



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: To be a thriving body of Christ by being His hands, feet, and voice in the World.
Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 7	Genesis 22-24	Job 14-16	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 7
January 8	Genesis 25-26	Job 17-20	Matthew 5:38-6:15	Matthew 8
January 9	Genesis 27-29	Job 21-23	Matthew 6:16-34	Matthew 9
January 10	Genesis 30-31	Job 24-28	Matthew 7	Matthew 10
January 11	Genesis 32-34	Job 29-31	Matthew 8:1-22	Matthew 11
January 12	Genesis 35-37	Job 32-34	Matthew 8:23-9:9	Matthew 12
January 13	Genesis 38-40	Job 35-37	Matthew 9:10-38	Matthew 13
January 14	Genesis 41-42	Job 38-39	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 14

Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. (John 15:4-5)

Lord, as we begin a brand new year, we are excited about all the possibilities and opportunities to serve you. Help us to honor your mission to make disciples for the transformation of the world. Inspire us to aspire to be your thriving body by being your hands, feet, and voice in the world. Hold us true to your core values as we live into a life of growth, hospitality, generosity, community, invitation, service, and care. We are your servants... Lord, "Be thou our vision." In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

REMINDER: Please take your weekly bulletin home as you leave today. Use it as a prayer guide for the scheduled activities and the ministries of our church.

Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Book of Jonah	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Joshua	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Faith in Action	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Marking Time	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Joshua	Classroom 11

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.

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

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00 a.m.

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Worship Attendance for last week: 1,996

(Grounded Youth Group) 10 • (Orchard Worship) 1

(Celebrate Recovery) 41 • (Fresh Expressions) 25

(Saturday Contemporary) 218 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-171 • 9:15-624 • 10:45-525

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-163 • 9:45-145 • 11:00-73



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by Janice Brian in memory of Randy Brian on their 50th anniversary.



Communion Sunday

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and seek to live in peace with one another.

We offer Communion the first Sunday of each month. We serve by intinction and offer gluten-free bread and individual cups at the altar. Everyone is welcome!

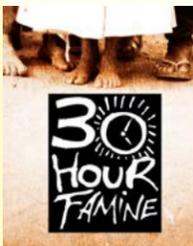


Update Your Church Photo!

Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14 — Cardinal Alcove

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 or had your photo taken as a couple, please take a few minutes to have a new individual photo taken.

Judy Fitzgerald will be in the Cardinal Alcove after each Worship Service to take your photo for our Member Portal.



30 Hours of Famine

Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14 — East and West Narthexes

New Covenant's Youth Ministry will be going hungry for a cause! For 30 hours straight, volunteers and youth group members will fast to fight world hunger. You can also play a proactive part in this weekend-long initiative by generously donating towards the famine. The youth will be accepting donations between weekend Worship Services.

World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization, create this Christ-centered initiative, to teaming with youth, families, and communities to tackle the causes of poverty and world hunger. By participating in engaging activities, compelling discussion, and local outreach, the youth grow closer to Christ while raising funds to make a real difference. This New Year, help us to give back to those who need us most, and let's feed children across the world!



"SuperStart" for Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Graders!

Friday & Saturday, January 26 & 27 — Orlando, Florida

Get excited for the awesome overnight, high-energy event where pre-teens learn and grow in their relationships with friends, leaders, and most importantly, God. Registration is open, but availability is limited!

For cost and other trip details, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org or Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshipers, please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.

Women's Bible Study
Jeremiah

Daring to Hope
 in an Unstable World

Tuesdays

January 30 –

March 13

11 a.m.–1 p.m.



"I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."
 —Jeremiah 29:11

When we look around at today's world, hope usually isn't the first word that comes to mind. In many ways we live in an unstable world where illness strikes, marriages fail, bank accounts run low, friendships end, and the everyday demands of life get us down. In the Book of Jeremiah, we find God calling out to His people with a message of hope — a message that intentional living is possible even in an unstable world.

But how do we do this? Where do we start? *Jeremiah* offers women hope for living in an uncertain world by learning to navigate the challenges and circumstances of their lives. This seven-week study examines God's words of instruction to His wayward people through the prophet Jeremiah, and provides women six guidelines for intentional living to overcome fear, worry, and doubt as they surrender their wills to God's and put their hope in Him alone.

Please join us for this study as we dare to hope, remembering that God is rich in mercy and love and has good plans for us.

To register or for more information, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex.

Outreach Ministry



Community Unity Revival

Wednesday & Thursday, January 10 & 11 at 6 p.m. — Wildwood UMC
Just a reminder about our upcoming unity revival at the Wildwood UMC located at 300 Mason St., Wildwood. The goal is to bring the average worship attendance of our churches together!

If you have any questions, please contact Rev. Michael Beck at (352) 748-1275.



Helping Hands / Bargains & Blessings Volunteers

Sunday, January 14 at 4 p.m. — Chapel
All Helping Hands / Bargains & Blessings current volunteers and any individuals interested in volunteering are invited to our first general meeting of the new year. Hear when the next home construction starts, what's happening at B&B, and ask any questions you may have.



Seeds of Hope Annual Benefit Concert

February 9 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center
The Villages favorites Norman Lee, Billie Thatcher and Chris and Gillian Bolus return in this annual concert. Your donation of cash or non-perishable food items support the Wildwood Food Pantry and the Wildwood Soup Kitchen.

Admission by food or monetary donation at the door.



Volunteers Needed for Kids Central

New Covenant partners with Kids Central, Inc. to help to create brighter futures for children and families in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter counties, and Central Florida. The agency develops and manages a comprehensive, community-based, system-of-care for abused, neglected, and abandoned children and their families.

Kids Central is committed to promoting the welfare of expectant mothers, babies, children, families, and young adults through prevention services, in-home care, foster care, and adoption. Volunteers are needed at the corporate office in Wildwood (901 Industrial Drive, Suite 200, Wildwood; next to Russell Stovers Candy Shop) for the following positions:

- Education: Assist the Educational Liaison with follow-up on the education of school-aged children in care (3-4 hours a week or more, if desired)
- Resource Center: Sort incoming donations, organize Resource Center, fill resource requests (3-4 hours a week minimum or more, if desired)
- Front Desk: Answer phones, assist with mail (3-4 hours a week minimum or more, if desired)

For more information, please contact Shawanna Felton, Community Facilitator, at (352) 748-1354 or (352) 857-1358 or shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org.



Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is located in the Resource Room which is in the hallway between the West Narthex and the Chapel. Look for our signs.

Due to the number of things left behind, our process is...

- Newly-found items will be placed in the top drawer labeled "Week 1."
- On a weekly basis, items will be moved down one drawer.
- On the first of each month, all items in the bottom (fourth week) drawer will be donated to Bargains & Blessings.
- High value items (jewelry, phones, etc.) will be taken to the Administration Office.

Making connections



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, January 13 at 4 p.m. and Sunday, January 14 following each Worship Service — Fellowship Center

Visitors, nonmembers, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant. Get answers to questions about connecting to service opportunities, Bible studies, Connect Small Groups, and membership.

If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org. You may also stop at the Discover New Covenant Kiosk in the East Narthex any weekend to learn more about connecting into New Covenant.



Solo Flight Singles Ministry Meeting

Friday, January 19 from 4-6 p.m. — Chapel

All singles are welcome to join us for a cultural program with Mac Freeman of the "Hau'oli Hula Halau" group, presenting dance and cultural information of Hawaii.

Also to be presented are the functions and roles of Dream Team Members, as well as a discussion of monthly programs and social activities. This will be an opportunity to assist in planning for a most wonderful upcoming year for our ministry. If you have questions, please contact Laura Tomich at (352) 250-0237.



Facilitator Appreciation Lunch

Sunday, January 28 at 11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

If you currently facilitate a small group, you are invited to a Facilitator Appreciation Luncheon (immediately after our third service). Bring your spouse or your co-facilitator. Join us to meet other facilitators and **celebrate** with us what God is doing in the Small Group Ministry.

To sign up for this event, please contact Jenny Sweat no later than Tuesday, January 16 at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or 750-4529



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is not just for those who struggle with chemical dependency, such as drugs or alcohol. Celebrate Recovery is for **all** of life's issues. We currently have two meetings in two locations to meet your needs and we offer childcare at both sites.

- Wildwood United Methodist Church: Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.
- New Covenant United Methodist Church: Fridays at 5:30 p.m.

You do not have to face life's issues alone. For more information, please contact Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



New Member Classes

Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, February 11 from 12:15-1:45 p.m.
Summerhill Campus: Monday, February 12 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Did you know there are different types of church memberships? 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 form at the Welcome Center or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



Grief Share Support Group

Monday, January 8 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Chapel

New Covenant offers this important 13-week, grief support ministry twice a year. If you or someone you know needs to be a part of this, please invite them to come. We all walk this journey of grief at some point in our lives, and it is important to allow others to come alongside you. This is open to anyone who needs to be part of a grief support community.

There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials. You can register the first day or in advance. Please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!!

Thursday, January 11 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Chapel

All seniors in the "Prime" of their lives are encouraged to join the Prime Timers. Rev. Kristyne Young will lead the devotional and communion for the group. Come join the fun and bring a friend!

Our program will be followed by a time of fellowship and lunch. Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, January 8 and indicate if you need transportation.



Running of the Squares — 5K (3.1 mile) Fun Run

Saturday, January 13 – 8 a.m. start time — Lake Sumter Landing

You can be a part of the New Covenant team either running or walking with our group. You may preregister through January 10 at \$25; registration after January 10, through day of the event, is \$30.

You may register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/TheVillages/RunningtheSquaresLakeSumterLanding>. Be sure to designate NCUMC as your team. For more information, please contact Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



Yoga at New Covenant

Mondays at 4 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Yoga resumes on Monday, January 8. But will not take place on Monday, January 15, in recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.



Health Education Series — Save the Date

Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We will be offering our second speaker in our Health Education series. Thomas Moore is a former monk, best-selling author, musician, and professor.

His recent work has focused on the world of medicine, speaking to nurses and doctors about the soul and spirit of medical practice. Please join us for an informative and educational experience. This event is free and open to the public.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Inez Hall who is in pain from surgery; and Lydia Belanger who has cancer. Prayers are requested for comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Joani Boland, family and friends on the passing of her husband Harry.

New Concerns
Shirley Birchwale, Bob & Barbara Doerner, Deb Flanagan, Maryann McGovern, Joanne Miller, Stephen Pieper, H. E. Quillen, Dannielle Silvis, Maria Siddons, Becky Townley