

The Encourager

September 2018

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

September 3: Labor Day: Monday. The Church Office will be closed for the holiday.

September 4: Cleanout Closet Space: Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. in the Old Sanctuary. Come help us clean out closet space and move Backpack Ministry food over to the Old Sanctuary building.

September 4: Legend Dairy 4H Group: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Old Sanctuary.

September 4, 11, 18 & 25: Country Western Music Group: 6:30 p.m. Every Tuesday in the Fellowship Hall.

September 5, 12, 19 & 26: Choir Practice: Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room.

September 5 & 19: Family Support Group: Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

September 12: 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.

September 13: Finance Meeting: Thursday, 7:00 p.m. in the Good News Room.

September 16, 23 & 30: Youth Group Meeting: Sundays, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

September 17: Irene Circle Meeting: Monday, 7:00 p.m. Will meet the 3rd Monday of the month in September in the Good News Room.

September 18: Foster Angels Meeting: Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

September 18: Trustees Committee Meeting: Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. in the Good News Room.

September 21: Friday Night Food & Fun: 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a 50's themed Dinner Party. Everyone is welcome. No charge for dinner...sock donations for the United Methodist Children's Home.

September 22: Breakfast Club: Saturday, 8:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome.

September 30: Foster Angels Meeting: Sunday, 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.



Hello, folks!

Oh my goodness, it is almost Fall! The weather sure doesn't feel like it, does it? However, Fall it is, and with fall comes lots of fun activities for us to get involved in.

We will recognize all of our volunteers on **Sunday, Sept. 2nd** for Labor Day – so if you have volunteered for the church at least once during the year, please be prepared to come to the front of the church to receive your accolades and blessings!

We have been invited to have a table at the Colson Elementary School Fall Festival on **Friday, October 12th**. If you have creative ideas, are crafty, love children, or love to promote your church and the gospel of Christ, this is the place for you! Please let me know how you can be a part!

We will be hosting our own annual Trunk or Treat on **Saturday, October 13th** from 4-6pm. Host trunks and other helpers are wanted! This year, we are making this a competitive event (nothing wrong with a bit of healthy competition, is there?). We will be giving out tickets to those who attend, and ask them to vote for their favorite trunk! The winner will receive a prize! We have also invited some community partners to have trunks as well, so the competition may be stiff! Get those creative juices flowing and let's have a grand old time!

For those who have a passion for children with Down's Syndrome and their families, the 3rd Annual Buddy Walk is coming up on **October 27th** at Raymond James Stadium. Fun for the whole family – delicious food, great music, awards, face painting, inflatable jumps, raffles and vendors. Let's create a team and go for it! Registration information can be found on the information table in the lobby.

Thank you again for all the kind words and cards and delicious food that was provided for my family after the passing of my Mother. It has been such a blessing to be surrounded by such warm and generous people!

I look forward to meeting with more of you in the coming months at some pastor coffee/dessert gatherings. Dates, places and times to be coming soon! Be sure to watch your bulletin for your invitation!

Love in Christ,
Pastor Kathi

Cleanout Closet Space Tuesday - September 4th



We are expanding the Food Backpack Ministry this year so we need to move the food space to the Old Sanctuary. We are looking for volunteers on Tuesday, September 4th at 9:00 a.m. to come help us clean up the closet space and move the food over.



YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CALLING ALL YOUTH

The Youth Group has started back from summer break and meet Sundays from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All youth from 6th to 12th grade are invited. Bring your friends and share the word of God with other teens like yourself. The Sunday meetings in September will be on the 16th, 23rd and 30th.

Wednesday Night Dinner **September 12, 2018 @ 6pm**

Please join us for fellowship and a delicious dinner
on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Dine in or Take Out

Menu: Pasta, 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.



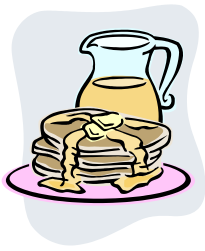
Friday Night Food & Fun To Benefit the Children's Home



On Friday, September 21st we will have a 50's themed Fall Dinner Party at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be Cheeseburgers and root-beer floats with a background of 50's-60's oldies provided by Larry White. We will also have trivia games and a talent show complete with prizes.

We hope to fill a laundry basket with new socks for the children at the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. We will also be collecting hand-me-downs, school supplies and toiletries for their back-to-school items. We will gladly accept monetary donations if you don't have time to shop.

Please come and reminisce and have fun. We ask that you please sign up in the Narthex so we can estimate attendance. Bring your socks....no charge for dinner. To help out, for information on the Talent Show, or to bring memorabilia for decoration call Nancy G. at 813-727-6621.



Breakfast Club Saturday - September 22nd

We invite all to join us for breakfast one Saturday a month in the Fellowship Hall,
8:30 - 9:30 a.m. We have a great meal, no cost...just donations.
Then we have great fellowship about anything in general concerning our Church.

*Please sign up in the Narthex to let us know how many will be coming to help us plan for food purchasing.

Trunk or Treat



**Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
Saturday, October 13th
4:00 - 6:00 P.M.**



Trunks Needed

The planning has started for Trunk or Treat. We will need lots of Trunks! If you are interested in doing a trunk please sign up in the Narthex! If you do a trunk we will provide the candy. You just sit there and hand out candy and enjoy the children! Although it will be outside you will be sitting the entire time.

Volunteers Needed

Looking for volunteers for the cupcake bar. You will be helping the kids decorate their cupcakes with icing and sprinkles. This is an inside job!

Kitchen Helpers: We are cooking hot dogs and need people to pass them out with Capri-Suns and water. This is an inside job!

Donations Needed

- ◆ Water
- ◆ Capri-Suns
- ◆ Individual Wrapped Candy (No Chocolate)
- ◆ Mustard and Ketchup
- ◆ Monetary Donations for Bounce House Rental and Hot Dogs and Chip Money

*We are getting excited early for this event. We hope you can help in some way. Please sign up in the Narthex if you would like to volunteer or donate. Contact Lauran at 813-408-2306 if you want to help or if you have questions!



Food Backpack Ministry



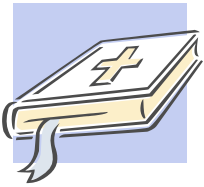
It's that time again! The children in our community are back in school and we will start sending some backpacks with food weekly to Colson, Burnett, and Jennings Schools starting the first week of September. If you would like to help with the Food Backpack Ministry please see Jerrie McClamma or call her at 321-749-9348.

Items Needed for Food Bags: Granola bars, Ramon noodle packs, can soup, can ravioli, fruit snack, tuna/chicken can/pouches, pudding, any single serving pantry items

30BY30 Challenge

Thank you to everyone who donated to the 30BY30 Challenge for the Future Generations Fund at the Florida United Methodist Foundation! We had 17 donations for a total of \$510.00. Your donations will help this Fund which provides grants to ministries and programs that foster the spiritual growth and development of children, youth and young adults ages 30 and younger.

Pew Bibles



We are looking into ordering new pew Bibles. They would be available for purchase for \$12 by the congregation. If you are interested in purchasing one or more in memory, honor or in celebration of someone special or a special event, like a 50th Wedding Anniversary, Graduation, etc. please sign up in the Narthex so we can get an idea of how many people are interested.

Stewardship Minute

“Find out how much God has given you and from it take what you need; the remainder is needed by others.” --Augustine

Our Giving for August: \$11,505.00

Our Monthly Need for Ministry: \$13,398.00

Manna Bags



In the Narthex you will find a tub marked "Manna Bags". Take a couple and keep in your car to give to the homeless you see on street corners asking for help. These bags contain water, canned meat, nutrient bars, cookies, etc. that will provide a nice meal for those in need plus a Cross and a little card that says why I carry a Cross in my pocket. Our Church members have distributed over 3000 Manna Bags over the past 10 plus years. Sponsored and packed by the Breakfast Club.

Aluminum Cans



Please save your aluminum cans and bring to Jim Blaney Sunday mornings. They will be taken to a recycling company where we receive up to .50/lb. The funds help to support Manna Bags and ultimately the homeless.

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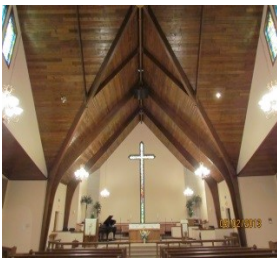
If you purchase anything from Amazon you can now have 1/2 percent of your purchase price rebated to our Church.

Just follow these easy steps:

1. Open Amazon as [Smile.Amazon.com](https://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](https://smile.amazon.com). Everything will be the same. There is no extra cost to you and ordering through Amazon this way brings added funds to our Church. If you have questions see Jim Blaney.

Altar Guild Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed for Altar Guild for **October through December 2018**. We usually work in teams of two and it usually takes about an hour each week. This includes dusting Chancel area, replacing offering envelopes and pencils, checking hymnals and Bibles in the racks, changing paraments when needed, water plants, clean water fountains, etc. There is a complete list in the Sacristy. If you can spare an hour a week for this, please contact the Church Office at 813-689-3513 or seffnerfumc@gmail.com



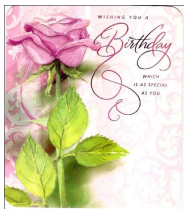
MEALS ON WHEELS HELP NEEDED

Meals on Wheels is looking for substitute volunteers to be on call to help deliver the Monday meals when our regular drivers can't be here, as well as ride along delivery helpers and kitchen helpers. Please give the office a call if you would like to help or see Connie Nelson.



Altar Flower Calendar

There are still many Sundays without flowers for worship. The price is still \$25/Sunday. Please consider signing up for a Sunday or two and place flowers on the altar in memory or honor of your loved ones. Thank you.



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 Works



Monday Morning Prayer Group

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

To Our Seffner Church Friends

As you may already know we have moved to Wilson, NC to be near our older daughter. All of you have been a special part of our lives these last few years. You are a caring church; you prayed for us, you sent cards, you made calls, and the Irene Circle showered us with delicious baskets. We have missed being in Worship these last few months but you have been in our prayers.

God Bless!

Les and Elaine Hanna



Prayer Requests

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

Les & Elaine Hanna: Continued healing prayers for Les and Elaine for health issues.

Dan Rogers: Continued prayers for healing and strength.

Gail & Harry Cumber: Continued prayers for their daughter, Debra Alipaz, who has terminal cancer.

Lauran Breeden: Continued healing prayers for pain in her feet and legs.

Bobbie Hawkins: Continued healing prayers for dad, Duke Hawkins, for afib heart problems.

William Coleman: Healing prayers for dad, Bill Coleman, for continued healing for a broken ankle and rehab.

Alan & Sue Bunch: Continued healing prayers for their 15 year old nephew, Joey Johnston, in rehab for spinal cord injury.

Anita Salay: Healing prayers for Louisette's family in their loss of Louisette from cancer.

Pam Hill: Continued healing prayers for sister, Melinda Johnston, for chemotherapy treatments, and for Phil for loss of the use of his legs from cancer in his spine.

Connie Nelson: Healing prayers for recovery from knee replacement surgery and for therapy.

Larry & Susan White: Prayers for sister-in-law's family as her dad, Paul, and sister, Debbie, are both facing losing battles with cancer. Prayers for good results from CT scan for leg pain so they can find the problem.

Wayne Allen: Continued healing prayers for Wayne for health issues.


Chris Carter: Healing prayers for her mother, Frances Kohlmann, moved from the hospital to a rehab facility.

Bob Van Etten: Healing prayers for Bob recovering after being in the hospital with fluid in his lungs.

Jim & Dot Blaney: Healing prayers for the Blaney and Kolibab family in the loss of Dot's brother-in-law, her sister Judy's husband, John Kolibab, August 29, 2018. Condolences may be sent to Jim & Dot Blaney, 3021 King Phillip Way, Seffner, FL 33584.

Weekly Events:	
Sunday Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Small Groups	9:30 a.m.
Monday Meals on Wheels	Morning (FH)
Venture Crew	6:30 p.m.
Boy Scouts	7:30 p.m.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
2 9:30 a Sunday School Class 10:30 a Worship - Labor Day Observance	3 10 a Prayer Group 5:45 p TOPS Club Meeting 6:30 p Aerobics  Office Closed	4 9 a Cleanout Closet Space 6:30 p Legend Dairy 4H Group 6:30 p Country Western Music	5 6 p Family Support Group 7 p Choir Practice	6	7	1
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Please let the office know if your special date is not listed!!



Anniversaries

September 1 Jim & Dot Blaney
September 11 Sam & Sherry Salamone
September 20 Ed & Pam Hoyos
September 28 Gary & Judy Bryant

October 8 Larry & Harriet Stone
October 27 Felix & Renee Lebron



Birthday's

September 1 Marty Davis	September 21 Joyce Allen
September 1 Beverly Hazen	September 23 Barbara Godin
September 5 Tricia Woodford	September 25 Candace Wheeler
September 8 Jim Twente	September 28 Brenda Scott
September 12 Kimberly Cawood	September 30 Maryse Lamour
September 15 Richard Scionti	September 30 Frances Jordan
September 17 Coleen Burch-Cline	
September 19 Nancy Yutzy	

October 3 Nathan Thompson	October 20 Bob Davis
October 7 Chris Breeden	October 22 Sandy Naugle
October 7 Jaxon Breeden	October 23 Connie Nelson
October 7 Billy Davis	October 29 Larry White
October 8 Bob Van Etten	October 30 Alan Bunch
October 14 Missy Shaffer	