



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.



VBS Supplies Needed

We are very excited that so many people have signed up to volunteer for this year's VBS. If you're unable to volunteer but would still like to contribute, please visit our kiosk in the East Narthex to see what supplies we need.



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Norma Martin in memory of her husband Odie; and Dr. Ruth Gibson in memory of her husband James on the 15th anniversary of his passing.



Volunteers Needed for Communion

Communion Stewards are needed for the Sunday 10:45 Worship Services. If you are interested in helping, please contact Jill and Lesan Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447.



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!

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 23	2 Kings 6-8	1 Chronicles 1-2	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 23
April 24	2 Kings 9-11	Psalms 43-45, 49, 84-85, 87	Luke 15	Matthew 24
April 25	2 Kings 12-14	1 Chronicles 3-5	Luke 16	Matthew 25
April 26	2 Kings 15-17	Psalms 73, 77-78	Luke 17:1-19	Matthew 26
April 27	2 Kings 18-19	1 Chronicles 6	Luke 17:20-37	Matthew 27
April 28	2 Kings 20-22	Psalms 81, 88, 92-93	Luke 18:1-27	Matthew 28
April 29	2 Kings 23-25	1 Chronicles 7-10	Luke 18:28-19:10	Luke 1
April 30	1 Chronicles 1-2	Psalms 102-104	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 2

Don't fear, because I am with you; don't be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will surely help you; I will hold you with my righteous strong hand. (Isaiah 41:10)

Lord, there is so much in life that can bring us fear and anxiety. Yet, you tell us to trust rather than focus on our troubles. Help us to live a life full of faith in You. 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)	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Grace Alone	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Coloring Outside the Lines	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	Rural America	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	Coloring Outside the Lines	Classroom 11

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: 5,293

(BEACH) 50 • (Roots) 30 • (Fresh Expressions) 17 • (Celebrate Recovery) 90

(Maundy Thursday) 466 • (Good Friday) 511 • (Saturday Contemporary) 455

(Easter Sunrise) 363 • (Orchard Worship) 31

(Easter Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-378 • 9:15-1,074 • 10:45-1,125

(Easter Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-278 • 10:00-227 • 11:30 198

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

APRIL 22 & 23, 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

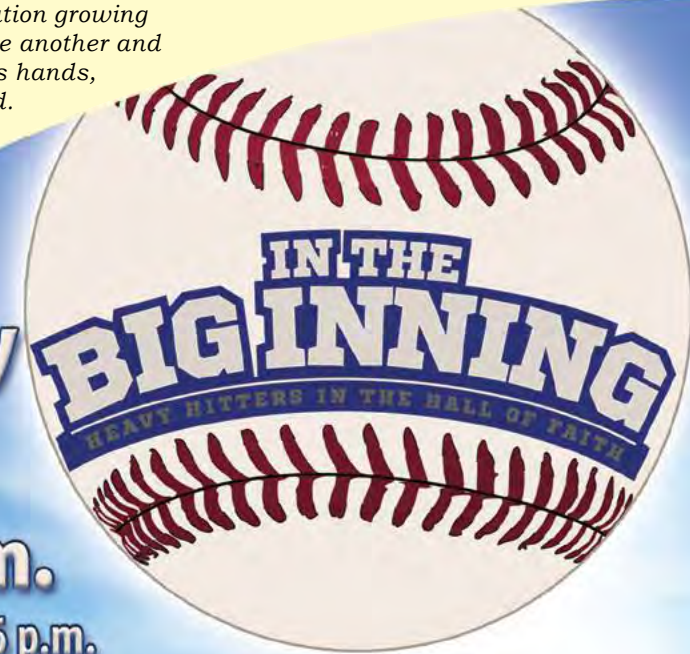
Tuesday

May 2

6:30 p.m.

Doors open at 6 p.m.

Christian Life Center



When the kids gather at the park near the church for Saturday baseball, they are in for a surprising glimpse at the Bible's "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews 11. They meet Moses ("He got his start in the bush leagues"), Noah ("That guy can really swing the lumber!"), Abraham ("With his son Isaac at the plate, it looks like the Manager is calling for a sacrifice..."), and many more. With glimpses of the iconic "Casey at the Bat," it all leads to the climactic finish of "Jesus at the Cross," — and the Good News of the Gospel is driven home with power!

Our PeAr program has continued to grow. Since January, these students have learned music, lyrics, lines, and choreography to put on a fantastic show. Our youngest performer is in kindergarten and our oldest is in eighth grade. Our hope is, through PeAr, that children will learn they can use their extraordinary gifts and talents to share the Gospel in new and exciting ways. We encourage you to come for an evening of fun and baseball to support the children in our congregation.

This is a FREE event.



For more information, please contact Children's Minister
Brianna Jimenez at bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

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



The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Fifth Sunday is Next Weekend

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.



SoZo Kids

Tuesday, May 2 at 1 p.m. — Worship Center

Join us for our quarterly meeting of The Villages SoZo Kids Club. We will have a presentation on the various programs conducted by the "Help Agency" for the children who live in poverty in the Ocala National Forest.

The specific current needs of the Agency are funds to purchase backpacks for the back-to-school program this Summer. Backpacks can be purchased by the Agency for approximately \$2.50 each. Donations for this program are appreciated. Checks may be made out to the "Help Agency" (a charitable contribution).



Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings

301 N. Main Street, Wildwood, FL 34785 • (352) 330-3333

We need volunteers to fill the vacancies created by our seasonal folks heading north. If you are interested, please email Betty Montgomery at gwmontgomery@comcast.net.



Men's Ministry Retreat Makeup Sessions

Friday & Saturday, May 5-6 — Worship Center

For men who were unable to attend the recent overnight retreat, we are excited to announce that Gary Cantrell will offer "makeup" sessions right here at New Covenant. All men are invited to participate!

- **Friday, May 5 from 8 a.m.–2 p.m.**
Includes a continental breakfast and a "manly" lunch
- **Saturday, May 6 from 7:30 a.m.–12 noon**
Includes a continental breakfast, as well as Communion/Renewal of Faith
- \$15 per person for both sessions, including meals and materials

Sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services, at the Men's Breakfast, or call Al Letch at (352) 753-5952.

Lake Deaton Building Update

On April 18, a Church Conference was held. Those in attendance were provided with the most recent construction project information and status. Following the informational and Question & Answer parts of the conference, the 233 Members in attendance cast their ballots on the 2 motions: To borrow the money; and to proceed to construction. The vote was unanimous to move ahead! What that means is that we hope to break ground and begin building in the August/September timeframe. We anticipate our first worship service in the Lake Deaton building to be in June 2018! Praise be to God and thank you for being part of the dream of growing his kingdom.

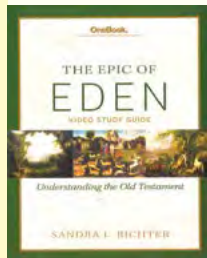
Also at the conference, Kathy Hudak Yoakum was unanimously affirmed for candidacy for ordained ministry. Congratulations to Kathy!

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



NO Wonderful Wednesday this Week

Our dinner this week has been canceled and the summer break begins. Please join us again in October for our dinners and programs.



"Epic of Eden," A Summer Bible Study

Tuesday, May 2 at 11 a.m. — Classroom 1

The *Epic of Eden* by Sandra Richter is a 12-week, video-based study on how the Old Testament helps us organize our thoughts about the New Testament. One doesn't exist without the other, and this study can help us sort out all the stories and understand what and how God worked through the Old Testament to bring us to the Gospel.

Join Us for a "Lunch 'N Learn"

Bring your own lunch and join us for an informal time of study together. Facilitated by Ellen Pollock and Shelia Clinton, all are welcome to join. Book cost and preregistration is appreciated. Please email Ellen Pollock at epollock@newcovenantumc-fl.org and let us know you would like to attend!



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.



"Ask Me" Ministry

Become a volunteer that knows the answers to those often-asked questions. Be here Saturdays and Sundays to answer questions before, between, and after Worship Services. Be a New Covenant connection!

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.



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



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.



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.



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 4 from 7 a.m.–7 p.m. — Chapel

"Pray for America" — Will you commit to pray? It all begins with you! Please join us. *In his name the nations will put their hope. (Matthew 12:21)*



Flower Ministry

The Flower Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to assist with delivering a bouquet of cheer to those who are sick, homebound, or discouraged. For more information, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.



Precious Pillows Needs Willing Hands

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.



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 Tara Lessard who has stage-4 ovarian cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

New Concerns

Laura Beeler, Carol Curtiss, Dakota, Gertrude Farmer, Nancy Harmon, Bruce Hultmark, Sandy Miller, Jake Pitts, Jean Roper, Sue Stephenson, Neil Taylor, Doug Wilcox

Mark Your



upcoming concerts



Pathway Trio

Sunday, April 30 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Our own Sean Pollock began performing Southern Gospel at the age of 9 at local “singings” in Jonesboro, AR.

In 1994, Cheryl Boyd Sarfas and Sean began The Pathway Trio and shared their message of faith and hope with the Mid-South. Sheila Hall joined in 2007 and the group has continued to minister together ever since. A Love Offering will be accepted.



The Magic and Comedy of David Berardi

Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Be amazed by the magical genius of our very own David Berardi in this one man magic and comedy Show. Not your ordinary “church multimedia specialist,” David has performed magic for over 35 years on cruise ships, across the US and in Japan.

As 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!** As an added bonus, an “Ice Cream Social” is included with your donation.

Suggested at-the-Door Donations: \$10 per person; \$25 for families of 3 or more.

Net proceeds will help fund the Honduras Mission Project Trip in August 2017.



May Women's Gathering

Thursday, May 18 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Worship Center

Taste and see that the Lord is good! Join us and use your senses to “taste” how God wants us to live. This will be our last event until September.

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, May 15 at noon. No tickets (including the FREE, program-only tickets) will be available after the cut-off date.



David Phelps: Freedom Tour

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

Don't miss an opportunity to hear one of the finest voices performing today. Tickets have been priced to allow **everyone** to attend this concert featuring David Phelps in his Freedom Tour.

Singer, songwriter, arranger, and producer, David's artistry has grown to echo off the walls of Carnegie Hall, vibrated chandeliers in the White House and churches and halls world-wide. He will be accompanied by his band and vocalists in this fully-staged production. While David pushes the boundaries vocally, his focus is beyond the ordinary — trusting in God's Divine Design.

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.



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.