



VBS Registration is 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.



Mother's Day
Saturday & Sunday, May 13/14 — Christian Life Center
 We will have special guests, Kim Hill and Paulette Wooten, with us for our Mother's Day Worship Services.

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

Parking at the Church
 Last weekend during the 7:45 Worship Service, one of our congregants' golf carts was stolen from the West Parking Lot. Additional items were stolen from several other golf carts. Our deputy was on duty when it was discovered and was able to quickly apprehend and arrest two minors. They have retrieved the stolen items and are working directly with our congregants.

We encourage you to always secure your personal valuables in your golf cart or car. If you have any questions, please contact Anne Foote Hill, Director of Church Administration at afotehill@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

New Covenant United Methodist Church
Debt Elimination & Lake Deaton Building Update as of April 2017

	Debt Elimination	Lake Deaton Pre-Build	Lake Deaton New Construction	Total
Pledged	\$3,652,283	\$ 277,940	\$1,460,006	\$5,390,229
Money received w/no pledge	\$ 503,664	\$ 84,369	\$ 97,138	\$ 685,171
Total Pledges	\$4,155,947	\$ 362,309	\$1,557,144	\$6,075,400
Money received	\$1,583,043	\$ 154,600	\$ 460,448	\$2,198,091

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 30	1 Chronicles 1-2	Psalms 102-104	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 2
May 1	1 Chronicles 3-5	2 Samuel 5:1-10; 1 Chronicles 11-12	Luke 19:11-27	Luke 3
May 2	1 Chronicles 6	Psalms 133	Luke 19:28-20:8	Luke 4
May 3	1 Chronicles 7-8	Psalms 106-107	Luke 20:9-38	Luke 5
May 4	1 Chronicles 9-11	2 Samuel 5:11-6:23; 1 Chronicles 13-16	Luke 20:39-21:19	Luke 6
May 5	1 Chronicles 12-14	Psalms 1-2, 15, 22-24, 47, 68	Luke 21:20-38	Luke 7
May 6	1 Chronicles 15-17	Psalms 89, 96, 100-101, 105, 132	Luke 22:1-20	Luke 8
May 7	1 Chronicles 18-21	2 Samuel 7; 1 Chronicles 17	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 9

I give you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, so you also must love each other. (John 13:34)
Lord, one of our greatest fears in life is being alone. You have made us to be in community with each other. We need each other. Help us to reach out beyond our sphere of comfort towards those who live a lonely place of discomfort. 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 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	Environmental Policy	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 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Phone: 352-750-4529
Summerhill Blended Worship Fax: 352-259-2971
 Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m. Email: ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org
Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship Website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1) Facebook:
 Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center) New Covenant United Methodist Church ~
 Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m. A Place to Call Home

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,612
 (BEACH) 49 • (Roots) 30 • (Teen Twilight) 31 • (Celebrate Recovery) 92
 (Fresh Expressions) 76 • (Orchard Worship) 11 • (Saturday Contemporary) 276
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-211 • 9:15-758 • 10:45-673
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-169 • 10:00-236

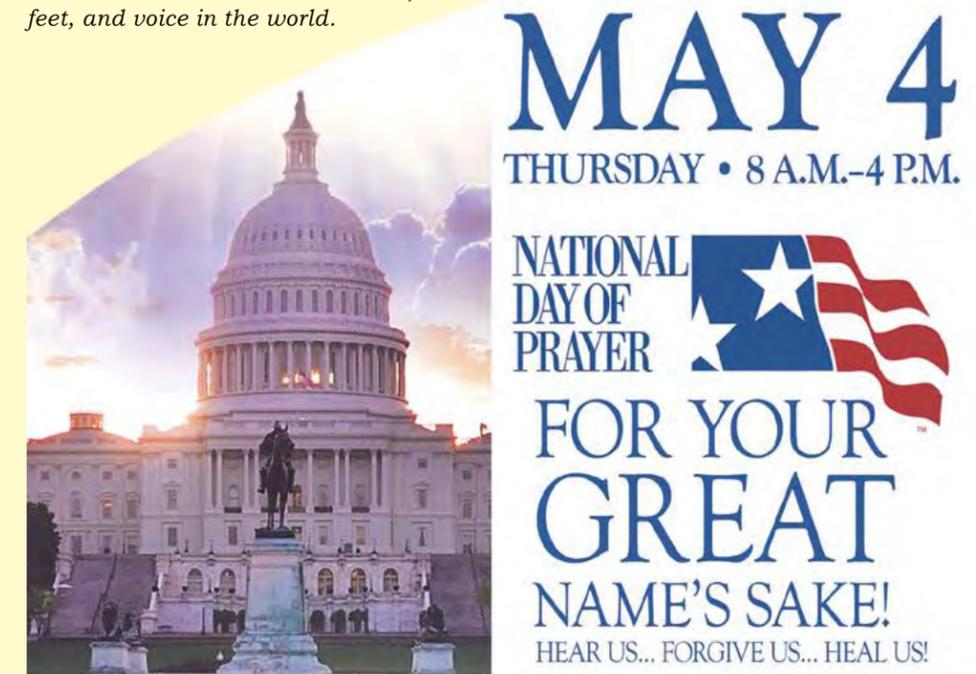
SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



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.

APRIL 29 & 30, 2017

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



www.NATIONALDAYofPRAYER.ORG

National Day of Prayer — Will you Commit to Pray?
Please join us in the Chapel as we "Pray for America!"

O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake, O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name. (Daniel 9:19)

As early as the days of Thomas Jefferson, we as a nation are called to pray. In 1952, a bill was introduced to set aside a day for prayer for our nation, other than a Sunday. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law that the first Thursday in May be a *National Day of Prayer*.

As congregations are encouraged to participate, New Covenant has a tradition of doing something specific in a call to prayer for the first Thursday in May. This year, we are setting aside the Chapel with various prayer stations, offering guided prayers for our country. These prayer stations have been designed by our very own Lynn VanVeelen, and will be an excellent tool for leading us in prayer for the United States of America. We are very grateful for her kindness and willingness to make this year's *National Day of Prayer* so special.

We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to come by the Chapel to have time to reflect, meditate, and pray for our nation. Our Chapel is a wonderful environment for contemplative, quiet time.



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



PeAr: "In the Big Inning"

Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Our children's performing arts program continues to grow. Since January, these students have learned music, lyrics, lines, and choreography to put on a fantastic show.

It is our hope 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 to support the children in our congregation.

This is a FREE event.



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).



Gleaning

Thursday, May 4 — West Parking Lot

Help to Feed the Hungry! We are going to Zellwood to pick more produce. We will leave in the church bus at 7:30 a.m. and plan to return to the church by 12:30 p.m. Please contact Leon Schien at leonschien@gmail.com or (352) 245-6615, if you can join us.



Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings

Saturday & Sunday, May 6/7

Don't forget!! The Bargains & Blessings Truck is in our West Parking Lot the first weekend of each month. If you are down-sizing, moving, or just want something new — don't forget Bargains & Blessings!

You Can Help!

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.

Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop

- Hours: Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. • Saturday from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Address: 301 N. Main Street, Wildwood, FL 34785 • (352) 330-3333

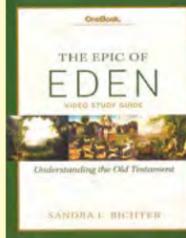


Wildwood Food Pantry

The spring food drive was a great success at both campuses! Thanks to all who participated by donating funds or food. Thanks also to all who helped distribute or pick-up sacks, and especially to the 35+ people who came the following Monday and sorted and boxed it all. Your donations help us get well into the summer as we attempt to deal with food insecurity in North Sumter County.

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

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



"Epic of Eden," A Summer Bible Study

Tuesdays, May 2–August 1 at 11 a.m. — Classrooms 6/7

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. Preregistration is appreciated; please email Ellen Pollock at epollock@newcovenantumc-fl.org. Books are \$20, payable at the first class.



Emmaus News

Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m. — Hope Lutheran Church

The next Tri-County Emmaus Gathering will feature a covered dish dinner. Meat and dessert will be furnished; please bring a salad, vegetable dish, or a casserole.

Please RSVP to Steve Nicely at (352) 751-7686 or steven_nicely@hotmail.com with the number attending so we know for how many to prepare.



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. We meet once a month following Worship Services.

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.

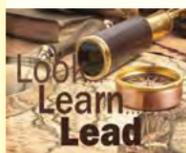
For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Table Talk

We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for May through August. These are groups of eight who gather once a month for four months in homes or restaurants to enjoy a meal and fellowship. If you would like to participate, stop by the Welcome Center, fill out a form, and drop it in the designated box.

Please contact Patty Halstead at patty.charlie@comcast.net or 633-2470 with questions.



Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides

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

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



PrimeTime

Thursday, May 11 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

Join us this month as we sing along with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos. Our devotion will be with Rev. Kristyne Young; sharing moment with Sylvia Wagner; and program with Lawrence Johnson, violinist.

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, May 8 and please indicate if you need transportation.



Winter Health Series

Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Join Dr. David Subich from Compass Research as he presents "Memory Loss & Aging," how to keep your brain active and groundbreaking research opportunities. This will be our final session for the spring.



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.



Helen's Helpers

To support our growing ministry, we need more volunteers. Helen's Helpers is a respite care ministry for those caregivers who may have a homebound loved one and need a little break to go to appointments, shopping, a round of golf, etc. We are so happy with the success of this ministry, and we need more volunteers to engage in ministry.

We especially need men, but have needs for women, also! We will provide training. Contact Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529 to find out more.



Stephen Ministry Is Here for You

If you are in a crisis and could use some help from a trained, caring Christian friend, please consider requesting a Stephen Minister.

Please call the Care office at (352) 750-4529 to receive more information on this ministry and to receive this support. A Stephen Minister will walk with you through a crisis, listening and praying for you all the way.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Deb Hubbard who has cancer of the liver, spleen, and thyroid; Sue Stephenson who has liver issues; Chuck Stephenson who is in hospice suffering from multiple cancers; and Cliff Blue who has cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

New Concerns

Karen Adams, Hall Bellis, Aaron Blaser, Gordon Clark, Malcolm Covey, Cassidy Greenberg, Deb Hubbard, Kathy Johnson, Kathleen Miller, Wanda Ogle, Dana Parrott, Dianne Quarve, Sandy Rash, Sandy Wenger

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Your



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EVENTS



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.



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

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. \$15 per person for both sessions.



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 own David Berardi in this one man Magic and Comedy Show. Not your ordinary “church multimedia specialist,” David has performed magic 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!**

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

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



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. Ticket 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. David 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.