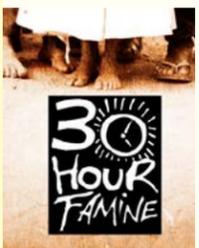


# TidBits

**Update Your Church Photo!**  
**THIS WEEKEND! — 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**  
**THIS WEEKEND! — 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!



**Men's Chorus Rehearsals**  
**Tuesday, February 6, 13, and 20 at 9 a.m. — Classrooms 8/9**  
 If you enjoy singing with other men, please join the New Covenant Men's Chorus. The Men's Chorus will lead worship on Sunday, February 25 for the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Fisher at [bonniefisher53@gmail.com](mailto:bonniefisher53@gmail.com) or (614) 565-0953.



**ABBA Art**  
**Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. — Classroom 1**  
 Our current focus is the use of watercolors, including watercolor pencils. All artists are welcome regardless of level of experience.

**New Addition — Poetry Corner**  
**Beginning Tuesday, February 6 at 1 p.m. — Classroom 1**  
 ABBA Art is expanding to welcome all those who love to write poetry. Come and share your heart through poetry, and let your words be heard. For more information on the Poetry Corner, please contact Paula DeLuca at (352) 445-5028.



**"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](mailto:bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

The Church and Administration Office will be closed on Monday, January 15 in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 14	Genesis 41-42	Job 38-39	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 14
January 15	Genesis 43-45	Job 40-42	Matthew 10:1-11:1	Matthew 15
January 16	Genesis 46-47	Genesis 12-15	Matthew 11:2-15	Matthew 16
January 17	Genesis 48-50	Genesis 16-18	Matthew 11:16-30	Matthew 17
January 18	Exodus 1-3	Genesis 19-21	Matthew 12:1-21	Matthew 18
January 19	Exodus 4-6	Genesis 22-24	Matthew 12:22-50	Matthew 19
January 20	Exodus 7-9	Genesis 25-26	Matthew 13:1-23	Matthew 20
January 21	Exodus 10-12	Genesis 27-29	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 21

Those who welcomed [Peter's] message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles... And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved. (Acts 2:41-43)

Lord, I want to thank you for my church and bringing me together with my brothers and sisters. You have called us to be a family. Help us, Jesus, to strengthen our relationships with one another so that we can best serve you. Yes, Lord, we are the church together. 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	Movies, Culture and Faith	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.  
 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162  
 Phone: 352-750-4529

Summerhill Blended Worship  
 Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.  
 Fax: 352-259-2971

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship  
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)  
 Email: [ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)  
 Sunday 8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00 a.m.  
 Website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)

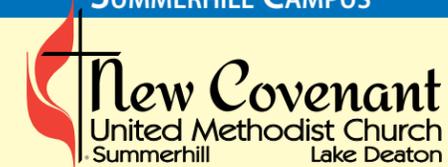
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**Worship Attendance for last week: 2,855**  
 (Grounded Youth Group) 28 • (Orchard Worship) 10  
 (Celebrate Recovery) 61 • (Fresh Expressions) 65  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 292 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-272 • 9:15-945 • 10:45-723  
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-202 • 9:45-155 • 11:00-102

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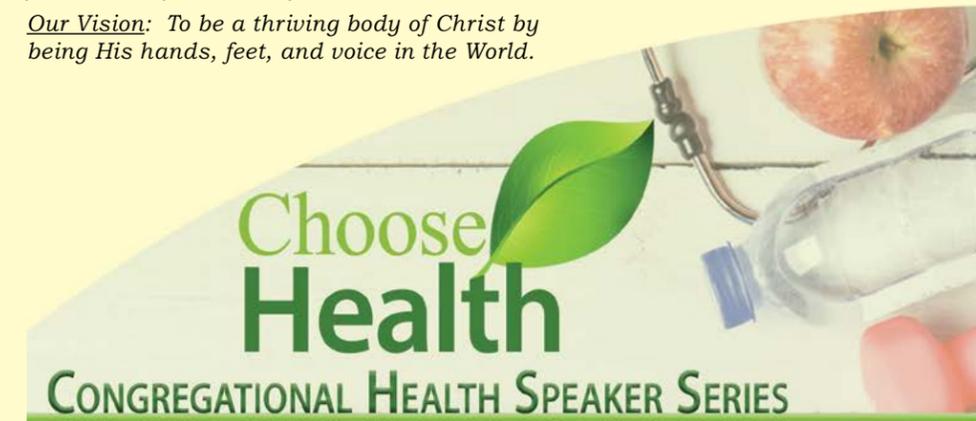
## JANUARY 13 & 14, 2018



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

*Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.*

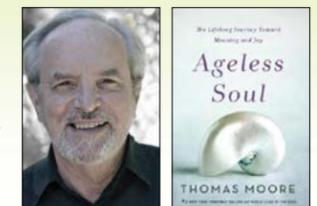
*Our Vision: To be a thriving body of Christ by being His hands, feet, and voice in the World.*



The Congregational Health team exists to provide encouragement and guidance for better and healthier living! Part of what we do is offer informational and educational speakers to help us along the road of quality living!

All of these sessions are free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, January 16 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center**  
 This will feature former monk, bestselling author and speaker Thomas Moore. Thomas will be signing copies of his latest book, *Ageless Soul*, earlier that day at Barnes & Noble in Sumter Landing. He will come to the Summerhill campus to speak on what it means to have a fresh, uplifting, and inspiring path toward aging, one that need not be feared, but rather embraced and cherished. Moore is also author of the bestselling *Care of the Soul*.



**Monday, February 19 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center**  
 Dr. Sheri Bisby, prominent area neurologist and part of our community of faith, is returning to present on the facts of Parkinson's Disease. Her presentation last year on training the brain was widely received, and we are excited about hosting this important talk in February.



**Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center**  
 Dr. David Casper, a leading dermatologist, is also part of our family of faith. He led a discussion last year about various skin abnormalities and cancers. This year, he is preparing a talk on aging skin and best care practices.



More information on the February and March presentations coming soon!

**"Living Well to Finish Well"**  
**Friday, March 2 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.**  
 In addition, the Congregational Health team is adding a special event, *Living Well to Finish Well*. We will focus on leaving a legacy, planning for your future, and all the questions you were too afraid to ask! Featured speakers will be: Tom Wilkinson from the United Methodist Foundation, Rev. Dr. Ken Pyles regarding lasting legacies, and Ellen Pollock on planning for your last wishes (Five Wishes, Planning a Memorial).

The Congregational Health team is actively seeking more people who would like to focus on living well! We sponsor the NCUMC teams for Running of the Squares, the on-campus yoga classes, the Educational Speaker series, and walking and biking groups. For more information, please contact Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).

# Outreach Ministry

**Gleaning Strawberries**  
**Monday, January 15 — West Parking Lot**  
 Every Monday, starting January 15 through February 26, we have the opportunity to glean strawberries in the Orlando area. We will meet at the church by 7:15 a.m. and leave in the church bus by 7:30 a.m. Please contact Leon Schien at [leonschien@gmail.com](mailto:leonschien@gmail.com) or (352) 245-6615, if you can join us.

**Compassion Experience**  
**Friday–Monday, January 19–22 — West Parking Lot**  
 Just a reminder to sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend for the Compassion Experience. We encourage you to take the time to go through the tour and experience first-hand this landmark presentation. You can also register at <https://cts.compassion.com/events>.

**An Evening of Hope Gala — Save the Date!**  
**Friday, January 26 at 5 p.m. — Fellowship Center**  
 Please join us for this elegant evening and help make a difference in the lives of the men of House of Hope! The event will be semi-formal with a gourmet meal and music by Mary Jo Vitale and Marcia Spear. Doors open at 5 p.m. for the silent auction, followed by dinner at 6 p.m. For more information, please call Mary Starkey at (352) 348-0840.

**Tickets: \$100 per person (\$50 is tax deductible)**  
 Tickets are available at a kiosk in the East Narthex this and next weekend. The church office does not have tickets for sale.

House of Hope is a nonprofit, Christian ministry that provides a residential program dedicated to helping men reclaim their lives from the destruction of addictive behaviors. This volunteer-run program is sustained solely through fund-raising events and donations.

**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.**

**Helping Hands / Bargains & Blessings Volunteers**  
 Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop is just the place if you want to serve and get involved. We are currently looking for volunteers in every area, but more specifically for the following:

- **Drivers/Helpers** — You will either drive or help on Mon, Wed, or Fri between 9-12. This is a job that would require you to be able to lift at least 75lbs or more
- **Donation Scheduling Coordinating Team** — You would need to be tech savvy, specifically using Google Chrome, and would require you to dial in and listen to our voice messages and organize them on our Master Calling List and then our Google Calendar. This can be done from the comfort of your own home.
- To volunteer in one of these two areas, please contact Sondra Smolen at (315) 427-3580, or for inquires on other positions, please contact Betty Montgomery at (812) 480-3879 or Jane Sirek at (352) 817-1896.

## Upcoming Sermon Series: *Anxious for Nothing...Finding Calm in a Chaotic World*

Pastor Harold will begin this new series next week. At times life can bring great anxiety. We worry. We fret. We stew over the stuff that life throws at us. What if we took a different road? The Apostle Paul would call this causeway **CALM**. Join us over the next four weeks as we seek and find a deeper sense of CALM in life.

We find a new sense of direction in Philippians 4:4-8: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

- Celebrate God's Goodness
- Ask God for help
- Leave your concerns with Him
- Meditate on good things.

## Making connections

**Discover New Covenant — This Weekend!**  
**Sunday following each Worship Service — Fellowship Center**  
 Just look for the balloons and join us! Visitors, non-members, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant and get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible Study and 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](mailto: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](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or 750-4529

**Women's Bible Study**  
**Tuesdays, January 30–March 13 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
*Jeremiah — Daring to Hope in an Unstable World* 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. It 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.

Registration is \$15 which includes the participant guide. You may pay with an electronic check, credit card, or debit card — NO cash! To register, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend, or go to the church website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)) and click on the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page and follow the online instructions.

## Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries

**Grief Share Support Group**  
**Mondays from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Chapel**  
 A new session of GriefShare has just begun, and there is still room for you! This 13-week journey will help you process the emotions and other challenges you face after losing a loved one. Allow someone to walk alongside you as you process this new season.  
 There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials. Please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.

**Yoga at New Covenant**  
 We will not have Yoga on Monday, January 15, in recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

**Cancer Support Ministry**  
**Friday, January 19 at 12 p.m. — Fellowship Center**  
 If you are a survivor, currently battling, or a caregiver, you are welcome to attend our next luncheon! This is a joint ministry between New Covenant and Brownwood Baptist Churches.

To have a count for lunch, you must have a "free" ticket. Free tickets are available on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) or at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex following Worship Services. Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the lunch.

**Your Church Wants to be Connected to You in Prayer!**  
 Please be sure to complete a prayer request card and place it in the new Prayer Request boxes at several spots on campus (entryways to the CLC, the Prayer Room, the Choir Room, and the Welcome/Information Centers), or drop in the offering plate or by the Care office.

If you are interested in receiving our church prayer requests by email, send Ellen Pollock an email at [epollock@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:epollock@newcovenantumc-fl.org). Let us share your concerns and joys!

**Alzheimer's Family Support Walk**  
**Saturday, February 24 at 9 a.m. — The Villages Polo Field**  
 You may register online at [www.alzheimersfamily.org/walkvillages](http://www.alzheimersfamily.org/walkvillages), or between Worship Services at a kiosk in the East Narthex beginning January 27 through February 18. Be a part of the NCUMC team! "We walk because we care."

**The Gift of Prayer**  
 The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Larry McMurtie who has a brain bleed; and Helen Adametz who has metastasized cancer. Prayers are requested for comfort, hope, and healing.

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...**  
 Dave Sloan, family & friends on the passing of his wife Millie; and Bobbye Waddell on the passing of her daughter Elizabeth "Tracy" Capuano.

**New Concerns**  
 George Anderson, Lynn Austin, Shirley Birchwale, Lina Colangelo, Gary Corris, Jack Groat, Eleanor Harris' brother, Marty, Pat McLaughlin, Kay & Larry McMurtrie, Lynny Marcotte, Bev Miller, Sandy Mullins, Karen Nelson & Dick, Dean Tilton, Jim Van Ness, Vicki, Angie Watson