

TidBits



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by Sylvia Worley in memory of her husband John and daughter Karen; and by Don Pulsifer in memory of his wife Gail.



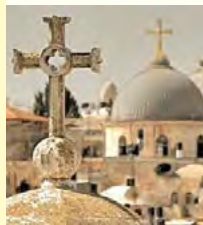
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship

February 15 at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center

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 13.

Menu: Black Bean Soup, Avocado Ranch Garden Salad, Mole'-Braised Turkey Breast, Spanish-Style Rice, Corn with Roasted Peppers, Corn Muffin, and Coconut Cream Pie.



Holy Land Trip in 2018

Wednesday, February 22 at 9:30 a.m. — Chapel

Pastor Harold will lead another trip to the Holy Land in May of 2018. If you are interested in going and would like to know more about the trip, please join us for an information meeting. There are also travel brochures at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.



Finding Joy in Real Life Study Materials

To access the materials for this Small Group Study/Sermon Series, please log onto our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org. Hover over the homepage "button" for Videos and click on the "Finding Joy" title. This will direct you to that page. All the Small Group materials are listed, including the links to the Pastors' sermons.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is now located in the Resource Room which is in the hallway between the West Narthex and the Chapel. Look for our signs.

Due to the number of things left behind, we have a new process:

- Newly-found items will be placed in the top drawer labeled "Week 1."
- On a weekly basis, items will be moved down one drawer.
- On the first of each month, all items in the bottom (fourth week) drawer will be donated to Bargains & Blessings.
- High value items (jewelry, phones, etc.) will be taken to the Administration Office.

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.



Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
February 12	Numbers 3-4	Exodus 39-40	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 15
February 13	Numbers 5-6	Leviticus 1-4	Matthew 26:1-25	Mark 16
February 14	Numbers 7	Leviticus 5-7	Matthew 26:26-46	Luke 1
February 15	Numbers 8-10	Leviticus 8-10	Matthew 26:47-75	Luke 2
February 16	Numbers 11-13	Leviticus 11-13	Matthew 27:1-25	Luke 3
February 17	Numbers 14-15	Leviticus 14-15	Matthew 27:26-44	Luke 4
February 18	Numbers 16-17	Leviticus 16-18	Matthew 27:45-66	Luke 5
February 19	Numbers 18-20	Leviticus 19-21	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 6

In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." (Acts 20:35)

Lord, we have been blessed beyond measure. We have so much to be grateful for in our lives. Keep us mindful that we are blessed to be a blessing just as you promised Abraham. Thank you, Lord, for all that we have and help us not to take your blessings for granted. 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	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	Grace Alone	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Half Truths by Adam Hamilton	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	God Can Change Our Lives	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	The Birthing of a New Community	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Protecting God's Creatures	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	God Can Change Our Lives	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Half Truths by Adam Hamilton	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: 3,208

(BEACH) 70 • (Roots) 26 • (Orchard Worship) 13 • (Teen Twilight) 18
(Fresh Expressions) 42 • (Celebrate Recovery) 102 • (Saturday Contemporary) 399
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-279 • 9:15-1,025 • 10:45-804
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-212 • 10:00-218

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 11 & 12, 2017



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

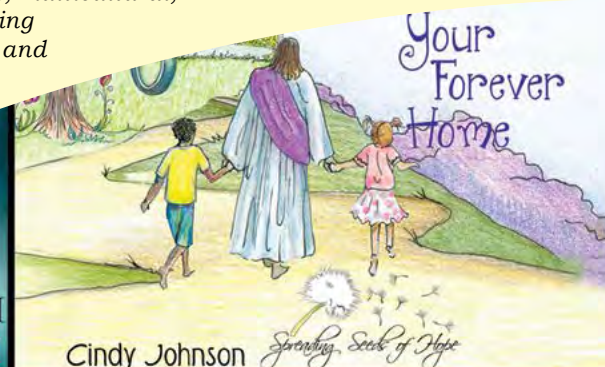
Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

A WALK
THROUGH
THE DARK

Eva Piper

Cindy Johnson

Springing Seeds of Hope



Two Exciting Women's Ministry Events

Get your tickets to both events this weekend – and invite a friend or two!

Detour! God's Plan for Our Life Journey and the Road We Travel!

Thursday, February 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. with a luncheon following



Our regular February gathering will not be ordinary! Besides our fun activities, Cindy Johnson will speak to us about "when God has another plan." Cindy is a gifted singer, author, and songwriter. In her recent book, *Your Forever Home*, Cindy talks about overcoming life's greatest challenges and finding joy in Christ in spite of crisis and calamity.

Cindy will also be featured in a concert on Thursday evening at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center. A love offering will be accepted. She will share her songs that tell her story of strength, perseverance, and grace. In addition, she will also be singing during all Summerhill Campus Worship Services the weekend of February 18/19. Her husband Anthony will give his amazing testimony about how he overcame multiple tragedies and found hope in Christ.

Lunch tickets are \$6 and are available on our website (credit card fees will be applied) or 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.

Weathering Life's Storms

Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.



The Women's Ministry is pleased to present a day of sharing with noted author Eva Piper (*A Walk in the Dark*) and worship leader Nicole Piper. Wife of Don Piper (*90 Minutes in Heaven*), Eva will lead four sessions during this motivational day. Sessions include "Watch, Warning, Landfall," "It is Well with My Soul," "Emergency Supplies," and "Recovery and Restoration." This will be a worship-filled day you don't want to miss. Ticket price includes a boxed lunch.

Tickets are \$20 before March 1 and \$25 after March 1 and are available on our website (credit card fees will be applied) or at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.

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

Outreach Ministry



Gleaning Sweet Corn

Thursday, February 16 at 7:30 a.m. — West Narthex

We will take the church bus to Deland to pick oranges and grapefruit and plan to return to New Covenant by 1 p.m.

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



Honduras Mission Trip Opportunity Presentation

Wednesday, February 15 at 1:30 p.m. — Worship Center

Join us for a presentation on how you can participate in an August Mission Trip to Honduras. New Covenant will partner with Community UMC for this exciting trip. Pastor Loida Divine will be joining us to talk about the details.



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.



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.



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery 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.

Thank You for Your Support of our Ministries

Concert/Event	Ministry Supported	Proceeds
The Choralettes	Helping Hands Outreach Ministry	\$ 1,497
Lullaby of Broadway	Backpacks for Kids	\$14,429

The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12

Bible Studies Small Groups



"The Wired Word"

Saturdays at 3:45 p.m. — Classroom 3

This is a unique "Sunday School" gathering that meets for one hour prior to the Saturday Worship Service. The forum is open discussion with an "I believe" approach. The participants consider events happening in the world today with a Christian/Biblical perspective. Please join us.



Member Path Classes

Our next set of Member Path Classes are open for registration. For more information or to sign up, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org. You do not need to be a member to attend these classes.

Tuesdays, 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.



Connect with a Small Group

Thursday, February 23 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 our Connect Small Groups. There will be fun, refreshments, and time to meet others interested in Small Groups.



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 East 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!)



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, March 13 from 6–8 p.m. — Worship Center (coffee & cookies provided)

You may join the church the following weekend, March 18/19. Please pick up and fill out a New Member Registration form today. They may be found at the Connections Ministry kiosk in the East Narthex and at the Welcome Center, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Lake Deaton New Construction Update

So far we have received \$1,539,491 in pledges.

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

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



Fun Bike Ride

Friday, February 17

Our Congregational Health team is organizing a healthy, fun bike ride. Long distance riders (30+ miles) will leave Lake Sumter Landing Town Square promptly at 9 a.m. and will meet the 20 and 10 mile riders at the Eisenhower Rec Center at 9:30 a.m.

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



February's Winter Health Event

Monday, February 20 at 6 p.m. — Chapel

Dr. Sheri Bisby, a neurologist, will speak on "Cross Train Your Brain." We all know that our bodies need physical training, but our brains benefit from exercise as well! Join us as Dr. Sheri gives us guidance on helping to improve our brain health! Invite a friend! This is a free event.

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



Precious Pillows Needs Willing Hands

Tuesday, February 21 from 12:30–3 p.m. — Classroom 14

Your willing hands are needed to help cut, stuff, and/or sew as we make pillowcases for needy children in our tri-county area — including the children in the Ocala Forest. For more information, please call Pat McLaughlin at (386) 688-7873.



Happy Hands

Wednesdays from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Classroom 14

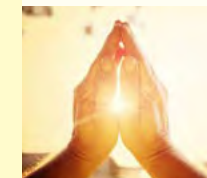
Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each week. If you are interested in helping, just stop by for a visit. This ministry is also looking for donations of yarn. If you are able to help, please drop off your donations in the Congregational Care Department.



New Cancer Ministry

Are you a cancer survivor? Currently battling cancer? Congregational Care is working on a cancer support ministry led by Rev. Donn and Katherine Poole.

If you are interested in participating with this ministry, please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Carol Connelly who is undergoing cancer treatment; Deb Dately who has breast cancer; and Silky Meegan who has breast cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Judi Clevenger, family and friends on the passing of her husband Bob.

New Concerns

Yvonne Auxier, Jack Barati & family, Jase Beth, Aaron Blaser, James Blaser, Brenda Croom, Deb Dately, Peggie Doblosky, Steve Depinet, Greg & Ashley, Jeremy & Jason Huskey, Susan Jaques, Jeanette Kassing, Rick Keitel, Ernest Kilgore, Michelle Lehman, Keith Llewellyn, Silky Meegan, Debbie Miller, Sandy Miller, Nancy, Michael Olgren, Jaxson Payne, Baby Charlie Schifano, Judy Slaughter, The Eimers, Joy & Gary Wonders, Lauren Wisheart

**Mark
Your**



**upcoming
concerts**



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.



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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

Join Billie Thatcher, John Rogerson, and Chris & Gillian Bolus for this annual event to support the Wildwood Food Pantry and the Wildwood Soup Kitchen.

A donation of cash or nonperishable food items will be accepted at the door.



Toast of Tampa Show Chorus and Guests

Sunday, March 5 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Toast of Tampa returns with 100+ voices bringing beautiful a cappella harmonies and amazing energy. Special guest performances by award-winning *Signature* and *The De Rosa 4*. A portion of the net proceeds benefits New Covenant's Men's Ministry.

Tickets \$15 (General Admission) and \$20 (Artist Circle). Tickets may be purchased ONLY at The Villages Box Office (www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets).



Celebration Brass Band

Sunday, March 12 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Conducted by New Covenant's Jill Van Syckle, the Celebration Brass Band is joined by guest soloist Billie Thatcher in this concert featuring music from Sixteenth Century Europe to contemporary American spirituals. A portion of the net proceeds benefits the New Covenant Music Ministry.

Tickets: \$15. Tickets will be available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org or at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex following Worship Services.