



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 Dinner & Fellowship

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

Last chance to 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.

Wednesday, January 25 at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center

Please join us for *The Seven Last Words from the Cross*, a Lenten series presented by Pastor Gary Cantrell. If you would like to come to hear Pastor Gary, the program will begin at 5:30 p.m. following dinner.

Dinner Tickets: \$8 per person. Tickets will be available on our website on Wednesday, January 18 (\$9.39 credit card), and at the Ticket Kiosk next weekend. You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, January 23.

Menu: Creamy Potato Leek Soup, Marinated Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Hunter's-style Chicken, Smashed Yukon Gold Potatoes, Peas & Pearl Onions, Dinner Rolls, and Chocolate-iced Cream-filled Eclair.

Please Note: There will be NO Wonderful Wednesday Dinner on February 1.



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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 15	Genesis 43-45	Job 40-42	Sunday: No Reading	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	Matthew 13:1-23	Matthew 21
January 22	Exodus 13-15	Genesis 30-31	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 22

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. (Psalm 145:13)

Gracious Lord, you are indeed faithful to keep your promises! How grateful we are that your faithfulness does not depend on ours! Help us to draw near to you, to walk in your ways, and to strengthen our faith and our faithfulness. 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	Fracking	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: 2,759

(BEACH) 70 • (Roots) 18 • (Orchard Worship) 20 • (Teen Twilight) 16
(Fresh Expressions) 18 • (Celebrate Recovery) 91 • (Saturday Contemporary) 324
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-236 • 9:15-815 • 10:45-742
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-163 • 10:00-246



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.

Leave your Legacy... Ensure Our Future
Become a part of our Endowment Society with Planned Gift Giving



In 2007, New Covenant established a permanent Endowment Fund which provides opportunities for members and friends to make charitable gifts. These gifts will become a permanent source of financial support to the church, ministries, services, and missions long into the future.

Overseeing these gifts is the responsibility of the Planned Giving Committee which adheres to strict guidelines for the management of the Endowment Fund and your charitable gifts, to ensure the intended use and life of the fund extends beyond our lifetime.

The purpose of New Covenant's Planned Giving Committee is to educate everyone about the church's Endowment Fund. This task has taken the form of the recently-developed Endowment Fund brochure, which provides information on the multiple ways and instruments available for a planned gift. The Endowment Fund brochure, along with supporting information, is available at the kiosk in the East Narthex.

The mission of New Covenant's Planned Giving Committee is to establish, develop, and manage the church's Endowment Fund, and planned gifts, in a way that will support existing and future ministries, and life of the church. This task is accomplished by working with the Florida United Methodist Foundation investment group to make sound investment decisions, and recommend changes, when necessary, so that your contribution will continue to grow for the long-range benefit of the church's life and ministries.

The vision of New Covenant's Planned Giving Committee is that every member and friend understands — and have available to them — the means and ability to include gifts to their church in their estate plans. Because these gifts require advanced planning during one's lifetime, donors should seek advice of an attorney, and financial or tax advisor before making any planned gift.

Planned Gifts make it possible for you to "Leave your Legacy" and to make a statement about a lifetime of comprehensive Christian stewardship.

Stop by the kiosk today for your copy of the Endowment Fund brochure. For more information regarding New Covenant's Endowment Society, please contact Katherine Poole, Finance Manager, at kpoole@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

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

New Covenant United Methodist Church				
<i>Debt Elimination & Lake Deaton Construction as of December 31, 2016</i>				
	Debt Elimination	Pre-Build	New Construction	Total
Pledged*	\$3,659,142	\$278,940	\$1,434,006	\$5,372,088
Money received with no pledge	\$463,853	\$82,802	\$73,419	\$620,074
Total Pledges	\$4,122,995	\$361,742	\$1,507,425	\$5,992,162
Money received	\$1,478,261	\$149,548	\$347,059	\$1,974,868



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.
- 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.



Gleaning Citrus

Thursday, January 19 at 7:30 a.m. — West Narthex

We will go to the Heinrich Grove in Clermont and leave on the church bus by 7:45 a.m. Our plan is to return to the church by 1 p.m. We will have bottled water on the bus and plenty of five gallon buckets and picking tools for you to use in the grove.

Please contact Leon Schien at leonschien@gmail.com or (352) 245-6615, if you can join us.



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.

The Church and Office will be closed on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



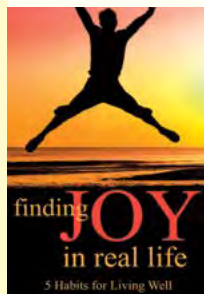
Disciple Bible Studies

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 2–4 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

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! Make a connection with others that are looking to connect in small groups. For more information on how you can get connected to a small group, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

***DVDs and participant guides are available at the Connect Small Group kiosk in the East Narthex for a suggested donation of \$5 for the DVD and \$2 per participant guide.**



Getting Connected — Connectional Ministry

Discover New Covenant! Whether you are new to our congregation or a long-time member, visit the Connectional Ministry kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex and find out how to get connected — to a caring community, to service, or to membership.

We are located next to the double doors in the East Narthex (by the cookies!)



Solo Flight Singles Ministry January Meeting

Friday, January 20 at 4:30 p.m. — Chapel

All Singles are invited to share in worship & fellowship at our monthly meeting on the third Friday of the month.



Grief Share

Mondays at 9 a.m. — Chapel

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.



Helen's Helpers

To support our growing ministry, we need more volunteers. Helen's Helpers is a respite care ministry for those caregivers who may have a homebound loved one and need a little break to go to appointments, shopping, a round of golf, etc. We are so happy with the success of this ministry, and we need more volunteers to engage in ministry.

We especially need men, but have needs for women, also! We will provide training. Contact Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529 to find out more.



Fresh Expressions

Hugs! is a Fresh Expression to reach seniors who feel left out, alone and abandoned. We need volunteers with musical talents, those who love to sing and those who have a passion to reach out and love others, give a hug or a kind word. We are at The Willows at Wildwood, Buffalo Crossings and The Carriage House.

We've already seen people come to know the love of Jesus in a powerful way! To learn how you can get involved with **Hugs!**, please contact Christine Webb at (352) 750-4529.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Cas Kuznirck who had a heart attack; Becky Lorenc who has uterine cancer; Nancy Seiler who has kidney stones; and for our new Prayer Room. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

New Concerns
Aiz, Mary Arnold, Sandy Carter, Missy Campbell, John Drewes, Mary Beth Eltringham, Rosie Evenson and family, Mike Jackson, Jean Kiel, Becky Lorenc, Chuck Martin, Sharon Norris, Ralph Owen, Jaxson Payne, Karen & Craig Schmidt & family, The Swepstons

**Mark
Your**



**upcoming
concerts**



The Lullaby of Broadway Encore Performance

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

Final weekend to buy 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.**



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.**



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).**



Elizabeth Von Trapp

Thursday, February 9 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

The granddaughter of Maria and Baron von Trapp (whose story inspired *The Sound of Music*), Ms. Von Trapp has enthralled audiences worldwide and returns as a New Covenant favorite.

A Love Offering will be accepted with a portion of the proceeds benefiting New Covenant’s Congregational Care Ministry.



Kramers in Concert

Sunday, February 12 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

This is a return appearance by this national and international gospel music family who have shared the concert platform with multiple Gaither Homecoming artists.

A Love Offering will be accepted.

***Tickets may be purchased 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 may be purchased at The Villages Box Office (www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets).**