

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

“Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you into my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always.”



Table Talk

We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for September through December. These are groups of eight who gather once a month for four months in homes or restaurants to enjoy a meal and fellowship.

If you would like to participate, stop by the Welcome Center in the Summerhill East Narthex, fill out a form, and drop it in the designated box.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Halstead at patty.charlie@comcast.net or (352) 633-2470.



De Colores!

Thursday, September 8 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

Anyone who has attended an Emmaus Walk, Cursillo, Tres Dias, or other recognized “Fourth Day” experience is invited to the Tri-County Emmaus Gathering. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, singing, sharing, and communion. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Nancy Casto at (352) 633-3288 or nancasto@gmail.com.



Rainbows: Guiding Kids Through Life's Storms

We need more volunteers this year who have LOVE for children and want to help them through these crises. The program meets Thursday nights, January 6 to April 27, from 6:30– 7:30 p.m. Facilitators are asked to arrive by 5:45 for a facilitators meeting prior to the children arriving.

All facilitators will be offered training and a background check. You may sign up to be an assistant facilitator for one year with only the background check. Facilitators work as a two-person team with a small group of no more than six children.

For more information, please contact Coordinator Pat Phillips at (352) 750-2091 or beeladypat@aol.com, or Laura Pearson at (703) 994-0789.



New Member Classes

Would you like to know more about New Covenant? Come to a New Member class. After attending one class, you may join the church at any upcoming New Member weekend.

Did you know there are different types of church memberships? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), a church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

September New Member Class:

- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, Sept. 19 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

January New Member Class:

- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, January 23 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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
September 4	Ezekiel 18-20	Ezekiel 24-27	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 23
September 5	Ezekiel 21-22	Ezekiel 28-31	1 Corinthians 7:17–40	Luke 24
September 6	Ezekiel 23-24	Ezekiel 32-34	1 Corinthians 8:1–9:18	John 1
September 7	Ezekiel 25-27	Ezekiel 35-37	1 Corinthians 9:19–10:13	John 2
September 8	Ezekiel 28-30	Ezekiel 38-39	1 Corinthians 10:14–11:1	John 3
September 9	Ezekiel 31-33	Ezekiel 40-41	1 Corinthians 11:2–34	John 4
September 10	Ezekiel 34-36	Ezekiel 42-43	1 Corinthians 12	John 5
September 11	Ezekiel 37-39	Ezekiel 44-45	Sunday: No Reading	John 6

“...as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”
 (Matthew 13:23)

Lord, let the seed of your Word bear fruit in the soil of our hearts so that the sweetness of your love may be shared by all around us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday Christian Education Classes

3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Resumes next Saturday, September 10	Classroom 3
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Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	1 Peter: Living God's Way	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Genesis and the Ancient Myths	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Armor of God	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	1 Peter: Living God's Way	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	The Sovereignty of God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Pokemon Go	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	1 Peter: Living God's Way	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Armor of God	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: 2,067

(BEACH) 73 • (Roots) 20 • (Orchard Worship) 25 • (Teen Twilight) 30
 (Celebrate Recovery) 69 • (Saturday Contemporary) 232
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–197 • 9:15–579 • 10:45–539
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–131 • 10:00–172



Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
 Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
 Congregational Life
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation 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.



It Hurts to Lose Someone. Find Help at GriefShare

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk with you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

How GriefShare Works

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

Mondays from 10 a.m.–12 p.m., beginning September 12 through December 12, GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each session has three distinct elements: video seminar portion with experts; support group discussion; and personal study and reflection. The cost of the workbook is \$15.

Who Should Come ... Who Should Not

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. We understand that there are other losses in life that create feelings of grief. You might be experiencing a job loss, divorce, estrangement from a child, or the loss of friends because of a move. This grief is real, but it is not the kind of grief discussed in **GriefShare** sessions.

When to Join a GriefShare Group

You are welcome to begin attending the **GriefShare** group at any session. Each session is “self-contained,” so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You may continue with any session through the next 13-week cycle and view any of the videos you have previously missed.

The leadership team for **GriefShare** consists of people who understand how you feel and have a real concern for individuals experiencing the grief of loss. All of our leaders have experienced significant losses in their lives and are examples of the healing and restoration that can occur as an outgrowth of deep grief.



If you have more questions or want to pre-register, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529. We are here to help you!

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



NO Yoga on Monday, September 5. The church and office are closed for the Labor Day Holiday.



Women's Ministry Event

Thursday, September 15 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
Join us for our first event for the 2016/2017 season, "Back in the Classroom with our Master Teacher." Bring something to show and tell relating to you, your family, a vacation, etc. Bring a smile and a friend! As always, a lunch will follow. If you have a food concern, please let Risé know.

Tickets are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and at the Ticket Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex between Worship Services this weekend and next. Ticket sales conclude on Monday, September 12 at noon.

- Tickets are: \$5 (cash or check) or \$6.24 (credit card)



Disaster Recovery Helping Louisiana after the Floods

Over 60,000 homes have been damaged by the disastrous flooding in Louisiana, and Florida Conference church members can help the families in distress. Bishop Carter invites you to please consider a special offering to help those affected by the floods in Louisiana.

Checks can be made out to NCUMC. Please write "Fund 101190—Louisiana Flood Relief" on the memo line of your check. You can also go to <http://www.flumc.org> and learn about other ways you can help.



Bishop's Town Hall Meetings

Tuesday, September 20 at 6 p.m. — Trinity UMC in Gainesville

Bishop Carter will hold a "Town Hall" meeting at Trinity UMC to speak about the future of the United Methodist Church as our denomination faces making some challenging decisions. He will call us to unity, answer questions and highlight some important future initiatives that address our Florida Conference churches partnering with schools.

If you are interested in what is happening in our Florida Annual Conference and our denomination you are welcome to attend. The evening gathering concludes with light appetizers. To register, please go to <https://florida-reg.brtaapp.com/townhall>.



Leadership Academy Tier I

Tuesday, September 20 from 9:30–11a.m. — Summerhill Chapel

Do you want to become more involved serving in the church, but don't know where to start? Leadership Academy will present a Tier I Open Session.

Anyone who is in a leadership position or interested in joining a team is urged to attend. The meeting will include information on the process of selecting New Covenant Leaders and the roles within our committees/teams.

For those who have already completed Tier I, Tier II will be held on Tuesday, October 25 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. For more information and/or to confirm your participation, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



DISCIPLE Disciple Bible Studies

Disciple Bible Study is a series of comprehensive classes designed to help you grow in your faith journey. This fall, four classes are being offered, including Disciple IV (for the first time in several years).

The classes being offered are:

- Invitation to Psalms (10 weeks) Begins Thursday, September 15 at 10 a.m.
- Disciple I (24 weeks) Begins Thursday, September 15 at 2 p.m.
- Disciple IV (24 weeks) Begins Tuesday, September 20 at 1 p.m.
- Invitation to The New Testament (9 weeks) Begins Thursday, September 22 at 1:30 p.m.

Sign up between Worship Services at the kiosk in the Narthex. For more information, please contact George de Jager at (353) 430-2738 or georgedejager@comcast.net.



"Gideon" — Women's Bible Study

This seven-week study will encourage you to recognize your weakness in life. Instead of ignoring, neglecting, or trying to escape your weaknesses, learn to see them as the gifts given specifically and strategically by God. Materials for the program are \$13.

Two Class Options:

- DAYTIME: Tuesdays from 1:30–3:30 p.m. in the Worship Center
- EVENING: Tuesdays from 6–8 p.m. in the Chapel

To register, please visit the kiosk in the Narthex between Worship Services. If you have any questions, please contact Shelia Clinton at skclin@centurylink.net or (352) 399-5088.



Community Bible Study (CBS)

Our 2016-17 class will feature a 30-week course titled, *The Red Sea to the Jordan River*. Classes begin on Monday, September 12, and meet each Monday from 3–5 p.m. at the Summerhill Campus. CBS is open to all women who are interested in learning more about the Bible and experience the joy of fellowship.



Solo Flight Singles Ministry April Meeting

Friday, September 16 at 4:30 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

Please join us for an evening of fellowship. We invite all singles to join us for monthly meetings on the third Friday of the month.



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 connected — to a caring community, to service, or to membership.

Check Out Our New Location!

We are now located next to the large double doors in the East Narthex (by the cookies!)

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School is now in the beginning of summer!
Join us for a week of VBS fun from June 5–9!



PrimeTime

Thurs., Sept. 8, from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Join us for a morning of music, devotion, and senior sharing. Our program will be an exciting experience of "New York" with all the trimmings. Program is followed by lunch for \$5 payable at the door.

To make a reservation, call the office at 750-4529 by Tuesday, September 6 and indicate if you need transportation.



Prayer Service for Peace

Tuesday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Led by clergy from each religious tradition, people of faith from Christian, Muslim, Jewish, and Baha'i communities will join their voices in prayer for peace and reconciliation in our troubled world. All are welcome. Please call David O'Brian at (352) 753-0989 with any questions.



Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

New Covenant provides a weekly opportunity for caregivers of Alzheimer's patients or other forms of dementia to meet for education, encouragement, and spiritual support. Caregiver participants may attend a support group each Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m.

Respite care for loved ones is provided by trained volunteers in a group setting (prior notice is requested). For more information, please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.



Hospital Visitation

If you or a loved one enters the hospital, please inform the Care office at 750-4529. The ministers visit often and offer their support with prayer and encouragement to patient and family — a little bit of their medicine can be just what the doctor ordered.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Jim Kiker who has cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing. Please come to the prayer rail during prayer time, or between Worship Services, and offer a prayer.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Terry Nottage, family and friends on the loss of her mother Winifred T. Hunter; Les & Barbara Schott, family and friends on the loss of his father; and the family and friends of Joan Miller on her passing.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Dave Agnew, Sonya Carson, Blayn Clabaugh, Chris Cleveland, Doug Bonebrake, Tyler Dean, Daniel Danko, Lew Gregory, Barbara Hardman, Linda Holland, Jean Keil, Dave Love, Tony M, Mary Jane, Sush Masemore, Francis J. McGrath, My flight to Maine, Jaxson Payne, Tara Reynolds, Barbara Robertson, Sharon, Judy Slaughter, Judy Stubbs, Kevin Viola, Alexandria Webb