



Youth Ministry's "Crispers Tonight" Fundraiser

Friday, April 28 — Crispers Restaurant

New Covenant's Youth Ministry is partnering with this delicious deli to help raise money for their mission trips this summer. All you have to do is say "New Covenant" when you dine-in or carry out, and 20 percent of the all-day proceeds will go to Youth Missions!

Crispers Restaurant is located on the corner of Southern Trace Plaza, at 3551 Wedgewood Lane in The Villages. If you have any questions, please contact Youth Minister Kayla McIntosh at (352)750-4529 or kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



VBS Registration is Now Open!

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!

Visit our church website at www.covenantumc-fl.org and click on the "Children & Youth Summer Camps" scrolling banner. This year we've made registration as simple as possible. You can register multiple students and pay online all at once. If you have any questions or need help registering your student, please contact Children's Minister Brianna Jimenez at (352) 750-4529 or bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Memorial Easter Flowers on the Altar

If you ordered Easter Flowers for the altar, you may pick up a copy of the memorial booklet at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex. You may also take your flowers home after the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service on Sunday. As a reminder, the church will be closed on Monday in observance of the Easter holiday.



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by Peggy Dresser in memory of her husband Dick on his birthday; and Joe & Sandy Argabright in memory of their parents and Joe's brother.



While You Are Away for the Summer

We wish you safe travels and a happy and healthy summer. As a reminder, when you are away, you may still hear our pastor's weekly Worship Service message!

Just log on to our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, click on the "Videos" button, click on Worship Service, and choose the date. We look forward to your return in the fall!

The church will be closed on Monday, April 17 in observance of the Easter holiday.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 16	1 Kings 10-11	Psalms 56, 120, 140-142	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 16
April 17	1 Kings 12-14	1 Samuel 25-27	Luke 11:33-54	Matthew 17
April 18	1 Kings 15-17	Psalms 17, 35, 54, 63	Luke 12:1-34	Matthew 18
April 19	1 Kings 18-20	1 Samuel 28-31; Psalms 18	Luke 12:35-59	Matthew 19
April 20	1 Kings 21-22	Psalms 121, 123-125, 128-130	Luke 13:1-21	Matthew 20
April 21	2 Kings 1-3	2 Samuel 1-4	Luke 13:22-14:14	Matthew 21
April 22	2 Kings 4-5	Psalms 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21	Luke 14:15-35	Matthew 22
April 23	2 Kings 6-8	1 Chronicles 1-2	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 23

...but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:5)

Lord, we celebrate with you today the gift of eternal life. We thank you for the power of your resurrection that breathes truth into our very lives and souls. Today we know that death does not have the final say, and the last thing is not the worst thing. You bring a new meaning to life. 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 (1 Thessalonians)	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Grace Alone	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Two Parades	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	God Can Change Our Lives (1 Thessalonians)	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANP		Chapel
10:00 a.m.	Holy Week		Classroom 14
10:00 a.m.	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	Two Parades on Palm Sunday!	Classroom 11

There are NO classes this weekend

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Summerhill Blended Worship
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.

Summerhill 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: 5,024

(Friday Choir Cantata) 900 • (Sunday Choir Cantata) 1,150

(BEACH) 53 • (Roots) 28 • (Orchard Worship) 9 • (Teen Twilight) 27

(Fresh Expressions) 39 • (Celebrate Recovery) 91 • (Saturday Contemporary) 343

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-275 • 9:15-867 • 10:45-774

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-186 • 10:00-282



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

Happy Easter

The Resurrection of Jesus

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen." (Luke 24:1-5)

HE IS RISEN

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



Melody of Love

Monday, April 24 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Enjoy a concert featuring local Christian artists and a wide variety of genres. There will be 36 local churches affiliated with this concert. From New Covenant, we will have music by Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, and a magic performance by David Berardi.

Tickets are \$10 per person and are available on the Love INC website (www.loveinchof.org). Proceeds will benefit Love In the Name of Christ.



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is not just for those who struggle with chemical dependency, such as drugs or alcohol. Celebrate Recovery is for **all** of life's issues. We currently have two meetings in two locations to meet your needs and 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.

You do not have to face life's issues alone. For more information, please contact Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings

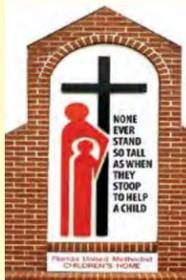
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We need volunteers to fill the vacancies created by our seasonal folks heading north. If you are interested in volunteering, please email Betty Montgomery at gwmontgomery@comcast.net. She can give you specific information on days and positions available.

If you are down-sizing, moving, or just want something new — don't forget to call Bargains & Blessings to pick up your gently-used furniture.

Hours for Our Resale Shop

- Tuesday–Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Fifth Sunday Weekend is April 30

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.

Special Church Conference

Tuesday, April 18 at 5 p.m. — Christian Life Center

- To approve the recommendation of the Building Committee to build a new worship/multipurpose facility on the Lake Deaton property
- To approve the cost of the project
- To approve the manner in which financing will be secured in order to build the facility
- To recommend Kathy Hudak Yoakum for licensed or ordained ministry

This conference will be presided over by District Superintendent Rev. June Edwards. We hope you will be able to attend.

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

Bible Studies Small Groups



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship

Wednesday, April 19

Gary Cantrell will continue with his final session on the *Seven Greatest Words of Love, the Word of Humanity*. This session was missed from the earlier series; please plan to attend.

Menu: Beef Vegetable Goulash Soup, Fruited Gelatin w/Whipped Topping, Garlic Cheddar-baked Chicken Breast, Wild Rice Pilaf, Key Largo Blend Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, and German Chocolate Cake.

Tickets: \$8 per person. Tickets are available on our website (\$9.39 credit card), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services. You must purchase a ticket by noon on Tuesday, April 18. (The church is closed on Monday for Easter.)



Solo Flight

Friday, April 21 at 4:30 p.m. — Chapel

All singles are invited to join us in worship and fellowship. Leslie Brown will present "Old Tyme Radio," featuring *Fanny Brice and her Daddy Discussing the Opera*.

At the meeting, you will be able to sign up for our April and May outings. Additionally, since we want your feedback as we discuss the future direction and objectives of this ministry, you will be given a questionnaire to fill out. For more information, please contact Laura Tomich at LA339@embarqmail.com.



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.



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, May 13 and Sunday, May 14 after each Worship Service

Visitors, nonmembers, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant. You can get answers about connecting to service opportunities, Bible studies, Connect Small Groups, and Membership.

Please visit the Discover New Covenant Kiosk at the west end of the East Narthex (right across from the cookies) to find out more about connecting into New Covenant.

For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



New Member Class

Monday, June 12 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

You may join during the Worship Service of your choice the following weekend, June 17/18.

Please complete a New Member Registration form today. They can be found at the Connections Ministry kiosk in the East Narthex, the Welcome Center in the East Narthex, the Welcome Desk in the West Narthex, and in the Administration office.

For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



Yoga and Pilates

Mondays — Chapel

Join us for yoga! 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/Chair and Floor Yoga

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

There will be NO yoga on Monday, April 17, as the church will be closed in observance of the Easter holiday.



Winter Health Series

Tuesday, April 18 at 6 p.m. — Chapel

Dealing with Stress, presented by Jan McCoy. Jan retired in 2016 for the second time from Promise Hospital in The Villages, where she was the Chief Clinical Officer. She served as a Nurse Executive in several health care systems for over 35 years. Jan is a member of New Covenant Lake Deaton campus.

Tuesday, May 16

Our next Winter Health Series will be on Alzheimer's research with Dr. David Subich.



Cancer Support Ministry

Friday, April 28 at 12 p.m. — Worship Center

If you are a survivor, currently battling, or a caregiver, you are welcome to attend our next luncheon! Our leaders are Rev. Donn and Katherine Poole. This is a joint ministry between New Covenant and Brownwood Baptist Churches.

To 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 until Monday, April 24. Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the lunch.



Card Writing

Do you enjoy writing cards? Do you enjoy bringing joy and cheer? We are looking for volunteers to send cards to our congregation. If you are interested, contact the Congregational Care Department.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Hazel Eldredge who had a stroke. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Linda Cannarella, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ray; Patti Sharp, family and friends on the loss of her grandson Michael Olgren; George Lajti, family and friends on the passing of his brother Paul; Barb Hand, family and friends on the passing of her daughter Felecia Smith; and Rev. Don and Joy Hanna, family and friends on the loss of his mother Louise.

New Concerns

Bob, "Book" Booker, Walt Cohee, Emily Ross Cole, Bob Couley, Eleanor Cushman, Lexi Faith, Felecia & Ray, Judy Foote, Barbara Golliday, PFC Zachary Greenberg, Denise Herzberg, Joyce Hoover, Les Kahlow, Maggie Kennedy, Lucretia Koppelman, Nancy Lelli, Noah Martinez, Bill McDermott, Marilyn Reiter, Debbie Saunders, William Saunders, Mary Scott, Leo Selcis, Patti Sharp, Sue Wood

Mark
Your



upcoming
concerts



Women's Ministry April Gathering

Thursday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Worship Center

What a great day when the Lord taught us all to pray! Come and celebrate that special prayer as a group of women in Christ. We know we can all say it — today we'll FEEL it! 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 Monday, April 17 at noon. No tickets (including the FREE, program-only tickets) will be available after the cut-off date.



Choralettes

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

"Gifts of Love" is the theme of the Spring Concert of the Choralettes. Directed by our own Janie Berry, this concert includes guest violinists, sacred dancers, and a special guest soloist.

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

A Love Offering will be accepted.



The Magic and Comedy of David Berardi

Thursday, May 11 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Be amazed by the magical genius of our very own David Berardi in this one-man magic/comedy show. Not your ordinary "church technical support staff member," David has performed magic over 35 years on cruise ships, across the US, and in Japan.

With an acting major in college, David focused on developing techniques that supported a successful entertainment career. He promises a fun evening of comedy, magic, a little music and — **audience participation!** Donations at the door will help support the summer Honduras Mission Trip.



David Phelps: Freedom Tour

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

David is blessed with a vocal instrument unlike any other. His latest work, *Freedom*, showcases his talents as a singer, songwriter, arranger, and producer. Full production event of the Freedom Tour.

Looking back on David Phelps' own legacy, so far, he has come a long way from Tomball, Texas. Over the greater part of the last two decades, David's artistry has grown to echo off the walls of Carnegie Hall, and vibrate the chandeliers in the White House and in countless halls and churches around the world. His masterful melodies have been burned into critically-acclaimed solo offerings, award-winning Gaither Vocal Band CDs, and Gold and Platinum Gaither "Homecoming" collections. It has been a showcase far above the expectations of any ordinary artist. But for David, a perpetual work in progress, these happy years have been just an extended glimpse of the Creator's bigger picture. Pushing the boundaries is every artist's goal, and David's focus is beyond the ordinary, trusting in that Divine Design. (David Phelps Media).

Net proceeds benefit our Music / Worship Ministry.

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

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

The Ticket Kiosk is closed for Easter.