

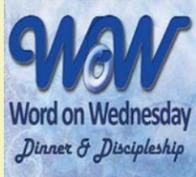
**Lake Deaton**  
information is available at the  
**Welcome Center each week.**

*“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.”*



**Altar Flowers**

Today's flowers are in celebration of Anne Foote Collins and Steven Hill's wedding on Saturday, November 21; and Odie and Norma Martin in celebration of their 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



**No WOW Dinner this Week**

**Wednesday, November 25**

There will be no WOW Dinner this Wednesday, November 25. Please join us on December 2 for a wonderful start to the Christmas season with a JOY! Christmas Sing-a-long at 6 p.m. following dinner.



**Next New Member Classes**

We have updated our membership path to consist of one “gateway” class offered four times a year. In this gateway class, you will hear about our vision of membership at New Covenant. You will join after completing your “gateway” class to be followed with enrichment classes throughout the year.

**Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, January 24 from 12–2 p.m.

**Summerhill Campus:** Monday, January 25 from 6–8 p.m.

Please pick up a New Member registration at the kiosks in both Summerhill Narthexes or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.



**Giving in the Spirit — REMINDER**

Please complete the form on the inside back cover of the catalog and insert it, along with your donation, in the envelope provided in your book. Then place the envelope in the collection plate during Worship Services this weekend or next weekend, November 28 & 29.

If you did not receive a booklet last weekend, you can pick one up at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please call *Giving in the Spirit* Coordinators Mary and Henry Goldberg at (352) 751-7687.



**Christmas Wish Tree**

Please return your **UNWRAPPED** gifts to either of the trees located in the Summerhill Narthexes. We are also looking for volunteers to be an “elf” for the Christmas Blessings day with the families. To volunteer, please contact Terri Ward at (352) 751-0497 or [tigerful@aol.com](mailto:tigerful@aol.com).

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
November 22	Acts 24-26	James 1-5	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 12
November 23	Acts 27-28	Acts 15-16	Hebrews 13	Luke 13
November 24	Romans 1-3	Galatians 1-3	James 1	Luke 14
November 25	Romans 4-7	Galatians 4-6	James 2	Luke 15
November 26	Romans 8-10	Acts 17-18:18	James 3	Luke 16
November 27	Romans 11-13	1/2 Thessalonians	James 4	Luke 17
November 28	Romans 14-16	Acts 18:19-19:41	James 5	Luke 18
November 29	1 Corinthians 1-4	1 Corinthians 1-4	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 19

*This is the day that the Lord has made. We shall rejoice and be glad in it.” (Psalm 118:26)*

*Lord,* I have so much to rejoice about. Forgive us when I take your blessings for granted. Let me not live with an attitude of entitlement but let me count my blessings each and every day — and be thankful. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Thought for the day:* It's your 'attitude,' not your 'aptitude,' that determines your 'altitude' in life. —John Maxwell

**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 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Claiming Our Scriptural Ancestors	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Faith As Wesley Lived It	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	The Book of Acts	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Eating Disorders	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	Faith As Wesley Lived It	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  
Saturday 5:00 p.m. • Sunday 10:45 a.m.

Lake Deaton Worship  
Sunday 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.  
(Eisenhower Rec Center)

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A Place to Call Home

**Worship attendance for last week: 2,974**  
(BEACH) 37 • (Celebrate Recovery) 113 • (Youth) 16 • (Orchard Worship) 23  
(Saturday Contemporary) 310 • (Sunday) 7:45–265 • 9:15–880 • 10:45–559  
(Lake Deaton) 9:15–228 • 10:45–103 • (Organ Dedication Service) 440



*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.



Next weekend we begin the beautiful season of Advent. One of our favorite Christmas traditions is singing *Silent Night*. Read to the words:

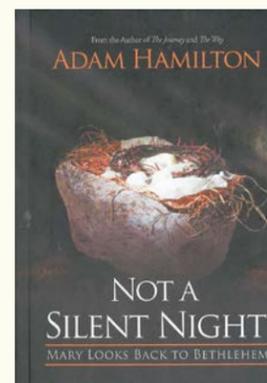
*Silent Night, Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright. Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child. Holy infant, so tender and mild, sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace.*

From the sound of this verse, we have an image of a young, serene Mary holding a composed child. I wonder if that was really the way the night played out. How would this young mom reflect upon her first child's birth in the years to come? As we count down to Christmas — and Christmas Eve draws near — we will look at Jesus' life through Mary's eyes. We will tell her story by starting, not at the beginning, but at the end.

With each weekend, we are going to work our way backward from Jesus' Crucifixion, to his ministry, to Mary finding a 12-year-old boy amazing the theologians with his insight, to the announcement of the savior to come, to the birth of that savior. We are going to walk through a not-so-silent night of a young mother unexpectedly chosen by God to bring the Christ Child into the world.

Here are the upcoming sermons. We hope you will join us as the messages all lead us to THE MESSAGE of hope and peace for the world. His name is Jesus!

- November 28/29**  
*Beginning with the End: Mary's Story* Acts 1:8-14
- December 5/6**  
*The Piercing of Mary's Soul* Luke 2:33-35
- December 12/13**  
*Amazed, Astounded, and Astonished* Luke 2:41-51
- December 19/20**  
*Mary, Full of Grace* Luke 1:26-33
- December 24**  
*It Was Not a Silent Night* Luke 2:1-7





### Volunteers Needed for Ticket Sales

We need to recruit a team of volunteers to be trained on EVENT BRITE, our new internal ticketing program. It requires the use of ipad mini (provided), and reconciliation of tickets sold and monies collected, following weekend tickets sales at Summerhill and Lake Deaton.

If you are interested, please contact Ann McBain at [ambain@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:ambain@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (985) 373-5263.



### Celebration Brass Band

**Sunday, November 22 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**  
British-style brass band conducted by Jill Van Syckle.

Tickets are \$15 and are available at the church between Worship Services at the Ticket Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex. Tickets will also be available at the door. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Care Ministry's Alzheimer's Support Group.



### Chorales Concert

**Tuesday, December 1 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**  
A delightful holiday concert of "Christmas Wishes" featuring The Chorales, with local area children and musicians, presenting familiar songs from the past and present.

A Love Offering will be accepted to benefit our Helping Hands Ministry.



### Bach with a Beat

**Thursday, December 3 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**  
Celebrate "A Wonderful Time of Year" with classical, seasonal, and pop music.

Tickets are \$12 for General Admission Seating and are available at the Villages Box Office.



### Christian Community Chorus

**Friday, December 4 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**  
Choir, piano, and organ fill the air with sounds of Christmas joy. A Love Offering benefiting the chorus will be accepted.



### Merry Tuba Christmas

**Saturday, December 5 at 2 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**  
FREE CONCERT by a Tuba-Euphonium choir featuring a sing-along to traditional Christmas carols. Guaranteed fun for all ages.

Join the Bands of the Villages in their outreach program supporting student musicians in our community.



### Villages Flute Choir

**Sunday, December 6 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**  
Welcome the Villages Flute Choir as they present "Musical Delights of December" in their first appearance at New Covenant. There is a

\$5 admission at the door with net proceeds benefiting the Helping Hands ministry.

**The Villagers for Hospice raised over 3 miles of quarters (\$53,000) in support of HOSPICE. They were very appreciative of our church usage and our members who participated.**



### Christmas at New Covenant



**Friday, December 11 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**  
**Sunday, December 13 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**

FREE CONCERT featuring the Chancel Choir, Celebration Ringers, and Orchestra — plus Amanda Woodward Boyd (Soprano) and Philip Himebook (Tenor). Tickets are required and are available on the church website or at the Ticket Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex and at the Lake Deaton Campus. (Please note time change.)



### The Villages Orchestra

**Thursday, December 17 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**  
Join us as the Villages Orchestra, conducted by Kenneth Hay, presents "A Joyous Holiday Concert."

Guest soloist Mary Jo Vitale will lead the audience in a sing-along. Tickets are \$15 and are available at the Ticket Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex and on our website at [www.covenantumc-fl.org](http://www.covenantumc-fl.org). Net proceeds benefit our Helping Hands Ministry.

### Event Tickets Can Now be Purchased on our Website

Visit [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)  
After clicking the "Event Tickets" tab, the Concert and Special Events page will open. You will find tabs of the concerts and events requiring tickets. Click on the concert or event you wish to attend. You will "register" by providing your name and email information. If you are purchasing a ticket, select the quantity of tickets and proceed to checkout. Tickets may be paid using your Master Card, Visa, Discover, or American Express card (this is a secure transaction). Once you have completed your purchase, you can print your tickets or upload them to your smart phone.

In addition to online ticket purchases, we will continue to sell tickets on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings using an electronic application at the Ticket Kiosk located in the West Narthex of the Summerhill Campus, as well as at the Lake Deaton Campus Ministry Center. On-site tickets may be purchased using cash, checks, or credit cards.



### New Covenant UMC Events Calendar

**Reminder!** All the events, meetings, and classes can be found on our website. Just log onto [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and click on the calendar icon.



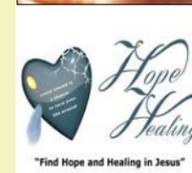
### Staff Appreciation Love Offering

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching and it is time to show appreciation to our pastors and staff for all the fine work they do. Your Staff Parish Relations Team has placed a "Thank You" Love Offering envelope in your bulletin. Thank you for remembering those who work so lovingly for you all year long.

Please place your envelope in the offering plate or take to the office by Monday, November 30. A check may be made payable to NCUMC with "Staff Gift" on the memo line. The total amount received will be divided equally among all the staff members.



### A Service of Hope and Healing



**Sunday December 6 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel**  
If you are suffering from a grief or a loss of any kind, please join us. Lovely music, prayers, and an opportunity to light a candle are included. Shirley Clasen will share her grief journey, including how God helped her and how He can help you. A question and answer time will follow the service, as well as refreshments. West Narthex.



### Sharpen the Mind: It Matters!

**Tuesday, December 8 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 3**  
The second Tuesday of each month, this ministry teaches us about learning the tools to help keep your brain sharp and active. Learn exercises and activities to bring your brain into sharp focus!



### Flower Ministry — Volunteers Wanted

Each Sunday, we break down the beautiful altar arrangements into small bouquets and deliver them to those in our congregation who are 'under the weather'. Sometimes we have flowers from mid-week or special services. We are looking for volunteers for Sundays (only once a month or as a sub) and volunteers to be "on call" for mid-week flowers.

For more information, please contact Elaine McGowan in the Care Office.



### Hospital Visitation

If you or a loved one enters the hospital, please inform the Care Office at (352) 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!



### GriefShare®

**Monday, January 4 — Summerhill Chapel**  
Our next GriefShare session begins in January. If you or someone you know has suffered the loss of a loved one, please join us for GriefShare. GriefShare helps those who are struggling with grief to begin to learn to take some steps on their own. For more information, please contact the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



### The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Pat White who is having open heart surgery. Please pray for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Carol Quigg, family and friends on the loss of her husband Ron; and Betty Miller, family and friends on the loss of her husband Harmon. Harmon's Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, December 22 at 11:15 a.m. in the Summerhill Chapel.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:					
Teresa Bisset	Sandra Connor	Peggy Dresser	Elizabeth	Dick Frith	Ginnie Hauck
Gideon Istre	Tom Healy	Donnie Ingram	Claudia Mink	Aurise Parente	Barbara Pritchard
Carol Quigg	Debby Sanders	Jan & Roger Soukup	Carol Marino Stamulus	Kim & Kamryn Thompson	Charles Trask
Peter Vincent	Pat White	Floyd Wilhoite	Ken Williams	Jean Wogan	