



### Youth Ministry Mission Trips

It's that time again! The Youth Ministry's mission teams are about to embark on this summer's mission trips, and they need your help! Each evening during the trips, the youth and volunteers will have the opportunity to open and read a letter of encouragement. These letters aim to inspire, uplift and encourage the youth as they're serving during the week.

If you are interested in writing a letter of encouragement to a member of the mission team, please visit our kiosk in the East Narthex before and after worship services. If you have any questions, please contact Youth Minister Kayla McIntosh at (352)750-4529 or [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



### Vacation Bible School

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.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-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 Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or [bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

#### Have you dropped of your VBS supplies?

Please drop off supplies ASAP outside the Children's Room (located to the right of the Chapel). We would like to have all supplies no later than Wednesday, May 24. If you are having trouble locating the items you've chosen or would like to make a donation, please contact Brianna Jimenez.



### Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Ron & Pat Ashburn in memory of their son Gary; and Joan Jory in memory of her husband Wes on his birthday.



### Usher Training

Wednesday, June 7 at 9 a.m. — Worship Center

This training will cover the church's 2017 Disaster Response Plan and the current Usher's Instructions. All ushers both for Worship Services and Special Events are encouraged to attend one of the sessions.

For more information, please contact Lou Emmert at [jdemmert@embarqmail.com](mailto:jdemmert@embarqmail.com)

### Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
May 21	Ezra 1-3	2 Samuel 22-23; Psalms 57	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 23
May 22	Ezra 4-7	Psalms 95; 97-99	John 4:27-5:9	Luke 24
May 23	Ezra 8-10	2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalms 30	John 5:10-35	Mark 1
May 24	Nehemiah 1-3	Psalms 108-110	John 5:36-6:14	Mark 2
May 25	Nehemiah 4-6	1 Chronicles 23-25	John 6:15-59	Mark 3
May 26	Nehemiah 7	Psalms 131; 138-139; 143-145	John 6:60-71	Mark 4
May 27	Nehemiah 8-9	1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalms 127	John 7:1-24	Mark 5
May 28	Nehemiah 10-11	Psalms 111-118	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 6

When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." (1 Corinthians 15:54)

Lord, you are our comfort in our hour of need. Your presence stands with us as we walk through the mountains high and the valleys low. With you, we have nothing to fear — including death. In the name of Jesus Christ who was, is, and will always be. 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	Women of the Bible	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	Biodiversity	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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#### Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,142

(BEACH) 55 • (Roots) 28 • (Teen Twilight) 24 • (Celebrate Recovery) 81

(Fresh Expressions) 22 • (Saturday Contemporary) 205

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-199 • 9:15-588 • 10:45-587 • (Orchard Worship) 8

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-180 • 10:00-165

### 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.*

For more information, please contact Anne Foote Hill, Director of Church Administration, at (352) 750-4529 or [afootehill@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:afootehill@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## WMHS Mentor Program

Launched in September 2014, we have completed the third year of our Mentor Program! We have 40 Mentors from New Covenant and Wildwood UMC, each who work with a Wildwood Middle High School Mentee.

#### New Mentors Needed

Our current Mentors will be "moving up" with their Mentees, but because of how well-received the program continues to be, we have more students who are asking for Mentors. We are looking for adults who have a heart for teenagers and a sincere desire to provide love, patience, guidance, and support over a period of five years as your Mentee journeys from eighth grade through graduation. The Program focuses on four foundational areas: physical, spiritual, behavioral, and academic/career needs. If God is leading you to do this, please email or call for an application. Applications are due on Friday, July 7. Training sessions will be held in July and August and the Mentor Program will kick off in September.

#### Why Mentor?

Dr. Elysee, WMHS Assistant Principal, says, "Schools all across the state of Florida should have a mentoring program such as the New Covenant mentoring program. Students who have embraced the program have grown tremendously both academically and behaviorally. It is almost as though the students want to make their Mentors proud. With this mindset, students will continue to excel with their Mentors because of the dedication that the Mentors show during each encounter. They go above and beyond the call of duty. They are not only concerned about their students during the school year, but they are interested in knowing how to help even through the summer. We are thankful for the mentoring program and so excited that it will continue year after year. Thank you, New Covenant."

Second year Mentor George Campbell states, "It is very gratifying to see the progress we have made in our relationship and how he is responding to suggestions to better balance the things in his life, to bring God, family and school to the forefront and put sports into better perspective." One of our Mentees, Sam, responded when asked what the Mentor Program means to him, "It means that someone wants me to not fail and become someone in life. Also, that they are willing to help me with anything. I love it!"

Finally, Mentor Cindy O'Lear wrote about her Mentee, "What a nice young man I have to mentor. He trusts me. When my son, Lt. Colonel Glenn McRill drove me to meet with Michael, they met by Michael's request. My Mentee was wide-eyed at the advice from Glenn. Glenn said, 'You're family now.' Michael's grades came up."

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

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

# Outreach Ministry



## Pastor Jim's Update on Congo Well Project

*More wells coming!*

In May 2016, the Partnership received a gift of \$45,000 from New Covenant and began negotiations with an engineer to dig a well in Wembo Nyama, the proposed next site for a well.

This gift also gave the Partnership the opportunity to promote digging fresh water wells in Sankuru to other churches with the desire to dig numerous wells in the region allowing the Partnership to entice an engineer to bring his business to Sankuru and also negotiate a lower price for digging several wells. The great news is that the Partnership has sufficient funding now to dig 4-5 manual pump wells!

### Manual Pump vs. Electric

As a result of our experience with our well in Diengenga and working with UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief), the Partnership has proposed a plan to dig wells with manual pumps rather than pumps needing electricity and large storage cisterns for the water. The current system, while very effective, has proven to be expensive to run since fuel which is needed to run the generator providing the power is now \$10-12/gallon. It also requires considerably more maintenance. Manual wells will require some funding by participants for maintenance but much less cost, making it possible for all people to get fresh water. The cost for a manual well is also much less expensive allowing us to dig more wells in closer proximity to village people.

### Logistical Challenges

The Sankuru Province in central Congo is 2/3 the size of the state of Florida and currently has only two villages with fresh water wells. This is a very remote area where the infrastructure is challenging because of lack of roads, bridges, and electricity. To dig wells in this region, equipment must be shipped into the area and be able to be transported by 4-wheel vehicles to various villages. This requires the commitment of an engineer to move equipment to this area, which has been difficult. But, the Bakers now have an engineer willing to take his business to this region. All supplies for well drilling must be shipped from Kinshasa or Lubumbashi by boat, which takes 1-3 months for supplies to arrive in the Sankuru region and then must be transported to the sites by a 4-wheel drive vehicle.

### Moving Towards Completion

The goal is to sign an agreement with the engineer for digging several wells in the Sankuru region by July 1, 2017. Work would immediately begin to provide the personnel and equipment to the Sankuru regions so that the wells can be dug by the end of 2017.

## Annual Bishop's Love Offering

*Saturday & Sunday, May 27/28*

The Annual Conference Offerings in 2017 will be a celebration of partnerships with our neighbors in Cuba and Haiti. We have been blessed, in the state of Florida and in the Florida Conference, by relationships with persons from these nations, and by their strong faith and dedication to the church. One-half of the Annual Conference Offering will be directed to each initiative.

### Cuban Pastor Pension Initiative

In collaboration with the leadership of the Methodist Church of Cuba, we will work to develop a pension fund for Cuban pastors, based on their years of service there and related to their economic scale.

### Abundant Health for Haiti

This initiative will be developed through our Haiti Partnership, and will be a primary expression of our mission with the people of Haiti.

The Peace of the Lord, Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., Florida Area Resident Bishop

# Making connections



## Connect with a Small Group — Facilitator Training

*Thursday, June 1 from 2-4 p.m. — Conference Room*

*Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!* Do you have a passion/gift for developing relationships and engaging others in meaningful discussions about scripture? Do you have an interest in guiding group discussions so individuals/groups gain insights for their personal spiritual growth? If so, you are invited to an interactive and informative workshop on facilitating small groups.

We are in need of facilitators to start new small groups for couples, men, women, and singles. The upcoming training will provide you with the guidance and assistance you need.

If you are interested in participating in the upcoming facilitator training or would like to tell us about your existing small group, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Discover New Covenant

*June 10/11, Following Each Worship Service — Worship Center*

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.

Please visit the Discover New Covenant kiosk in the East Narthex to learn more about connecting to New Covenant. (We are right across from the cookies!)

For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto: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 weekend of June 24 & 25. Please note date change.

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](mailto: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!

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## 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.



## 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](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and click on the calendar icon. You will also find a list of upcoming Memorial Services.

# Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



## Prayers & Squares Ministry Needs Your Help

Calling All Quilters! This year has been especially busy. Nearly 60 prayer quilts were donated in just the first four months of 2017.

These quilts bring comfort to those in special need of prayer — people facing health issues or personal crisis, sick babies, cancer patients, or those who have lost a loved one. Each quilt is a statement of the power of prayer and the love of God.

Please consider using your gift of quilting to comfort others. The quilts need only be approximately 45" x 55". For more information, please call Diane Placek at (352) 633-9495 or Debra Campanella at (352) 348-5762.



## Happy Hands

*Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Classroom 14*

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each week. If you are interested in helping, just stop by for a visit.



## 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. They also pray for our church and our world.

If you have a calling to intercede in prayer for others, this group welcomes you!

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." —Philippians 4:6*



## 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.



## Flower Ministry

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



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Diane Machande who had open heart surgery; and Andrea Bixler who has lung disease. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Louise Groves, family and friends on the passing of her husband Gene; Carol & Chuck Zimmerman, family and friends on the passing of their granddaughter Marley; and Roger & Barbara Robertson, family and friends on the passing of Roger's son Steven.

### New Concerns

Jim Artman, Vicki Gongwer, Claire Harmon, Nancy Harmon, Lisa Harry, Fred Horgenroder, Bre Hinson, Chase Hughes, Bette Jones, Marguerite Muller, Angela Parcell, Mike Sarych, Sue Stephenson, Pat Tennis, Charles Trask, Alexandria Webb