



Women's Bible Study
Broken and Blessed: How God Used One Imperfect Family to Change the World by Rev. Jessica Lagrone, Dean of Chapel, Asbury Theological Seminary, and acclaimed pastor, teacher, and author.

This seven-week study traces the story of the Genesis families from Adam and Eve through the generations to Joseph, showing blessings can come from brokenness and tough family relationships. This study shows how God can use our own imperfect families to bring blessings in a hurting and broken world. Materials for the program are \$13 (due at first class).

Two Class Options: Tuesdays, January 24–March 7 — Chapel

(Daytime) 1:30–3 p.m. or (Evening) 6–7:30 p.m.

To register, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



Women's Ministry Monthly Gathering

Thursday, January 19 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

Come and reminisce about our special childhood dolls. We will talk about how special WE are in God's eyes. Bring a special doll if you have one to put on display. Lunch Tickets are \$6.

Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will be applied). "FREE" tickets are available for the program only. **Tickets sales conclude Monday, January 16 at noon.** No tickets (including the FREE, program-only tickets) will be available after the cut-off date.



Old-Fashioned "Hymn Sing"

Sunday, January 15 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Join Sean Pollock and Ken Wadley for a fun evening of worship singing the great hymns from the Methodist hymnal. Pick out your favorite hymn and we will all sing together!



Wonderful Wednesday "Key West Dinner Theater"

Wednesday, January 18 at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center

Join us for a very special "Key West Dinner Theater" featuring Ennis Pruitt and "The Conch Train Combo."

Dinner Theater Tickets: \$12 per person. You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, January 16. Tickets are available on our website (\$13.59 credit card), and between Worship Services at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex.

Menu: Conch Chowder, Broccoli Slaw, Tropical Fruit Salad, Charred Corn Salad, Mojo Pork, Island Lime Chicken Breast, Lobster Mac & Cheese, Caribbean Rice & Peas, Yellow Crookneck Squash, Key Largo Blend Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, and Key Lime Pie

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 8	Genesis 25-26	Job 17-20	Sunday: No Reading	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	Matthew 10:1–11:1	Matthew 14
January 15	Genesis 43-45	Job 40-42	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 15

...we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Lord, we stand at the threshold of another year. We thank you for the good life you have given. We have great hopes for what is to come. Help us to stay focused on you and the eternal prize that awaits. We are blessed beyond measure by your abundant grace and forgiveness. We are humbled. 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	Reveal Survey	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Ecclesiastes, Meet Jesus	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Advent — The Whole Story	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Reveal Survey	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Praise For God's Creation	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	2016: Looking Back/Looking Forward	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Reveal Survey	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Advent — The Whole Story	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. (Classroom 1)

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: 1,863

(Orchard Worship) 8 • (Teen Twilight) 16

(Fresh Expressions) 13 • (Celebrate Recovery) 121 • (Saturday Contemporary) 209

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–183 • 9:15–625 • 10:45–520

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 10:00–168



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.

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
 Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



New Covenant's Youth Ministry Will Go Hungry for a Cause.

Next weekend, for 30 hours straight, volunteers and youth group members will fast together to fight world hunger, while raising funds to feed hungry children around the world. World Vision created this Christ-centered initiative — a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated 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, our youth will grow closer to Christ while raising funds to make a real difference.

The Youth will be at the entrances to the church with baskets to collect donations.

You can also play a proactive part in this weekend-long initiative, by generously donating towards the famine. Next weekend, our Youth Ministry will be accepting donations before and after Worship Services. This New Year, help us to give back to those who need us most — and let's feed children across the world!

**I WAS HUNGRY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO EAT,
 I WAS THIRSTY AND YOU GAVE ME SOMETHING TO DRINK.**



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

TidBits

2016 Contribution Statement

In keeping with the policy of being good stewards of church finances, we will send your 2016 Contribution Statement via email. Please be sure New Covenant has your current email address. **If you don't have email, a paper copy of your statement will be mailed to you. Statements will be sent no later than the last week of January.**

You can update your email with the church in one of two ways...

- Email the church at ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org
- Log into your account at <https://ncumcweb.myshelby.org/>
Click "You are not logged in. Click here to login" (in blue).
Click "My Personal Information" and enter your current information.
Click "Submit" (in blue).

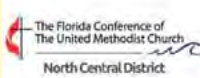


Love Offering for the Mentor Program

The Christmas Eve Love Offering for our Wildwood Middle High School Mentor Program Scholarship Fund totaled \$15,833.

2016 Giving in the Spirit Donations

Bertha Fund	\$1,700	Missionary Flights International	\$582
COPA	\$795	The Refuge at Jumper Creek	\$4,048
Campus Crusade for Christ	\$300	Residents Encounter Christ	\$1,058
Christmas Wish Tree	\$700	Shepherd's Lighthouse, Inc.	\$2,750
Early Response Team	\$1,110	UMCOR Sager Brown Disaster Aid	\$600
Florida United Methodist Children's Home	\$1,791	Upward Sports Camp	\$570
The Haven of Lake & Sumter Counties, Inc.	\$2,438	Wildwood Food Pantry	\$2,030
Helping Hands Ministry	\$3,705	Wildwood Mentor Scholarship Program	\$1,275
House of Hope	\$1,885	Wildwood Soup Kitchen	\$1,398
The Little One's Fund	\$777	GRAND TOTAL	\$33,652
Love INC - Help a Child	\$2,580	2013 Total =	\$32,388
Love INC - Laundry w/Love	\$695	2014 Total =	\$32,510
Love INC - Transportation Assistance	\$865	2015 Total =	\$29,432



Log onto the North Central District Website

If you are interested in learning more about happenings in our (United Methodist) North Central District and would like to read important information from our District Superintendent, Rev. June Edwards and others in the District, please visit www.ncdistrictflumc.org.



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 and click on the calendar icon. You will also find a list of upcoming Memorial Services.

Lake Deaton New Construction Update

So far we have received \$1,429,306 in pledges.

Thank you for your support as we continue to grow our church and Christ's Kingdom!

The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12 Bible Studies Small Groups

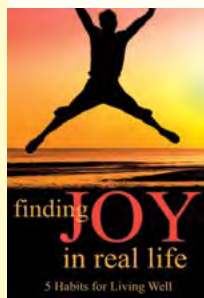
DISCIPLE Disciple Bible Studies

Disciple Bible Study is a series of comprehensive classes designed to help you grow in your faith journey. This month, two short-term classes are being offered, as well as the second half of Disciple I.

These Classes Include:

- Disciple I (part 2) *The New Testament* (6 weeks)
Starts Thursday, January 26 from 1:30–3:30 p.m.
- *Invitation to The New Testament* (9 weeks)
Starts Thursday, January 26 from 1–2:30 p.m.
- *Invitation to Romans* (9 weeks)
Starts Tuesday, February 7 from 10–11:30 a.m.

For more information, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex or contact George de Jager at (353) 430-2738 or georgedejager@comcast.net.



Finding Joy in Real Life – 5 Habits for Living Well

NEW Sermon Series begins January 21/22, 2017

Begin the New Year with our church-wide sermon series *Finding Joy in Real Life – 5 Habits for Living Well!* This five-week sermon series will look at the ways that God provides for joy in our lives. This sermon series will combine biblical foundations with everyday practices to help enrich your relationship with God and each other — to help us find the real joy intended for our lives.

Additionally, it is our hope that everyone has, or will find, a small group to follow this sermon series. If you are not currently in a small group, see below on how to get involved! If you are already in a small group that will participate in the sermon series, see below on how to obtain the materials.*



Connect with a Small Group

Tuesday, January 10 from 2–4 p.m. — Worship Center

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better! Are you interested in becoming part of a small group? New Covenant's Small Group Team has the answer! You are invited to join us and learn more about New Covenant's Small Groups. Make a connection with others that are looking to connect in small groups.

For more information, please visit the Connect Small Group – Sermon Series kiosk in the East Narthex.

Already Connected in a Small Group and want to Participate in the New Sermon Series? Stop in at 4 p.m. to pick up your materials for the study.

***To assist you, we have created a small group booklet and DVD that will help lead your group through this series. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of materials.**



New Member Classes

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.

Monday, January 30 from 6–8 p.m. — Worship Center (coffee & cookies provided)

You may join the church the following weekend, February 4/5. Please pick up and fill out a New Member Registration form today. They may be found at the Connections Ministry kiosk in the Narthex and 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

Mondays, beginning January 9, 2017

For those who think that learning to live through grief and receiving support from others who understand would be of help, join us. Please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529. There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials.



Winter Health Series

Tuesday, January 24 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

We have revamped the Winter Health Series to bring some dynamic speakers and interesting topics about living this life well! Dr. Gabe Mirkin and his wife Diana will be our first guests for a healthy living discussion.

Dr. Mirkin is a sports medicine doctor, fitness guru, and long-time radio host. "Gabe Mirkin, M.D." brings you news and tips for a healthful lifestyle. A practicing physician for more than 50 years and a radio talk show host for 25 years, Dr. Mirkin is a graduate of Harvard University and Baylor University College of Medicine. He is one of very few doctors board-certified in four specialties: Sports Medicine, Allergy and Immunology, Pediatrics, and Pediatric Immunology.

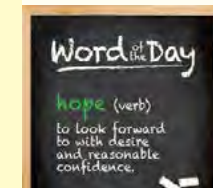
For more information, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.



PrimeTime

Thursday, January 12 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

The program is followed by lunch from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. for \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, call the office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, January 9 and indicate if you need transportation.



Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursdays at 2 p.m. — 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.

We cannot solve the problems of your loved one, but we can assist you in how you respond to them. We are here to provide support for you, the parent or grandparent. For more information, please call the Care office at (352) 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members.



Hospital Visitation

If you or a loved one enters the hospital, please contact 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.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

The family and friends of Lloyd Elston on his passing.

New Concerns

Aunt Adliene, Maria Dorsey, Terry Drawdy & Family, Henry, Shirley Hicks-Hodges, Bob Hogue, Andy Klupal, Lewis & Susan Knopp, Cas Kuzmireck, Danny Markley, James Mullon, Jaxson Payne, Doris Rasmussen, Jean Roper, Nancy Seiler, Jerry Sibrt, Alexandria Webb

Mark Your



upcoming concerts



Bach with a Beat

Thursday, January 12 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Directed by Marilyn McLean, this innovative group of singers and musicians specialize in JS Bach Swingle-style music.

Tickets: \$12. Tickets are available at The Villages Box Office (www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets).



The Lullaby of Broadway Encore Performance

Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Time is running out to buy your tickets for this "Back by Popular Demand" concert featuring Sean Pollock, Angie Wiswesser, Brian Maderos, Pat Smith, award-winning jazz artist Janice Swartz and The Villages Maestro Bill Doherty. Net proceeds benefit the *Jean Kelly Backpack 4 Kids* program.

Tickets: \$20. Tickets are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/event-tickets (credit card fees will be applied), at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services, and at The Villages Box Office (www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets).



Villages Wind Ensemble

Sunday, January 22 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Directed by our own Jill Van Syckle, this concert features music depicting America from Revolutionary War times to the present day. Guest saxophonist Valerie Gillespie will be a featured performer. A portion of the net proceeds benefits New Covenant's Congregational Care Ministry.

Tickets: \$15. Tickets are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/event-tickets (credit card fees will be applied), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



Bill Bailey presents Gospel Quartet Night!

Friday, January 27 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Nine-time favorite male group Triumphant Quartet and gospel quartet fan favorites Legacy Five in concert.

At-Door Donation: \$12.



Esperian & Beard: "Love Changes Everything"

Friday, February 3 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

World-renown artists Kallen Esperian and Gary Beard present a concert of love songs and romantic melodies just in time to set the mood for Valentine's Day. Ms. Esperian, winner of the Pavorotti International Voice Competition, has performed on the great opera stages of the world. This is a concert you will not want to miss. **Gary Beard performed at New Covenant with Ryan Anthony on January 17, 2016.** Net proceeds benefit New Covenant's Music Ministry.

Tickets: \$20 (General Admission) or \$25 (Artist Circle). Tickets are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/event-tickets (credit card fees will be applied), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.

Tickets are also available at The Villages Box Office (www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets).