

# Mark Your Calendar upcoming concerts

**Edwin "Ed" Starner in Concert**  
**Sunday, February 26 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center**  
 Don't miss an opportunity to hear our own organist, Ed Starner, present a concert on our fabulous organ. Join "Mr. Ed" as he presents a recital featuring music of all genres and sure to please everyone in attendance.  
*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 are 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, March 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 are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org or at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex following Worship Services.*

**Coming Soon!**

- Bach with a Beat: April 6 at 6 p.m.
- Choralettes: April 20 at 6 p.m.
- David Phelps Freedom Tour: May 19 at 7 p.m.

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
February 26	Numbers 35-36	Numbers 7	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 13
February 27	Deuteronomy 1-2	Numbers 8-10	Mark 4:30-5:20	Luke 14
February 28	Deuteronomy 3-4	Numbers 11-13	Mark 5:21-43	Luke 15
March 1	Deuteronomy 5-7	Numbers 14-15; Psalms 90	Mark 6:1-29	Luke 16
March 2	Deuteronomy 8-10	Numbers 16-17	Mark 6:30-56	Luke 17
March 3	Deuteronomy 11-13	Numbers 18-20	Mark 7:1-23	Luke 18
March 4	Deuteronomy 14-16	Numbers 21-22	Mark 7:24-8:10	Luke 19
March 5	Deuteronomy 17-20	Numbers 23-25	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 20

*If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what he reveals, they are most blessed. (Proverbs 29:18 from The Message)*

*Lord,* just as you are the Kingdom, you are the vision behind all that we do. Help us continue to keep you — Our Vision — in our sights. "Be thou our vision..." 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
Sunday Christian Education Classes			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	God Can Change Our Lives (1 Thessalonians)	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 (1 Thessalonians)	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	The Birthing of a New Community	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Immigration Ban	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	God Can Change Our Lives (1 Thessalonians)	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

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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.

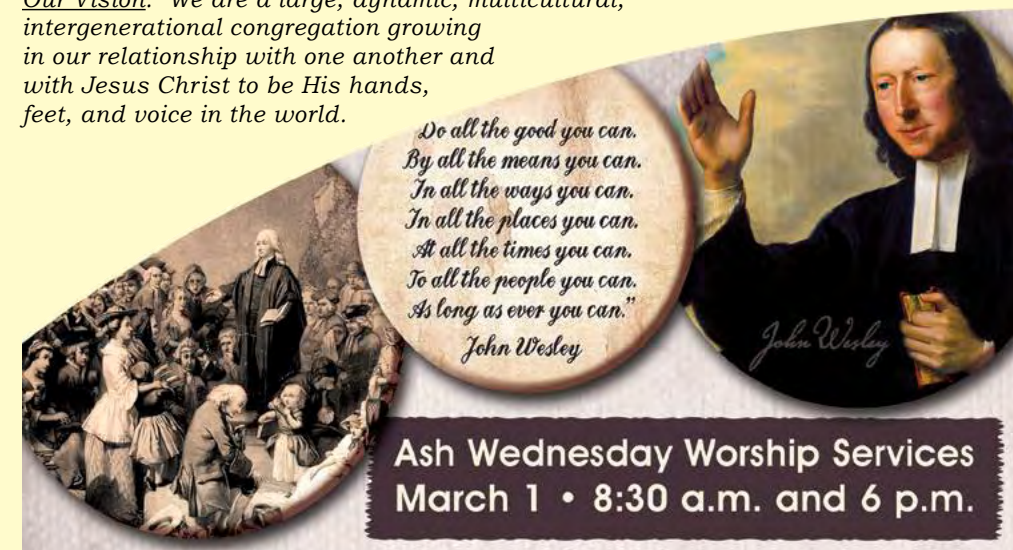
**Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,032**

(BEACH) 54 • (Roots) 24 • (Orchard Worship) 18 • (Teen Twilight) 31  
 (Fresh Expressions) 38 • (Celebrate Recovery) 107 • (Saturday Contemporary) 323  
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-256 • 9:15-1,022 • 10:45-754  
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-176 • 10:00-229



Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor  
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor  
 Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of Congregational Life  
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

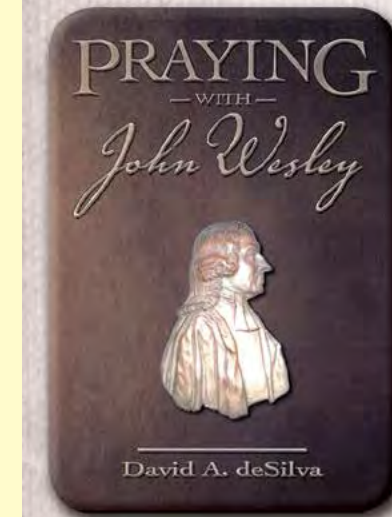
*Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.*



**Ash Wednesday Worship Services**  
**March 1 • 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.**

This Wednesday we begin Lent. Traditionally, during Lent many Christians commit to fasting or "giving up" certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence. However, this year your pastors are encouraging you to ADD a spiritual discipline to your daily life. In keeping with our "Wesley" tradition, we are providing a devotion booklet titled, *Praying with John Wesley* by Dr. David deSilva. The booklet lays out each day's scripture to read and reflect upon. It also provides questions to help us self-examine our lives, and ways in which we may offer prayers. The booklets are available at the kiosk in the East Narthex. Please pick up ONE for you and your family. If you like, you may make a \$5 donation to underwrite the expense of the booklet, or feel free to receive one as a gift. It's our desire that everyone participate in the Lenten journey in order to strengthen your personal relationship with Christ.

Lent is described as lasting forty days, in commemoration of the forty days which — according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke — Jesus spent fasting in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry, where he endured temptation by the Devil. In most Western traditions, the Sundays are not counted as part of Lent, since Sundays are always the weekly anniversary of the resurrection. Thus, the period from Ash Wednesday until Easter consists of 40 days (when Sundays are excluded).



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this sacred season of Lent. By receiving the "Mark of Ash" on our foreheads, we are reminded of our own mortality and our need for forgiveness. The Imposition of the Ashes is a powerful way to participate in our own personal call to repentance and reconciliation. This Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m., you are invited to the Worship Center to receive the Imposition of the Ashes, with Pastor Jim leading a brief devotion. Later that evening at 6 p.m. in the Christian Life Center, Pastor Harold will lead a full Worship Service where everyone is invited to receive the Imposition of the Ashes. Join us for worship as we begin Lent. Don't forget to pick up your John Wesley prayer booklet!

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



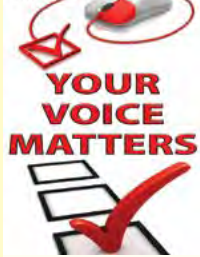
# TidBits



## Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by Dick Clark in celebration of the birth-days of wife Carol and her sister Fran Milo, and Joy Groff in memory of her son Tim Sheppard.

Online Survey



## 2017 Vision Survey Begins February 27

As you may know, our current *Vision 2020* was developed in 2009 as a ten-year vision. As we approach 2020, we believe now is the right time to begin the Visioning process again. On Monday, February 27, you will receive an email from the church with a link to a survey. The questions in the survey are designed to help us get your input to the process. The survey consists of ten open-ended questions, six demographic questions, and will typically take 15-20 minutes to complete.

Please take the time to complete the survey so that we have your input in defining a clear strategic direction to guide us to the year 2030. Your survey is anonymous.

If you have any questions, please contact Anne Foote Hill at (352) 750-4529 or afootehill@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

**Survey Deadline: March 15**



## Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship

March 1 — Ash Wednesday

**There is NO Wednesday dinner this week** in observance of Ash Wednesday. Please join us for our Ash Wednesday Worship Service in the Christian Life Center at 6 p.m.

Our continuing series, *Seven Words of Love* with Gary Cantrell, will resume on March 8. Dinner Tickets are on sale now. The program begins at 5:30 p.m. following dinner. You do not need to buy a dinner ticket to attend the lesson.



## Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up

On the first Saturday and Sunday of each month, the Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the West Parking Lot to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.



## Honduras Missions Team Meeting

Sunday, March 5 at 12:15 p.m. — Community UMC Fellowship Hall

Please bring your completed application and your \$200 deposit, payable to "NCUMC" with "Honduras Mission Trip" on the memo line. Also, please email Pastor Loida Divine at [ldivine.cumc@gmail.com](mailto:ldivine.cumc@gmail.com) to let her know you are attending so we can plan for lunch.

If you need an application or additional information, please email Kathy Groom at [kgroom@yahoo.com](mailto:kgroom@yahoo.com). Please be in prayer for this mission opportunity.



## Volunteers Needed for Children and Youth

Are you interested in serving, but not sure where to plug in? We have the perfect place for you! New Covenant's Children and Youth Ministries are searching for fun, passionate, and energetic volunteers to help young people grow in their relationship with Christ.

**For more information or to volunteer, please contact:**

- Youth Minister Kayla McIntosh at [kmcintosh@newcoveantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcoveantumc-fl.org)
- Children's Minister Brianna Jimenez at [bjimenez@newcoveantumc-fl.org](mailto:bjimenez@newcoveantumc-fl.org)
- Or, call the church office at (352) 750-4529

# Men's Ministry Women's Ministry Retreats



## 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 (through February 28) / \$25 (effective March 1)**

Tickets are available on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and at the Ticket Kiosk between Worship Services.



## The Big Reveal!

Thursday & Friday, March 20–21 — Life Enrichment Center

The Men's Ministry presents two days with Pastor Gary Cantrell to share thoughts and ideas to help men move along God's highway toward a better spiritual life.

**\$69 per person includes accommodations and meals**

Registrations begin next weekend at a kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services, and at Men's Prayer Breakfast on Tuesdays.

# The Word of God is alive and active! Bible Studies 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 27 from 6–8 p.m. — Worship Center** (coffee & cookies provided)

You may join the church the following weekend, April 1 or 2. 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](mailto: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.

# Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



## Prime Time

Thursday, March 9 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Worship Center

This month's program will include a devotion by Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, and a sharing moment with Sylvia Wagner. Our program will also include a presentation on our youth mission trip, 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, March 6 and indicate if you need transportation.



## New Cancer Ministry

Friday, March 31 at 12 p.m. — Worship Center

Are you a cancer survivor? Currently battling cancer? Congregational Care is working on a cancer support ministry to be led by Rev. Donn and Katherine Poole. Our first meeting will include lunch and is FREE.

So that we have a count for lunch, you must have "Free" ticket. Free tickets are available on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) or at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex following Worship Services.

If you are interested in helping 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.



## Praying Together

Wednesdays at 3 p.m. in Classroom 14

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



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Arlin Honaker whose cancer has returned; and Sue Jones who needs a diagnosis. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

## Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Joan Kelso, family and friends on the passing of her husband Colonel William Kelso; and Carol Mercer, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ralph.

## New Concerns

Dick Belz, Carol Blassingame, Lillian Bowersmith, Wesley Brown, Martha Buck, Tracy Capuano, Children Chloe, Era and Aden, Dale, Hank Hotaling, Jarrod James, Sue Jones, Carolyn K., Jeanette Kassing, Vicki Klens Lyon, Pat McLaughlin, John Pulser, Jaxson Payne, Roger & Barbara Robertson, Jodee Saenz