

**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.”*



**Donate the Gift of Life at New Covenant's Holiday Blood Drive**  
 Monday, December 21 from 2-8 p.m.



**Garden State Guys**

Thursday, January 7 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center  
 A Frankie Valli tribute group presents timeless music enjoyable for all ages. Net proceeds benefit the Jean Kelly Backpacks for Kids Program.

Tickets are available at The Villages Box Office. Our website has a link to The Villages Box Office on our "Concerts and Special Events" page. Click the "Event Tickets" tab at the top of our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)).



**Anthony and Beard Concert**

Sunday, January 17 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center  
 Enjoy an evening of a wide variety of music with Trumpeter Ryan Anthony, former member of the Canadian Brass, and Organist Gary Beard. Both artists have performed together on numerous occasions and recorded on the Pro-Organo label.

Tickets are available on our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)), or at the ticket kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant Early Response Team. Artist Circle: \$20 • General: \$15.



**The Isaacs**

Thursday, January 21 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center  
 A multi-award winning family with a unique style that blends family harmony with contemporary acoustic instrumentation appealing to a variety of audiences. They perform regularly at The Grand Ole Opry and are active members of the Gaither Homecoming Concert Series.

Tickets are available on our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)), or at the ticket kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant Worship Ministry. Artist Circle: \$20 • General: \$15.



**The Villages Wind Ensemble**

Sunday, January 24 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center  
 "Music for a Sunday Afternoon." Enjoy memorable music — from movies and musicals to concert band originals and marches. Under the direction of Jill Van Syckle, this small concert band will provide a delightful afternoon of music.

Tickets are available on our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)), or at the ticket kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant Music Ministry. General Admission: \$15.

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
December 20	Hebrews 11-13	1 Peter	Sunday: No Reading	John 16
December 21	James 1-5	Hebrews 1-6	Revelations 9	John 17
December 22	1 Peter 1-5	Hebrews 7-10	Revelations 10-11	John 18
December 23	2 Peter 1-3	Hebrews 11-13	Revelations 12:1-13:10	John 19
December 24	1 John 1-5	2 Timothy	Revelations 13:11-14:20	John 20
December 25	2 John-Jude	2 Peter-Jude	Revelations 15-16	John 21
December 26	Revelations 1-3	1 John	Revelations 17:1-18:8	Acts 1
December 27	Revelations 4-8	2/3 John	Sunday: No Reading	Acts 2

*"He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." (Luke 1:33)*  
 Lord, from the beginning of time you have reigned. Thank you for sending Jesus to live and reign in our hearts forever. 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	<b>No Classes until January 3, 2016 — Happy Holidays</b>	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	<b>No Classes until January 3, 2016 — Happy Holidays</b>	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	What We Bring to God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Blessings	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	<b>No Classes until January 3, 2016 — Happy Holidays</b>	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 (Eisenhower Rec Center)  
 Sunday 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.  
 (Beginning December 27,  
 our times will change to 8:30 and 10:00)

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 New Covenant United Methodist Church ~  
 A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last week: 2,431  
 (BEACH) 86 • (Celebrate Recovery) 84 • (Youth) 30 • (Orchard Worship) 24  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 266 • (Sunday) 7:45-233 • 9:15-774 • 10:45-615  
 (Lake Deaton) 9:15-207 • 10:45-112 • (Hope & Healing Service) 70  
 (Christmas at New Covenant concerts) 2,650



*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.*



*W*orshiping Jesus Christ on Christmas Eve is one of the most wonderful blessings of the year. No matter what emotion you may feel during this season, the simple truth is that Christ came to bring joy to His world, love to people's hearts, peace to all the nations, and hope to your life. The arrival of Christ's birth will be celebrated throughout the world, yet the most important moment in life is the arrival of Christ in one's own heart. We hope you will join us for one of our services this Christmas Eve — and please bring a friend or neighbor.

**We will Provide Several Opportunities to Worship Christ on Christmas Eve**  
**At our Summerhill Campus in the Christian Life Center**, there will be a 4:00 and 6:30 p.m. traditional service full of carols, inspiring music, liturgy, and a meditation. These services will conclude with lighting our candles and singing *Silent Night*.

For the first time, we will provide a family worship experience called *Jingle Jam*. An interactive lesson, lively worship, and the miracle message of the birth of Christ are at the heart of this 4:00 p.m. service. This service will be held in the Worship Center.

Between 5:15 and 6:15 p.m., stop by the Chapel for silent meditation and communion.

**Our Lake Deaton Campus**, will have a service at 5:30 p.m. at the Wildwood Recreation Center that includes *Christ, Cookies, Carols, and Cocoa*.

A Love Offering will be collected on Christmas Eve at all services that will go towards a scholarship program for our Wildwood Middle High School Mentees. We currently have 32 eighth and ninth graders in our program who work with 32 volunteer Mentors from New Covenant and Wildwood UMC. Our dream is that as our Mentees graduate, each will be given a scholarship of \$1,000 to be used towards continued education and training. Your generosity will help seed these scholarships so when our first class graduates in 2019, we have the funds to support their scholarships.

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

The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12

# Bible Studies Ministries

**BIBLE STUDY** **No Adult Christian Education Classes on these Days**  
**Saturday: December 26 and January 2**  
 • The Wired Word

**Sunday: December 20 and 27** **Sunday: December 27**

- Early Risers
- Faith Finders
- The Searchers
- ANEW
- Path Finders
- Wesley Class
- Faith Bible Class

**Holy Land Trip 2016**  
**Tuesday, January 19 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Chapel**  
 If you would like to go to the Holy Land next year, please join Pastor Harold for this informational meeting. For more details about the trip, pick up a brochure at the Welcome Center in the Summerhill Narthex.

**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 11a.m.–1 p.m.  
**Summerhill Campus:** Monday, January 25 from 6–8 p.m.

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

**Connecting our Covenant Community (C3 Ministry)**  
 How would you like to feel "connected" and in touch? Perhaps you were away for a while and nobody contacted you? Were you hospitalized and nobody called? Were you hurting and the phone didn't ring? We have an answer! This ministry will provide ongoing communication and connection among congregates.

All who want to be included, regardless of membership status and geographic location, will be given an opportunity to be connected with each other and make their needs known. We want to be intentional about caring for each other. Volunteers in this ministry will communicate with our congregates on a monthly basis. Those who wish to participate may volunteer to make phone calls and/or receive a phone call each month. Our C3 Ministry will be a blessing to each of you! **Get Connected!!!** Stop at the CONNECTIONAL MINISTRIES kiosk in the East Narthex to find out more!

**WOW Dinner and Fellowship**  
**NO Wednesday Dinners December 23–January 6, 2016**  
 WOW Dinners are taking a break for the Christmas holiday. Please join us for our first WOW Dinner in 2016 on January 13.

Our wonderful dinner will be followed by an evening with Dr. Brian Russell, author of *Invitation Bible Study* and Dean, School of Urban Ministries and Professor of Biblical Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary.



**MOAMI Class of 2016**  
**Thursday, January 7 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
**Thursdays, January 14–March 10 from 1-3 p.m.**  
 This is a faith-based program open to all women regardless of religious denomination or affiliation. You will make new Christian friends and learn more about moving through the changes and transitions of life.

For more information, please contact:  
**Summerhill Campus**  
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**Lake Deaton Campus (St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Wildwood)**  
 • Karen Kelroy: [fkkelroy@gmail.com](mailto:fkkelroy@gmail.com) or (262) 497-8697  
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**Women's Retreat with Betsy Kniffin**  
**Thursday, February 18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**  
 Betsy Kniffin, author, workshop leader, and vocalist, will bring you encouragement through humor, music, and the Good News of Jesus.  
 Tickets are available on our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)), or at the ticket kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant Women's Ministry. A lunch prepared by our own Chef John Kellar is included for \$15.

## TidBits

**Altar Flowers**  
 Today's flowers are provided by: Mary & Henry Goldberg in celebration of their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in memory of Janet Millar & loved ones; Gloria & Chuck Frye in celebration of their 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and Lee Garrard in memory of her husband Robert Garrard & daughter Shelly Garrard Macy.

**2016 Giving Envelopes**  
 We have upgraded our financial systems so we no longer need to track contributions by envelope number — we can scan your check, to provide the necessary information to reflect your contributions. If a cash contribution is made, simply write your name legibly on the envelope and we will record it accordingly. You will find single envelopes at the Welcome Center or in the attendance pads.

Beginning in January, we will combine our operating budget and mortgage payments into one operating budget. You can combine those payments on your checks. Giving to Debt Elimination and Lake Deaton Pre-Build will continue to be tracked separately. Please note that payment on the memo line of your check.

If you have any questions, please call Katherine Poole or Dianne Letch at 750-4529.



**2016 Winter Health Education Series**

January 11	5–6 pm	Nutrition: What Foods Are Best For Us?	Jeff Wittman
	6:15-7:15 pm	Living Well Until the End	Judy Flickinger, RN
January 25	5–6 pm	Namaste: Yoga For Health	Karen Lambert Hughes
	6:15-7:15 pm	When and How Do We Choose a Health Facility	Jackie Damron
February 1	5–6 pm	Alzheimer's Update	Rochelle Holcombe
	6:15-7:15 pm	What You Always Wanted to Know about New Covenant Doing a Funeral but Never Asked	Pastor Marilyn Anell
February 8	5–6 pm	New Technology to Help Those with Hearing Loss	Danielle Rosier & David Ketch
	6:15-7:00 pm	Wills and Trusts	JoAnn Waterfield, Esq.
February 15	5–6 pm	Healthy Lifestyles	Karen Lambert Hughes
	6:15–7:15 pm	Cremation and Funeral Planning	Lisa High, Heirs Baxley

There is NO registration fee. All programs are held in the Summerhill Chapel. Healthy snacks are served between sessions. Participants may choose to attend one or both lectures on any evening.

**Pastoral Care Ministry of New Covenant**  
 We have the privilege of being with you in your times of grief, illness and — we hope — joy! We truly do CARE for you and what is happening in your lives! One way to let us know what is going on is to complete a prayer card and put it in a designated box located outside the doors to the Chapel, Worship Center, and Christian Life Center.

Each prayer card is read and prayed over many times. The request is also listed in the weekly bulletin for others to pray for that need. Prayer bulletins with all the current open prayer requests are located at many stations throughout the church campus. These are available for you to take home and spend quiet meditation over them.

Another way the Care office wants to be involved with each of you is for you to please let us know when you are having a procedure, a surgery, or are in the hospital. If you are not able to call us, maybe a designated friend or neighbor will call on your behalf. It is our honor to pray with you during these life challenges.

Thank you for letting us serve alongside you, and may your 2016 be full of blessings! Marilyn, Ellen, Connie, Barb, Donna, and Elaine

**The Gift of Prayer**  
 The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Barbara Robertson who is still recovering from an auto accident; and for Jeff Miller, a 41-year-old with cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

**Keep Them in Your Prayers**  
 Our Christian love and sympathy are extended to Pat Parrott and family on the loss of her 100-year-old mother Ruth Schuler in Connecticut; and to Col. Bill & Mrs. Joan Kelso on the loss of her son Craig Marshall.

**This Week's Prayer Concerns:**

Patrick Antrim	Pauletta Baron	David Brewsaugh	Holly Hallett	Tootie Jackson	Deborah Miller
Maria Mitchell	Glen Parker	Steve Popko	Ruth Ann	Elizabeth Scott	Kim & Kamryn Thompson
Shawn & Tobin Whittington	Shaun Wilson	The Wood Family			