

Mark Your Calendar upcoming concerts

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.

Relay for Life
Friday, April 24 from 2-9 p.m. — East Parking Lot
 In its' third year at New Covenant, Relay for Life provides food and fun for the entire family. The event begins with the Survivor Walk and concludes with lighting of the Luminarias.

Villages Wind Ensemble
Sunday, April 2 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center
 Join Jill Van Syckle as she conducts the Wind Ensemble in "Mostly Sousa," a concert of the various composition styles of Sousa.
 You will recognize several members of this group who perform regularly at New Covenant. A portion of the net proceeds benefits our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.
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.

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
February 19	Numbers 18-20	Leviticus 19-21	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 6
February 20	Numbers 21-22	Leviticus 22-23	Matthew 28	Luke 7
February 21	Numbers 23-25	Leviticus 24-25	Mark 1:1-28	Luke 8
February 22	Numbers 26-27	Leviticus 26-27	Mark 1:29-2:12	Luke 9
February 23	Numbers 28-30	Numbers 1-2	Mark 2:13-3:12	Luke 10
February 24	Numbers 31-32	Numbers 3-4	Mark 3:13-35	Luke 11
February 25	Numbers 33-34	Numbers 5-6	Mark 4:1-29	Luke 12
February 26	Numbers 35-36	Numbers 7	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 13

Here on earth you will have many trails and sorrows, but take heart, because I have overcome the world. (John 16:33)

Lord, when we face difficulties in life, give us the will to love you in spite of the pain. Let us cling to the hope you bring... for you taught us to love you with everything we have. 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	Women's March	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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Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,312

(BEACH) 61 • (Roots) 27 • (Orchard Worship) 14 • (Teen Twilight) 28
 (Fresh Expressions) 13 • (Celebrate Recovery) 98 • (Saturday Contemporary) 347
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-295 • 9:15-1,121 • 10:45-844
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-210 • 10:00-254



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



Helping Hands Seventh Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 22 • Eagle Ridge Golf Club
 Spruce Creek Del Webb, Summerfield

It Started 10 Years Ago...

A small group of men and women in a Bible Study embarked to give something back to the community. With tools in hand, this group of 12 attempted to repair a house for a needy family in the area, but the home was beyond repair. Rather than simply give up, they prayed, took a leap of faith, and "stepped out of the boat" to provide this family a NEW HOME. This is how the Helping Hands Outreach Ministry was born. Helping Hands has evolved and grown with hundreds of volunteers — and 25 families in new homes. Dozens of children have been given an opportunity to succeed in life as a result of being given a suitable place to live. Some have gone on to earn college degrees. We are being God's hands, feet, and voice in our community!

How Can You Help?

Support our Helping Hands Seventh Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser. Your participation — either by playing in the outing or by sponsoring a "Hole" — helps to provide the needed funding to continue our efforts. The banquet and Silent Auction will take place on Sunday, April 23 in the Summerhill Worship Center.

Registration forms are available at the kiosk in the East Narthex. The tournament fee is \$85 (golf cart included) and is limited to 200 registrants. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased for \$25. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact John Kelley at (352) 259-6380 or Buddy Acton at (352) 425-4457.

Registration Deadline is Saturday, April 8

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

TidBits



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by Chuck and Margie Folkers in celebration of their 60th anniversary.



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.



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship

February 22 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: Cream of Mushroom Soup, Tossed Salad with Pickled Beets, Glazed Ham Loaf, Cheesy Hashed Potatoes, Collard Greens, Dinner Roll, and Pineapple Upside Down Cake.



"Souper" Bowl of Caring

Thanks to everyone who donated towards the Wildwood Soup Kitchen during Super Bowl weekend. New Covenant's Youth Ministry helped raise \$3,594 to help fight hunger! Thanks to you, and thanks be to God.



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.

In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshipers, please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.



Weathering Life Storms with Eva Piper

Saturday, March 11 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. — Christian Life Center

The Women's Ministry presents a day of sharing with noted author Eva Piper (*A Walk Through the Dark*) and worship leader Nicole Piper.

Wife of Don Piper (*90 Minutes in Heaven*), Eva's sessions will include "Watch, Warning, Landfall," "It is Well with My Soul," "Emergency Supplies," and "Recovery and Restoration." A worship-filled day you shouldn't miss. Ticket price includes a boxed lunch.

Tickets: \$20 (must be purchased by February 28) / \$25 (effective March 1)

Tickets are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and at the Ticket Kiosk between Worship Services.



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.

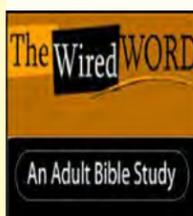
We are located next to the double doors in the East Narthex (by the cookies!)



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.

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.



"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.



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.



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.



Prayers & Squares

Our Quilt Ministry welcomes quilters to make prayer quilts for this ministry. The quilts are a beautiful gift of prayer and bring comfort to those in need. Our focus is on offering prayers to others.

For more information, please call Diane Placek at (352) 633-9495 or Deb Campanella at (352) 348-5762.



Home Communion Volunteers Needed

We are in need of several volunteers to take Communion to our home- or facility-bound members and attendees. If you would like to serve with this heart-warming ministry, please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Colleen Brophy who has cervical cancer; Grace Lynam who has cancer; Charise Parsons who has colon cancer; Michael Olgren who has cancer; and Carol Connolly who is undergoing cancer treatment. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Lois Thompson, family and friends on the passing of her husband Bob; Rossy Coy, family and friends on the passing of her husband Jack.

New Concerns

Lois Apple, Nancy Ashton, Brian Baker, Al Bernhart, Madison Brenton, Nancy Casperian, Paul & Marie Forti, Joyce Graham, Ann Hardwick & family, Larry Hawley, Tracie Hoisington, Arlin Honaker, Sue Jones, Shannon Jordan, Molly Koebel, Paul Lake, Gary Lander, Patty Loezer, Jaxson Payne, Barb Prindle, Wanda Richards, Ashley Sharpless, Lois Tamis, Patricia Ward, Pauline Zeiger