



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship
Wednesday, January 25 at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center
 Please join us for *Seven Words of Love*, 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.



Sozo Kids Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday February 7, 1 p.m. — Worship Center
 Join us for our quarterly meeting of the SoZo Kids Club of The Villages and hear a report about a ministry program for the children of the Ocala National Forest who live in rural poverty.

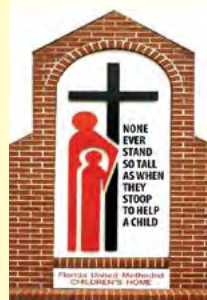
The February meeting will celebrate the Club's four-year anniversary, review achievements of 2016, and plan activities for 2017. For more information on the SoZo Kids, please visit their website: <https://sozokids.org>.

Celebrate Recovery
 Celebrate Recovery is a ministry designed to help regular folks like you and me who are on a journey toward wholeness. CR is for anyone seeking recovery and celebrating God's healing from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. We currently have two meetings in two locations to fit your schedule. We offer childcare at both sites.

- Wildwood United Methodist Church: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- New Covenant United Methodist Church: Fridays at 5:45 p.m.

For more information, please contact Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home
Fifth Sunday Weekend is Next Weekend, January 29
 The Children's Home includes residential living, therapeutic care, and foster and emergency shelter. On average, about 75 percent of our total funding comes from private sources, such as individual church support. Your "Fifth Sunday" offering enables the programs of the Children's Home to maintain its ministry as a significant Christian outreach committed to the well-being of children, youth, and their families. Look for the envelope in next weekend's bulletin.



Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 22	Exodus 13-15	Genesis 30-31	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 22
January 23	Exodus 16-18	Genesis 32-34	Matthew 13:51-14:21	Matthew 23
January 24	Exodus 19-21	Genesis 35-37	Matthew 14:22-36	Matthew 24
January 25	Exodus 22-24	Genesis 38-40	Matthew 15	Matthew 25
January 26	Exodus 25-27	Genesis 41-42	Matthew 16	Matthew 26
January 27	Exodus 28-29	Genesis 43-45	Matthew 17:1-21	Matthew 27
January 28	Exodus 30-32	Genesis 46-47	Matthew 17:22-18:14	Matthew 28
January 29	Exodus 33-35	Genesis 48-50	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 1

In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law of the prophets. (Matthew 7:12)

Lord, you have taught us your Golden Rule, yet we are reluctant to follow it in every aspect of our lives. Help us to live a life that embraces your "everything." In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

2016 Contribution Statement

On Wednesday, January 18, an email was sent to all congregants who have an email address on file. This email included a "pin number" to be used to access the contribution statement that arrived in a following email. Contribution statements that were mailed will be received this week. If you did not receive your statement or have any questions, please call Dianne Letch in the Finance Department at (352) 750-4529.

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.

3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162

Phone: 352-750-4529

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

Fax: 352-259-2971

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

Email:
ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org

Website:
www.newcovenantumc-fl.org

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.

Facebook:
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 A Place to Call Home

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,864

(BEACH) 63 • (Roots) 29 • (Orchard Worship) 14 • (Teen Twilight) 20

(Celebrate Recovery) 89 • (Saturday Contemporary) 309

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-243 • 9:15-901 • 10:45-700

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-226 • 10:00-270

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

JANUARY 21 & 22, 2017



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: 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.



First Session Begins Tuesday, January 24 at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center

The Winter Health Series has been revised to provide interesting and important information on how we can continue to live longer and stronger! This year, we will feature one speaker each month; kicking off our season is Dr. Gabe Mirkin and his wife Diana. This is a free event. Please join us and support our goals to live well as we serve Christ!

Gabe Mirkin...

Sports medicine doctor, fitness guru, and long-time radio host, Dr. Mirkin brings you news and tips for your healthful lifestyle. A practicing physician for more than 50 years and a radio talk show host for 25 years, he 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.

Dr. Mirkin hosted a popular call-in radio show on fitness and health that was syndicated in more than 120 cities. He has written 16 books, including *The Sports Medicine Book*. His latest book is *The Healthy Heart Miracle*. He wrote the chapter on sports injuries for the Merck Manual (both lay and physicians' editions), the largest selling book worldwide. His daily short features on fitness have been heard on CBS Radio News stations since the 1970s. He writes a free weekly email newsletter on the latest in fitness, nutrition, and health.

Diana Mirkin...

Dr. Mirkin's wife, Diana, directed his Healthy Cooking School from 1995 to 2008. She has taught thousands of people how to make healthful foods taste delicious. She is his co-author of *The Healthy Heart Miracle*, *The Whole Grains Cookbook*, *The 20/30 Fat and Fiber Diet Plan*, and *Fat Free, Flavor Full*. She has developed hundreds of recipes that follow his guidelines for healthy eating, featuring whole grains, beans, vegetables, and fruit.

Upcoming Dates for the Winter Health Series:

- Monday, February 20: Dr. Sheri Bisby, Neurologist
- Monday March 20: TBD
- Tuesday April 18: Jan McCoy, RN

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



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.



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Mary Russo in celebration of Larry's 72nd birthday; Evelyn Davidson in memory of David Davidson; and Darol & Karen Stroman in celebration of their 60th anniversary.



Noah's Ark Encounter Bus Trip

Gary Cantrell's Sunday school class is sponsoring a 6-day, 5-night bus trip, October 9-14, to visit the newly-completed, full-size replica of Noah's Ark and the Creation Museum in Kentucky. Tours of Cincinnati and a river boat dinner cruise will be included.

For more information or to sign up, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex, or contact Dale Newland at (352) 751-4283 or dnewland101@comcast.net.



Greeters Needed to Serve at Memorial Services

If you are interested in serving as a greeter at memorial services, please contact Ann McBain at (985) 373-5263.



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.



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.

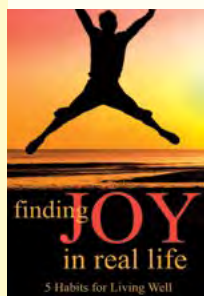
For more information, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex or contact George de Jager at (353) 430-2738 or georgedejager@comcast.net.



Spirited Singles

Begins Sunday, February 5, from 10:30-11:30 a.m. — Classroom 3

A new Sunday School class, Spirited Singles, welcomes everyone. Bring your live spirit and join us on this new journey.



Finding Joy in Real Life – 5 Habits for Living Well

NEW Sermon Series begins this Weekend

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.

***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!)



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.

Lake Deaton New Construction Update
So far we have received \$1,444,006 in pledges.
Thank you for your support as we continue to grow our church and Christ's Kingdom!



Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursday, January 26 at 2 p.m. — Worship Center

Join special guests, Sean and Ellen Pollock, who will share their journey about addiction and how God brings restoration. Hope for Hurting Parents is for parents and grandparents of adult children with addiction, incarceration, mental health challenges, and other life-altering events.

Hope for Hurting Parents meets for support each Thursday at 2 p.m. in Classroom 14.

For more information, please call the Congregational 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 inform the Care office at 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.



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.



Praying Together

Wednesdays from 3–5 p.m. — Classroom 14

Each week there is a faithful gathering of people to pray over the prayer cards and concerns of our congregation. They also pray for our church and our world.

Our new Prayer Room (located in the West Narthex next to the Worship Center) is open for personal prayer time. Please visit anytime.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Sharon Squires who has breast cancer and a broken ankle; and Judy Moore who has liver cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Warren Rasmussen, family and friends on the passing of his wife Doris.

New Concerns
Patricia Ackley, Barbara, John Beam, Kevin, Bob & June Clevenger, Jim Coul, Steven Deal, John Drewes, Sara Easley, Marshall Ellinwood, Ron & Darlene Gasper, Debbie Gentry, Debbie Green, Herm Healy, Bob Jarvis, Jerry, Cindy John, Trisha Kennon, Max Lavin, Debbie Miller, Stephanie & Aaron Murad, Donn Poole, Kirk Rider, Charles Owen Schifano, Holly Schollaert, Sherry Seward, Fred Smith, Brittany Springer, Jim Staggers, Becky Townley, Lauren Wisheart, Alan Woodbury



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*



Elisabeth 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

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.



Cindy Johnson in Concert

Thursday, February 16, at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Cindy Johnson is a gifted singer, author, and song writer. In her recent book, she talks about overcoming life's greatest challenges and finding joy in Christ even in spite of crisis and calamity.

Cindy will share songs that tell her story of strength, perseverance, and grace. She will also be singing during the following weekend (Feb. 18/19) Worship Services. Her husband, Anthony Johnson, will also give his amazing testimony about overcoming multiple tragedies and finding hope in Christ.

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).**