

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Care Pastor



Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.



New Covenant is always looking for ways to meet the needs of our family. The Serenity Garden Columbarium was built to provide a peaceful and serene resting place for church members and their loved ones.

The 228-niche structure was completed in 2014, and is located on the north side of the East Parking Lot. There have been 135 niches sold at this time and four additional free-standing, 60-niche units can be added if needed in the future.

For more information about the Columbarium or to request an appointment with a committee member, please call one of the numbers listed below.

This Sunday after Worship Services, you may visit the kiosk in the Cardinal Alcove of the Summerhill East Narthex.

Committee Members:

- Bob Freeman 751-0505
- Mick Hall (970) 520-3848
- Charlie Halstead 633-2470
- Bob Koehling 753-4074
- Ed Lovera 674-9154
- Virginia Newland 751-4283
- Linda Rimington 446-2702
- Phil Waters 751-5076



From birth through baptism, and on to marriage — through the journey of life and into passing — New Covenant is able to offer a place of worship, fellowship, and comfort within our church property. The Serenity Garden is a place of rest, prayer, memorialization, and meditation.

Our Purpose: To come to know the love of Christ and to make His love known to others for the transformation of the world

Lake Deaton
 information is available at the
 Welcome Center each week.



Altar Flowers

Our flowers are provided by: Dick Clark in celebration of Carol's birthday; Margie & Chuck Folkers in celebration of their 59th anniversary; and Cecile Bouchard & Nancy Webster in celebration of Cecile's mother's (Della Bouchard) 100th birthday.



Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday, the Chancel Guild will have live potted plants on the Altars in the Summerhill Worship Center and Christian Life Center. You can help by donating a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Sign up at the Easter Flowers kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex next weekend. Each Plant is \$10 and you may pay by cash or check when you sign up.



Dinner and Fellowship

Wednesday, February 24 at 4:45 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
 Please join us for part three of Pastor Harold's three-part session on *Our Wesleyan Heritage*. If you are not attending the dinner, please arrive by 5:30 p.m. The class begins at 5:45 p.m.

- **Menu:** Tortellini & Vegetable Soup, Caesar Salad, Vegetable Lasagna w/ Alfredo Sauce, Braised Greens w/ Garlic, Bread Sticks, and Tiramisu.
- **Reservations are required:** Please enter the number attending in the "WOW" column of the attendance pad, or call the church office by noon on Monday. If you need to cancel, please notify the office as soon as possible.



Souper Bowl of Caring

Thank you to everyone who donated to the "Souper Bowl of Caring" to benefit the Wildwood Soup Kitchen. Our youth helped raise \$3,618 to help fight hunger!



2016 Spring Church-Wide Food Drive

- Bag Distribution: March 12/13
- Bag Pick Up: March 19/20

If you would like to help with bag distribution or pick-ups, please contact Dick Clark at dclark401@comcast or 454-0591.



Dominican Republic Ministry

Thursday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

Please join us for a special presentation of the Christmas Shoe Box Project and an update on the COPA Schools in Bombita and LaHoya, Dominican Republic. This is also an opportunity to learn more about how to sponsor a child. If you have any questions, please call Marlene Huggins at 753-7901.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
February 21	Numbers 23-25	Leviticus 24-25	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 8
February 22	Numbers 26-27	Leviticus 26-27	Mark 1:29-2:12	Luke 9
February 23	Numbers 28-30	Numbers 1-2	Mark 2:13-3:12	Luke 10
February 24	Numbers 31-32	Numbers 3-4	Mark 3:13-35	Luke 11
February 25	Numbers 33-34	Numbers 5-6	Mark 4:1-29	Luke 12
February 26	Numbers 35-36	Numbers 7	Mark 4:30-5:20	Luke 13
February 27	Deuteronomy 1-2	Numbers 8-10	Mark 5:21-43	Luke 14
February 28	Deuteronomy 3-4	Numbers 11-13	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 15

"He is the exact living image [the essential manifestation] of the unseen God [the visible representation of the invisible], the firstborn [the preeminent one, the sovereign, and the originator] of all creation."

—Colossians 1:15 (Amplified Bible)

Lord, as we open our bibles, we also open our hearts, that these words of truth may fall upon the very fabric of our lives. May these ancient scriptures come alive within us, to inspire, to heal, to cleanse, to teach, to restore and to guide our hearts and minds. Lord, come weave your words of life in us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday Christian Education Classes

3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian group discussion based on current topics	Classroom 3
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Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Chapel
9 a.m.	Disciple II	Into the Word Into the World	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Esther and the Sovereignty of God	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Christianity and World Religions	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Holy Days	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Flint Water Crisis	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Christianity and World Religions	Classroom 11

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Contemporary Worship
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Blended Worship
 Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.

Children's Orchard Worship
 Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.

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 A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last week: 3,495

(Ash Wednesday) 8 a.m.—91 • (Ash Wednesday) 6 p.m.—471
 (BEACH) 59 • (Celebrate Recovery) 74 • (Youth) 20 • (Orchard Worship) 29
 (Saturday Contemporary) 304 • (Sunday) 7:45—280 • 9:15—1,008 • 10:45—791
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30—170 • 10:00—198

Connectional Ministry

Discover New Covenant! Whether you are new to our congregation or a long-time member, visit the Connectional Ministry kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex and find out how to get involved and connected — to a caring community, to service, or to membership. Learn more about “C3” (Caring for our Covenant Community), our new five-minute ministry.

Please visit our Connectional Ministry kiosk in the East or West Narthex before or after Worship Services.



Upcoming New Member Classes

Our membership path consists of one “gateway” class offered four times a year. In this gateway class, you will hear about our vision of membership at New Covenant. After completing this class, you may join New Covenant and then choose enrichment classes throughout the year.

March New Member Classes:

- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, March 6 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, March 7 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

June New Member Classes:

- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, June 12 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, June 13 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

Please pick up a New Member Registration form at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Did you know there are different types of church membership? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (associate membership), or full membership.

Please pick up a New Member registration at the Welcome Center in both Narthexes, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Men’s Ministry Spiritual Retreat

“Fourth Quarter Christianity: Skills for Living” — March 14-15

At our next Men’s Retreat, Pastor Gary Cantrell will guide us along the path with topics such as: *Defining My Mission, Deciding What’s Important, Building My Strengths, Committing My Life, and Finishing the Race.*

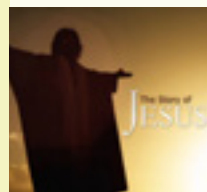
Our retreat cost of \$69 per person includes: single room at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park, all retreat materials, five meals (including our “signature ice cream social”), the movie *War Room*, and communion/renewal of faith. You may sign up at our kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex between Worship Services, or at the Men’s Prayer Breakfast.

“The Story of Jesus” Bus Trip

Friday, March 25 — Cattlemens’ Arena, Wauchula, FL

A live production of the birth, life, passion, and resurrection of Jesus. Bus transportation, dinner, and VIP seating for the production are included. The bus leaves the Summerhill Campus parking lot at 2 p.m.

This inclusive package is only \$75. Seating is limited. Please sign up between Worship Services at the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex this weekend or next weekend (February 27/28). For more information, please call Mitch or Marie Budzon at 259-9230.



Church Conference

We will hold a Church Conference on Wednesday, March 2 at 5:30 p.m. immediately following our WOW dinner to discuss the future building on our Lake Deaton property, and vote on organizing a building team. **The Church Conference to decide whether or not to build will come at a later date.**

Again, the Church Conference on March 2 is only to provide preliminary plans to you and to designate a building committee. We look forward to your attendance at this very important first step in the further development of our Lake Deaton Campus.

If you want to join us for dinner, please make your reservations on the Attendance Pad. That night, doors open at 4:30 p.m. and our WOW dinner begins at 4:45 p.m.



Update Your Church Photo This Weekend!

If you have been a part of our New Covenant church family for many years and have not recently had your photo taken for a New Member class, please stop by (Saturday-Family Room or Sunday-Cardinal Alcove) and have a new photo taken.

If you already have a recent portrait photo that you would like to submit, please bring it to the office so that we may scan it. If you have any questions, please call the Church Office at 750-4529.

We will return for photos again on March 5/6.

Exciting News!

We are preparing to launch a brand new online feature for your use! You will soon have access to the New Covenant member directory, ability to utilize online giving, submit prayer requests, and so much more! This will be a safe and secure access for our New Covenant family.

Each person will have the basic information of name, phone numbers, email address, and photo (if available), and will be responsible for maintaining and updating your personal information. Information will only be available to those who have established a valid log-in to the system. Should you desire not to be listed in the online directory, it is your responsibility to notify the church office.

You will receive an email from the church in the coming weeks. Please do not delete any emails regarding this subject as it will include important log-in information and updates.



Water4 Well Project

During Lent, we will collect sacrificial dollars in order to build wells in Africa. Our hope is that the money you would spend on weekly beverages would go towards our *Water4 Well Project*. Our goal is 20 wells!

If you would like to contribute, please drop your donation in one of the jars located at one of the church exits. As of February 14, we have collected \$5,075.

FACT: Americans consume 8.6 billion gallons of bottled water annually.



Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursday, February 25 at 2 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

For more information, please call the Care office at 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members.



Toby’s Encouragers

Toby’s Encouragers is looking for a few good men (and women)! This Visitation Ministry visits shut-ins in area assisted living, nursing homes, and memory care facilities that may not receive a visit otherwise. This team sees the same person each time, and develops a relationship with them.

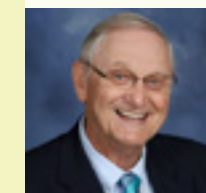
Toby’s needs men to be involved to visit other men, and also a few women to help balance out their team. For more information about Toby’s Encouragers, contact Carolyn Merryman at 753-7778 or ckmjem@comcast.net.



Praying Together

Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14

Be sure to use the prayer request cards as found in the Attendance Pads. Our Praying Together team prays carefully over each one every week. They meet Wednesdays at 3:45 in classroom 14; all are welcome to join in this time of prayer.



In Honor of Rev. Harold M. Hendren

To honor the life of Rev. Harold M. Hendren, our Pastor Harold’s father — who himself served as a United Methodist minister for 40 years in the Kentucky and Florida Annual Conferences — SPRT recommends that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to New Covenant.

Please note on your check that the donation is in memory of Rev. Hendren. You may drop off your check in the church office or place it in the collection plate.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Kathy, who has back and joint problems; Vicki Gongwer, who has double breast cancer; Richard Hurlley, who had quadruple by-pass surgery; and Kara Winkler who lost her husband to a massive heart attack (he leaves two small children). Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Pastor Harold Hendren, family and friends on the passing of his father Rev. Harold M. Hendren; Kara Winkler (Anne Foote Hill’s niece), family and friends on the loss of Kara’s husband Tony; and the family of Myron Parsons on his passing.

This Week’s Prayer Concerns:

Patrick Antrim	Pat Beddia	Vivian Braddock	Nancy Brickman	Chris Clemens	Stuart Drum
Bill Howes	Vince Jungworth	William Johnert	Kathy	Pat Johnson	Todd Mears
Liz Meier	Lisa Moeler	Bill Pitts	James Price	Patti Sharp	Jacob Shipman
Mary Starr	Jay Wolf	Katherine Zuetell			



Toast of Tampa Show Chorus

Sunday, February 21 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

Enjoy premier *cappella* harmonies in the barbershop style of the dynamic Toast of Tampa Show Chorus, along with special guest men's award-winning barbershop chorus Heralds of Harmony.

Tickets may be purchased at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services, or at the door. A portion of the proceeds benefits New Covenant's Men's Ministry. Artist Circle: \$20 • General: \$15



Faith & Mental Health Seminar

Saturday, February 27 from 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

"*Mental Health and the Church*" is a collaborative effort of the Mental Wellness Coalition and faith leaders throughout our community. This event will include speakers, workshops, and resource exhibits.

Join Wildwood UMC's Pastor Michael Beck, one of the many speakers, at the College of Central Florida, Klein Conference Center (3001 SE College Rd, Ocala).



Celtic Crossings

Thursday, March 10 at 5 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Celtic Crossings with Phil Coulter, Northern Ireland's creator of "Celtic Thunder," Andy Cooney, "Irish America's Favorite Son," and special guest Geraldine Branagan present Irish music from two different worlds.

- Resident Tickets: \$29 • Non-Resident Tickets: \$34

Tickets may be purchased at The Villages Box Office



Youth Ministry Fundraiser—Celebration Brass Band

Sunday, March 13 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

A concert of traditional style British Brass Band Music encompassing various musical styles, under the direction of Jill Van Syckle.

- General Admission Tickets: \$15

Available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



LC SWING Band Featuring Dave Boyer

Thursday, March 17 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Under the direction of Larry Lutte, LC Swing, Central Florida's premier big band, performs big band music from the 1940s, as well as contemporary big band music of today. Featured soloist, Dave Boyer, will deliver a unique style of big band gospel music. A portion of the proceeds benefits Residents Encounter Christ (REC).

- General Admission Tickets: \$10

Tickets will be available February 25 on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, or between Worship Services, February 27/28, at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex.



Helping Hands Sixth Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 23 — Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Del Webb

Your \$80 fee includes the tournament (golf cart included) and admission to the banquet (Sunday, April 24 from 5:30–8:30 p.m. at New Covenant Summerhill Campus), plus golf prizes, door prizes, a silent auction, and lots of fun. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant's Helping Hands Outreach Ministry.

Registration Deadline is April 9. Registration forms are available at a kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex.