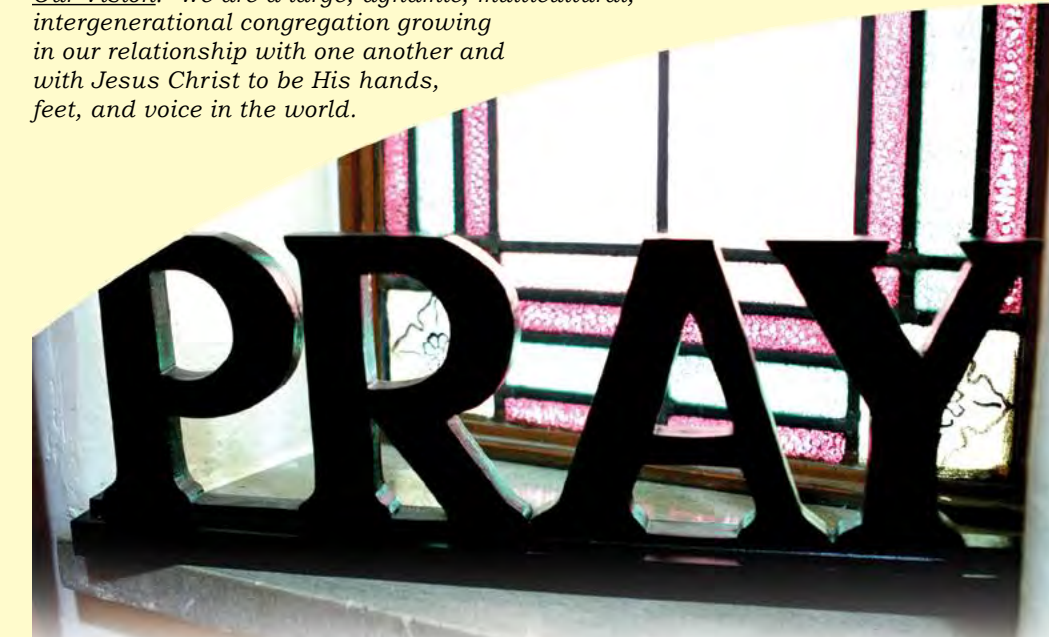




Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
 Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of Congregational Life
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

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.



At New Covenant, we believe prayer is the anchor that grounds all else that we do! We began 2017 with a prayer vigil as our new Prayer Room in the West Narthex was opened. Many prayed for the work of the church in this upcoming year. Prayer covers our various ministries, our people, and our mission to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus to the world.

Wednesday, March 22, 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

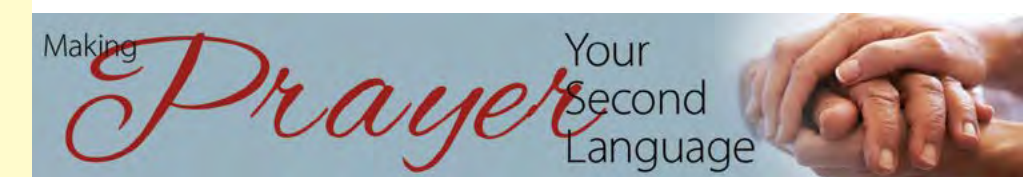
We are offering a prayer workshop with Rev. Marilyn Anell. She will teach a pattern of intercession to enable you to pray out loud with your friends. Christine Webb will spend time discussing our new Prayer Room, and some of the tools that can be helpful to our prayer lives. There is no fee for the course, and all are welcome!!

Praying Together Team

A faithful team of prayer warriors meets each Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Classroom 14 to pray for our nation and its leaders. We also pray over our Prayer Request Cards that have been submitted each week. Everyone is welcome to join our prayer team.



We are also making improvements to the church website to list our weekly prayer concerns bulletin online, to be able to join an email prayer team list, and to submit a prayer concern online. We hope you will find these changes helpful! Most importantly, we welcome receiving your prayer concerns by prayer card, online through our website, or by phone calls to the Congregational Care office. We consider it a privilege to pray for the needs of our community!



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

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
March 19	Judges 3-5	Deuteronomy 24-27	Sunday: No Reading	John 10
March 20	Judges 6-7	Deuteronomy 28-29	Mark 14:53–15:14	John 11
March 21	Judges 8-9	Deuteronomy 30-31	Mark 15:15–41	John 12
March 22	Judges 10-12	Deuteronomy 32-34; Psalms 91	Mark 15:42–16:20	John 13
March 23	Judges 13-15	Joshua 1-4	Luke 1:1–25	John 14
March 24	Judges 16-18	Joshua 5-8	Luke 1:26–56	John 15
March 25	Judges 19-21	Joshua 9-11	Luke 1:57–80	John 16
March 26	Ruth	Joshua 12-15	Sunday: No Reading	John 17

The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying, "No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you." So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him. (Luke 8:38-39)

Lord, open our eyes to your love that we might soak in the abundant light of your grace. Help us to bring light to the lives of others. Provide us with your inner compass to guide our paths in righteousness and help us to seek the kind of greatness that you would want for us. 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	God Loves Us	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Sanctuary	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

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: 2,788
 (BEACH) 52 • (Roots) 20 • (Orchard Worship) 13 • (Teen Twilight) 15
 (Fresh Expressions) 15 • (Celebrate Recovery) 101 • (Saturday Contemporary) 345
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–249 • 9:15–860 • 10:45–734
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–169 • 10:00–215



Saviour: The Story of God's Passion for His People

Friday, April 7 and Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Join the New Covenant Choir and Orchestra and special guests on Palm Sunday weekend for this presentation of Greg Nelson and Bob Farrell's modern oratorio, *Saviour*. The musical tells the story of the creation to the resurrection, detailing how God pursues relationships with His children. This is a special Easter production not to be missed!

- Stuart Neil, tenor
- Philip Himebook, tenor
- Tony Canty, baritone
- Angela Wiswesser, mezzo-soprano
- Rachel Himebook, ballet
- Sean Pollock, conductor

Admission is free, however, tickets are required! Tickets are available at a kiosk in the East Narthex following Worship Services.

Easter Flowers

On Easter Sunday, the Chancel Guild will have live potted plants on the Altar in the Christian Life Center. You can help by donating a plant in memory or in honor of a loved one.

Sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex. Each Plant is \$10 and you may pay by cash or check when you sign up. For more information, please call Angie Wiswesser in the church office at (352) 750-4529.

Easter at New Covenant UMC

"Saviour" Easter Production

Friday, April 7 & Sunday, April 9 at 6 p.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

"Beneath the Upper Room"

Maundy Thursday, April 13 at 6 p.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

Good Friday Worship Service

Friday, April 14 at 12 p.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

Contemporary Worship Service

Saturday, April 15 at 5 p.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

Sunrise Worship Service

Sunday, April 16 at 6:30 a.m.
 Summerhill East Parking Lot
 (golf carts welcome or bring a lawn chair)

Easter Sunday Worship Services (SH)

Sunday, April 16 at 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

Orchard Worship for Children

Sunday, April 16 at 10:45 a.m.
 Summerhill Classroom 1

Easter Sunday Worship Services (LD)

Sunday, April 16 at 8:30 • 10:00 • 11:30 a.m.
 Eisenhower Rec Center

Upcoming Lent Series: The Gospel of the Nobodies (Luke)



During Lent, we are going to look at Luke's version of those people who in their day would be considered as "nobodies," but Jesus reveals to all the "nobodies" that they are actually "somebodies." It's amazing how God does the same for all of us too! Join us during Lent as we all learn, grow and explore what it means to be a "Somebody" in Christ's eyes.

- March 25/26: *The Prostitutes and the Prodigals*
- April 1/2: *The Homeless and the Beggars*
- April 8/9, Palm Sunday weekend: *The Thief on the Cross*
- April 13, Maundy Thursday: *Beneath the Upper Room* (with Holy Communion – 6 p.m.)
- April 14, Good Friday: *Hope in the Shadows* (meditations and music – 12 p.m.)
- April 15/16, Easter weekend: *The Last thing is Not the Worst Thing*

If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide for weeks two and three, they are available at: the Welcome Center; a kiosk; and a table in the East Narthex. All weeks are available on our website; just click the "Discipleship" button.

TidBits



Youth Car Wash

Saturday, March 25 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. — West Parking Lot

Does your car need a good cleaning? We will be glad to do that! Net proceeds will go towards our Youth Mission Trips!

Vouchers: \$5

Vouchers are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and at the Ticket Kiosk between Worship Services. If you are unable to purchase a voucher, you will still be able to drive up and get your car washed.



The Story of Moses

Saturday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. — Wauchula, FL

Experience this live presentation of the life of Moses and the Ten Commandments. A delicious sit-down dinner (with your choice of steak, pork chop, chicken, grouper, or pasta) is included. All dinner choices include soup, salad, and one side dish, plus coffee, tea, or soft drink.

Deluxe motor coach transportation is provided. The bus will depart from the Summerhill Campus at 2 p.m. and will return by 1 a.m.

Tickets are on sale March 18/19 and 25/26 at a kiosk in the East Narthex. The cost per ticket is \$79, which includes all taxes and gratuities. For more information, please contact Mitch or Marie at (352) 259-9230.



Vacation Bible School Coming in June!

Mon.–Fri., June 5–9 from 9 a.m.–12:15 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

It's time to start greasing the wheels and get VBS going! This year's theme is *Maker Fun Factory*. Kids will discover they were created by God and built for a purpose!

Next weekend, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex to register to volunteer. For more information on volunteering or signing up your kids for VBS, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Outreach Ministry



Spring Food Drive

April 1-2 and April 8-9 — Both Campuses

Our semi-annual food drive for the Wildwood Food Pantry is quickly approaching. Help us defeat hunger in the Wildwood area by donating nonperishable food items for our Spring Food Drive. Grocery bags will be placed on your car/golf cart on Saturday/Sunday the first weekend in April. Please use the flyer attached to the bag to fill it with groceries and return it to church the following weekend.

No time to shop — would you prefer to donate cash? Just write a check payable to the Wildwood Food Pantry and give it to one of the volunteers collecting bags on April 8/9.



Helping Hands Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 22 — Eagle Ridge Golf Club-Spruce Creek Del Webb

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. The Banquet and Silent Auction will be Sunday, April 23 in the Worship Center. 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.

The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12 Bible Studies Small Groups



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship

March 22 at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center

We conclude with our *Seven Words of Love* Lenten series presented by 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, March 20.

Menu: Loaded Potato Soup, Lime Gelatin Salad w/Pineapple, Cottage Pie (Beef Shepherd's Pie), Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Vegetable Medley, Sliced Old-Fashion Bread, and Chocolate Mint Pie.

March 29: Swing Band Dinner Dance at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center

Music from the *Great American Songbook*, featuring The Villages Swing Band and guest vocalist Angie Wiswesser, plus a gourmet dinner for just \$15 per person. Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees apply), and at the Ticket Kiosk between Worship Services. You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, March 27.

Menu: Arugula Salad w/Goat Cheese and Marinated Asparagus Tips, Roast Beef Tenderloin w/Sauce Bernaise, Baked Crab-stuffed Lobster Tail, Duchess Potatoes, Carrot Bouquet, Petite Dinner Rolls, and Orange Blossom Layer Cake.



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, at the Worship Service of your choice. 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 750-4529.



Discover New Covenant!

Sunday, April 9 — Worship Center

Following each of our Worship Services, please join us for our first *Discover New Covenant*. Whether you are new to our congregation or a long-time member, everyone is encouraged to attend and learn more about our church. Get information regarding membership, connecting to service opportunities, Bible study, and Connect Small Groups.

Discover New Covenant will be held the second Sunday of every month — plan ahead.

For more information, contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org. You may also visit the Connectional Ministry kiosk in the East Narthex and find out how to get involved and 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!

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 Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



Winter Health Series

Monday, March 20 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

This month's speaker is Dr. David Casper, a licensed Florida dermatologist. He will be talking about good skin practices. Please join us for an informative and educational experience with Dr. Casper! This event is free and open to the public.



Give the Life-Giving Gift of Blood

Monday, March 27 from 2-7 p.m. — West Narthex

OneBlood will be in the West Narthex for registrations and the bus will be in the parking lot outside the entrance to the West Narthex.

You must be at least age 16 to donate. Anyone who is 16 years old needs permission from a parent or guardian (bring this to the registration area).



Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursday, March 30 at 2 p.m. — Chapel

We are pleased to welcome back Tom and Dena Yohe. Tom and Dena are the authors and developers of *Hope for Hurting Parents* and will be here to share their story.

Hope for Hurting Parents is for parents of adult children with addiction, incarceration, mental health, and other life-altering events. This event is free and open to the public.



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 a "free" ticket. Free tickets are available on our website at 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 Care office.



Prayer Crafting Ministries

Prayers & Squares and *Happy Hands* are grateful for donations of fabric, thread, and yarn. You may drop off any donations in the Congregational Care office.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Micah Nathan Abel, an infant boy due any day with Down Syndrome and a tumor; Patty Collin suffering with health issues; Michelle Lehman who has breast cancer; Elinor Casucci who has cancer; and Nicole Piper Flenniken who has kidney cancer, with one kidney removed. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Jan Soukup, family and friends on the passing of her brother Wesley Brown.

New Concerns

Richard Anderson, Paul Arnstein, Melanie Black, Brenda Boyd Family, Roberta Brenneman, Connor Byrnes, Joyce & Earl Cash Family, Lexi Cranston, Tracy Dye, Mary Keesee, Ashley Kern, Gretchen Michael, Monica & Bobby Moore, Mason Parham, Jaxson Payne, Leon Schien, Kristen Schrolls Family, Karan Shay, Marcia & Harold Zucker



Relay for Life

Friday, March 24 from 3–9 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 the lighting of the luminarias.

Visit the kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services to register for the Survivor Dinner or to purchase a luminaria in honor/memory of a loved one.



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.



Choralettes

Thursday, April 20 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Gifts of Love will be presented by the Choralettes under the direction of our very own Janie Berry. This concert includes guest violinists, sacred dancers, and soloists.

A portion of the net proceeds benefits our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.

A Love Offering will be accepted.



David Phelps: Freedom Tour

Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

David Phelps is blessed with a vocal instrument unlike any other artist performing today.

His latest work, *Freedom*, showcases his talents as a singer, songwriter, arranger, and producer. The highlight of our New Covenant Concert Series, this will be a full production event you will not want to miss.

Tickets: \$20 (General Admission) • \$30 (Artist Circle)

Tickets are available only at a Villages Box Office or www.thevillagesentertainment.com.



Coming Soon!

Quilting Guild of The Villages with Alex Anderson

- March 28 at 9 a.m. — Christian Life Center
- Alex Anderson Guest Speaker. For more information, please log on to www.qgotv.org or call (631) 664-2970.
- Tickets are available at The Villages Box Office

Bach with a Beat

- April 6 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center
- Tickets available at The Villages Box Office