



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship
There will be NO Wonderful Wednesday on February 1.
 Please join us on February 8 as we continue with *Seven Words of Love*, a Lenten series presented by Pastor Gary Cantrell. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. following dinner.

Dinner Tickets: \$8 per person. Tickets are available on our website (\$9.39 credit card), and at the Ticket Kiosk. You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, February 6.



The Florida United Methodist Children's Home
This is Fifth Sunday Weekend!
 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. Please use the envelope provided in your bulletin.

Helping Hands All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, February 18 from 7:30-10 a.m. — Worship Center
 The annual pancake breakfast tickets are available this weekend at the kiosk in the East Narthex for \$7 per person. We encourage you to pick up packs of ten tickets. For individual tickets, please purchase at the door the day of the breakfast.

Net proceeds benefit the Helping Hands home renovation projects.

The 'Souper' Bowl of Caring
Saturday and Sunday, February 4 and 5
 It's that time of year again — Super Bowl season! Please help us fight local hunger by participating in the 'Souper' Bowl of Caring! Our Youth Ministry will collect donations for the Wildwood Soup Kitchen — giving back to the local communities by tackling poverty and hunger.

During Super Bowl weekend, you may donate at both Summerhill and Lake Deaton campuses before and after Worship Services.

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>.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 29	Exodus 33-35	Genesis 48-50	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 1
January 30	Exodus 36-38	Exodus 1-3	Matthew 18:15-35	Mark 2
January 31	Exodus 39-40	Exodus 4-6	Matthew 19	Mark 3
February 1	Leviticus 1-4	Exodus 7-9	Matthew 20:1-28	Mark 4
February 2	Leviticus 5-7	Exodus 10-12	Matthew 20:29-21:17	Mark 5
February 3	Leviticus 8-10	Exodus 13-15	Matthew 21:18-46	Mark 6
February 4	Leviticus 11-13	Exodus 16-18	Matthew 22:1-22	Mark 7
February 5	Leviticus 14-15	Exodus 19-21	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 8

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. (Micah 6:8)

Lord, you teach us to act justly, but we miss the opportunity to stand up for the oppressed. You teach us to love, but we allow bitterness to overshadow your call. You teach us to walk humbly, yet we want to lead rather than follow you. Help us to live a life you desire and require. 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	God Can Change Our Lives	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	Called To?	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	God Can Change Our Lives	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Praise For God's Creation	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Nones and Belief	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	God Can Change Our Lives	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Called To?	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

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m. Website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org
 Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,974

(BEACH) 65 • (Roots) 29 • (Orchard Worship) 7 • (Fresh Expressions) 13
 (Celebrate Recovery) 91 • (Saturday Contemporary) 320
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-276 • 9:15-932 • 10:45-775
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-171 • 10:00-295

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

JANUARY 28 & 29, 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.



Lake Deaton Building Update

Thanks be to God that our Lake Deaton Building Project continues to move forward. Our Building Committee has been working closely with our engineers, architect, builder, and the United Methodist Foundation in finalizing the necessary steps for us to build a second campus. Our hope is that we will be able to break ground early this summer.

In this first phase, we will construct a 30,000 square-foot, multi-purpose facility capable of seating 650 people. The maximum cost of the project is \$5.5 million dollars. This includes the cost of the building and the furnishings. In order to secure financing, our goal has been to receive \$1.5 million dollars in pledges. To date, we have collected \$1,518,863 in pledges and new construction contributions from both campuses. If you would like to know more about the project or would like to make a pledge, an information packet with pledge card is available at the kiosk in the East Narthex. Someone from our Building Committee will be at the kiosk to answer any questions you might have about the project.

Our Finance team realizes that some people previously made a "Lake Deaton Pre-build" pledge. These dollars have been used over the past year for preliminary building costs; however, all "Lake Deaton Pre-build" money moving forward will be designated for "New Construction." Because of the recent *Planting Seeds for Tomorrows Harvest* campaign, it is not necessary to designate your giving for "Pre-build." As we move closer to breaking ground, our Finance and Building Committees are encouraging everyone who has made a pledge to start giving toward their pledge at their earliest convenience.

As we continue to answer God's call and strive to fulfill His mission, our building committee asks that you continue to pray for this project. Our dream is coming true! It has taken almost four years to finally get to this point. Our church looks forward to bringing in an abundant harvest... to God be the glory!



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 Ministry Monthly Gathering

Thursday, February 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Worship Center
"Detour Ahead!" with Cindy Johnson. Cindy is a singer, songwriter, speaker, and author of *My Journey to Joy*, as well as her newest children's book, *Your Forever Home*. She will speak on the topic, "When God Has Another Plan." Lunch Tickets are \$6.

Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will be applied) and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services. "FREE" tickets are available for the program only. **Tickets sales conclude on Monday, February 13 at noon.** No tickets (including the FREE, program-only tickets) will be available after the cut-off date.



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Janice Brian in memory of Randy on his birthday; Terry Nottage in memory of Tony on his birthday; and the Strohman Family in celebration of parents Karen & Darol Strohman on their 60th anniversary.



Tri-County Emmaus Gathering

Thursday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. — Belleview UMC

This Gathering will be a covered dish dinner; please bring a salad, vegetable dish, or a casserole. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Nancy Casto at (352) 633-3288 or nancasto@gmail.com.

There are openings for the March 2-5 Men's Walk and the April 27-30 Women's Walk. If you need sponsorship information or have Walk questions, please contact Aldersgate Registrar Elaine Gillam at (352) 208-6987 or gillam5758@aol.com.



Bus Trips Sponsored by Gary Cantrell's Sunday School Classes

Noah's Ark Encounter Bus Trip

This is a 6-day, 5-night bus trip, October 9-14, to visit the 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.

Azalea Festival & Military Tattoo Bus Trip

The Azalea Festival and Military Tattoo bus trip, April 26-May 1, has added a second bus. There are a few seats available at this time. Registration deadline is February 15. For more information or to sign up, please contact Dale Newland at (352) 751-4283 or dnewland101@comcast.net.



Volunteers Needed for Ticket Sales

Volunteers are needed to sell tickets in the Ticket Kiosk following weekend Worship Services. Training will be provided and there are flexible schedules. For more information, please visit the Ticket Kiosk or contact Rise Segur at (352) 350-6370 or Candi Ginns at cginns@aol.com.



Greeters Needed for Memorial Services

If you are interested, please contact Ann McBain at (985) 373-5263 or amcbain@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



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.



Member Path Classes

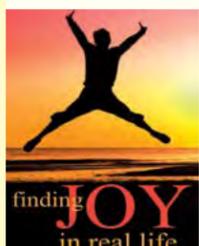
Our next set of Member Path Classes are open for registration. For more information or to sign up, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex. You do not need to be a member to attend these classes.

Tuesday, February 14 & 21, from 10-11:30 a.m. — Chapel

- *John Wesley and Our Methodist Heritage.* Led by Pastor Harold Hendren, this two-part class will introduce you to the rich history of Methodism and its founder John Wesley.

Wednesdays, February 22-April 5 from 9-10:30 a.m. — Classroom 11

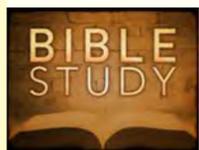
- *Network: Discover your Spiritual Gifts.* Led by Pastor Gary Cantrell, this seven-week course will help you to discover, understand, and utilize your Spiritual gifts. The cost for materials is \$10.



Finding Joy in Real Life – 5 Habits for Living Well

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.

There is still time to pick up your copy of the sermon series booklet. This booklet will provide you with readings, scripture, and reflection through the sermon series. The books are available to be picked up at the "Joy" kiosk in the East Narthex for a suggested donation of \$2 per participant guide.



Spirited Singles

Begins NEXT Sunday at 10:30 a.m. — Classroom 3

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



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.



PrimeTime

Thursday, February 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

This month's program will include a devotion by Christine Webb, program by Magician David Berardi, and music with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos.

Our program is followed by lunch for \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, February 6 and indicate if you need transportation.



Stephen Ministry Is Here for You

If you are in a crisis and could use some help from a trained, caring Christian friend, please consider requesting a Stephen Minister.

Please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529 to receive more information on this ministry and to receive this support. A Stephen Minister will walk with you through a crisis, listening and praying for you all the way.



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.



Yoga and Pilates

Mondays from 4-5:45 — Chapel

Bring your mat and plenty of water. A \$3 donation for Children's Ministry is appreciated.

- 4-5 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga/ West Coast Pilates
- 5-5:15 p.m. — Healthy Eating Talk
- 5:15-5:45 p.m. — Beginners Yoga

For more information, please email Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: The Davis Family who lost their father, leaving a mother and eight children; and Jerry Muliatt who is an inpatient for addiction issues. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

New Concerns

Reesa Akins, Brian Baker, Derek Blackwell, Julia Butrico, Peggie & Jim Doblosky, Holly Hallett, Marie Helwig, Graham Kinley, Carolyn Kirby, Debra Lowe, Silky Meegan, Laura Mullins, Jaxson Payne, Jan Soukup, Rev. Brady Whilton, Dick Zimmerman

**Mark
Your**



**upcoming
concerts**



Esperian & Beard: "Love Changes Everything"

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

World-renowned artists Kallen Esperian and Gary Beard appear together to present a concert of love songs and romantic melodies just in time to set the mood for Valentine's Day. Each artist is a globally-recognized, award-winning talent. Combined, this duo's performances have enthralled audiences throughout the country. This concert is **the highlight** of the Winter Series at New Covenant. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant's Music Ministry.

Tickets \$20 (General Admission) \$25 (Artist Circle)

Tickets may be purchased 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.



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.



Edwin "Ed" Starner in Concert

Sunday, February 26 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Join our own organist as he presents a recital featuring music of all genres. His amazing talent promises a great evening.

A suggested donation of \$10 at the door will benefit New Covenant's Music Ministry.



Seeds of Hope Concert

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

The Villages favorites Norman Lee, Billie Thatcher, and Chris and Gillian Bolus return for this annual event.

A donation of cash or nonperishable food items will support the Wildwood Food Pantry and the Wildwood Soup Kitchen.