minute**

When people spend money on things they do not really need, they begin to want more things they do not need. Instead of satisfying their desires, they only increase them. Giving should begin with the tithe. All your money belongs to God. Use 100% of your income as God directs. John Wesley

Our Giving to Date for April: \$7,917.50

Our Monthly Need for Ministry: \$13,455.00

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## **BUY FROM AMAZON** **AND EARN REBATES FOR OUR CHURCH**

If you purchase anything from Amazon you can now have 1/2 percent of your purchase price rebated to our Church.

Just follow these easy steps:

1. Open Amazon as **Smile.Amazon.com**
2. If you have an account with Amazon go to "my account".
3. Go to "Settings"
4. Go to "Change your Charity"
5. Type in "First United Methodist Church of Seffner"

Then when you wish to make a purchase from Amazon open in **Smile.Amazon.com**. Everything will be the same. But now you will be earning rebates to our Church. If you have questions see Jim Blaney.

**Congratulations to Tony and Jean Ippolito**  
**On Receiving**  
**the Brandon Meals On Wheels Volunteer of the Year Award**

Tony and Jean Ippolito were presented with the Volunteer of the Year Award on April 20, 2017 from Brandon Meals On Wheels. Congratulations Tony and Jean! We appreciate all your hard work over the years with Meals on Wheels here at First Seffner UMC. Here are some good words that were written about them and their time with Meals On Wheels.

“These two have worked faithfully to see that tasty and nutritious meals are prepared and delivered to our clients for longer than most of us can remember. As former members of our church, they have done a little bit of everything – from buying the food to cooking, delivering, and cleanup – over the many years they have served here. Tony has worked in our kitchen organizing, cooking, and cleaning for nearly 25 years (since the age of 70 we are told!). He arrives early each Monday morning to begin cooking and is still there supervising the cleanup while the delivery crew packs up hot meals and get them on the road. Jean drove routes and did a lot of other volunteer work – around our church and elsewhere – for many years. And for about the last ten years, even though they have moved their membership to Brandon/New Hope church, Jean has been buying our food, picking up and delivering food donations from Publix (and anywhere else she can get them), and handling our finances. They both have recruited their friends, neighbors, and acquaintances to help with the work so that, just within the last year has Tony been able to slow down a little and begin to hand over some of the chores to others on our crew. Together they have worked tirelessly to keep this team running smoothly, even making sure we have all the necessary tools and appliances needed. On top of all that they host an annual Christmas party at their home inviting all our volunteers and preparing and serving a fine meal.”

“Both are always ready and willing to help whenever there is a need and go out of their way to encourage others in their efforts to see that the meals are making a difference for those who need them. They are to be commended for their commitment and dedication to MOW and to the community we serve. Not only do they encourage and inspire other volunteers to live up to their own potential, this “dynamic duo” does not hesitate to dig in and get their hands dirty whenever there is hard work to be done.”



Volunteer  
Of The Year Award



Greater Brandon Area  
Meals On Wheels

Presented To

***Tony and Jean Ippolito***

April 20, 2017

## Please Your Help is Needed



Altar Guild is a very important part of keeping God's church presentable to Him and who worship. We need volunteers for July, August, October, November and December. It takes about an hour a week for four weeks or one month. Nothing strenuous and no heavy cleaning, just being sure God's worship area is presentable. If you need a further explanation or will volunteer please see me or contact Deborah in the Church Office. Please, you're really needed.

Blessings, Joan

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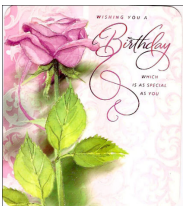
## Altar Flowers



Once again we have the opportunity to provide flowers for our church altar for Sunday worship! The 2017 Flower Calendar is located in the church Narthex where you can pick your special Sunday to sign up for altar flowers in memory or honor of your loved ones. Flower orders are still a reasonable \$25/Sunday. You make take your flowers following worship on the Sunday signed up for. (Please note your payment is for altar flowers.)

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## Need To Send a Card?



There is a basket of free cards in the Narthex for church members who are unable to make a trip to pick one up. We have an assortment of cards, including Birthday, Get Well and Sympathy. Sherry Salamone will have stamps to purchase if needed.



## Prayer Requests

Remember Our Shut-Ins: Carl Brill, Charlene Cabbage, Frances Jordan.

Pam Hoyos: Prayers that biopsy results will be negative for cancer.

Coleen Burch-Cline: Healing prayers for Michelle Jackson for recovery from cancer surgery.

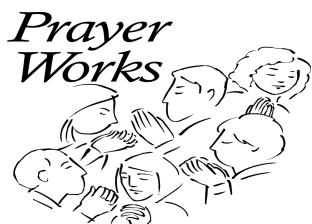
Deborah Gendreau: Healing prayers for family friend, Martha Kellaheer, for recovery from quadruple by-pass surgery.

Jim Blaney: Healing prayers for Robin Blaney for recovery from breast and lung cancer.

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## Condolences To Our Church Families

We would like to express our condolences, sympathy and prayers for the families of Nancy Gonzalez and Daniel Williams for their recent loss of their daughter and mother, Suzanne Williams, who passed through death to eternal life Monday, April 17th. Suzanne was a member of First Seffner Church for nearly 37 years and loved working with the church's children.





## Monday Morning Prayer Group

Our Monday morning Prayer Group meets every Monday from 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Good News Room. Join us as we pray for church members, family, friends, anyone who is in need of prayer. Everyone is welcome.

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| <b>Weekly Events:</b>         | 10:30 a.m.          |
| <b>Sunday Worship</b>         | 9:30 a.m.           |
| <b>Sunday Small Groups</b>    | <b>Morning (FH)</b> |
| <b>Monday Meals on Wheels</b> | 7:30 p.m.           |
| <b>Boy Scouts</b>             | 7:00 p.m.           |
| <b>Tuesday Cub Scouts</b>     |                     |

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| <b>7</b><br><b>9:15 a Confirmation Class</b><br>9:30 a Sunday School Class<br>10:30 a Worship<br>12 p Youth Group Meeting                                                                                                      | <b>8</b><br>10 a Prayer Group<br>5:45 p TOPS Club Meeting<br>6:30 p Aerobics<br><b>7 p Irene Circle Dinner</b><br><b>Valrico Ruby Tuesday's</b><br><b>Pastor Away 5/8-5/12</b>                 | <b>9</b><br>6:30 p Country Western Music<br>7 p Trustees Meeting             | <b>10</b><br><b>6 p Wednesday Night Dinner</b><br>7 p Choir Practice | <b>11</b>                                                        | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>                                |
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| <b>21</b> <b>9:15 a Confirmation Class</b><br>9:30 a Sunday School Classes<br>10:30 a Worship -<br>Heritage Sunday Celebration<br>& Graduation Recognition<br><b>11:30 a Heritage Sunday Lunch</b><br>12 p Youth Group Meeting | <b>22</b><br>10 a Prayer Group<br>5:45 p TOPS Club Meeting<br>6:30 p Aerobics                                                                                                                  | <b>23</b><br>6:30 p Country Western Music                                    | <b>24</b><br>7 p Choir Practice                                      | <b>25</b><br>6:30 p SPR Meeting<br>7:00 p Church Council Meeting | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>                                |
| <b>28</b><br><b>9:15 a Confirmation Class</b><br>9:30 a Sunday School Class<br>10:30 a Worship<br>12 p Youth Group Meeting                                                                                                     | <b>29</b><br>10 a Prayer Group<br>5:45 p TOPS Club Meeting<br>6:30 p Aerobics<br><br><b>Office Closed</b> | <b>30</b><br>6:30 p Country Western Music                                    | <b>31</b><br>6 p Family Support Group<br>7 p Choir Practice          |                                                                  |           |                                          |

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May 22 Ken & Dot Conklin  
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Birthday's

|                               |                      |
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| May 1 Jerrie McClamma         | May 24 Eric Nelson   |
| May 8 Carolyn Alexander       | May 25 Chris Greer   |
| May 12 Emma Jean Short-Nieves | May 27 Jean Webb     |
| May 19 Carl Brill             | May 31 Anthony White |
| May 22 Eric Heffner           |                      |

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| June 1 Pat Turner       | June 28 Pam Hill    |
| June 4 Buster Mullins   | June 29 Paula Eaton |
| June 4 Grace Greer      |                     |