



Concerts Events

Special Events

As we end our 2016-2017 Concert Season, the Events Committee wishes to say "THANK YOU" to all the volunteers who supported the Events Ministry by selling tickets, greeting guests, serving as ushers, labeling chairs, directing traffic in the parking lots, and all the various tasks required to provide a warm and welcoming environment for the hundreds of members and visitors to our campus.

Thank you to all the staff members who assisted our volunteers or participated in an event. Also, a very special thank you to our membership for supporting the various ministries by attending an event.

The 2017-2018 Concert Season opens on October 8, with the Heart of Florida Chorus and their special guest, The Ditchfields. Other events/performers scheduled include The 4 Aces, Mark Gungor's "Laugh Your Way To A Better Marriage," Ivan Parker, Ernie Haase and Signature Sound, as well as The Villages favorites, Celebration Brass Band, The Wind Ensemble, and numerous other artists.

See you in September!

Memorial Day - Monday, May 29

Our church and Administrative Office will be closed.



Wildwood Mentor Program

Is there anything better than to mentor a child?

Our current Mentors will be "moving up" with their Mentees, but because of how well-received the program has been, we have more students 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 five-year period as your Mentee journeys from eighth grade through graduation.

Our Program focuses on three foundational areas: physical, spiritual, and academic/career needs. A training session will be held in July and August and the Mentor Program will kick off in September. If God is leading you to this, please contact Anne Foote Hill, Director of Church Administration, at afotehill@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529 for an application. Applications are due on Friday, July 7.



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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
May 28	Nehemiah 10-11	Psalms 111-118	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 6
May 29	Nehemiah 12-13	1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37, 71, 94	John 7:25-44	Mark 7
May 30	Esther 1-5	Psalms 119:1-88	John 7:45-8:11	Mark 8
May 31	Esther 6-10	1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalms 72	John 8:12-59	Mark 9
June 1	Job 1-4	Psalms 119:89-176	John 9:1-16	Mark 10
June 2	Job 5-7	Solomon 1-8	John 9:17-41	Mark 11
June 3	Job 8-10	Proverbs 1-3	John 10:1-21	Mark 12
June 4	Job 11-13	Proverbs 4-6	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 13

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

Lord, help us take to heart your words that we are called to be your witnesses. Whether that means to our neighbor, workmate, golf partner or a stranger at Publix, give us the courage to answer your call ... your voice. You promised us the power to practice your presence in our lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Men's Prayer Breakfast at the Summerhill Campus

There will be NO Men's Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, May 30 and June 6. Please join us when we return on June 13. Thank you for your understanding.

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	Women of the Bible	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	10 Questions Christians Are Asking	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	Telling our Stories	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	Captured by Grace	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: 2,034

(Orchard Worship) 8 • (Teen Twilight) 35

(Fresh Expressions) 30 • (Celebrate Recovery) 101 • (Saturday Contemporary) 252

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-163 • 9:15-554 • 10:45-541

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-150 • 10:00-200

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

MAY 27 & 28, 2017



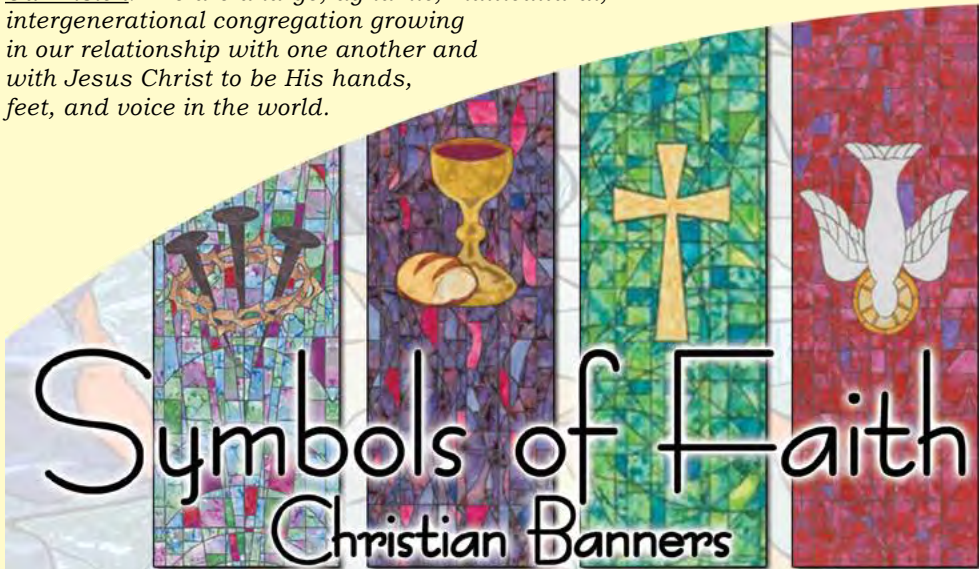
Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



In ancient times and throughout Scripture, banners were used to declare allegiance to God. They helped lead the Israelites into battle. Ancient followers of Jehovah used banners to declare the majesty and glory of the Lord and to beckon the lost to His safety.

We serve a creative God who reveals Himself through the beauty and majesty of creation. As His handiwork, we can proclaim His character through engaging colors and compelling imagery. The following descriptions will illustrate the meaning behind each of our beautiful banners hanging in the Christian Life Center and East Narthex.

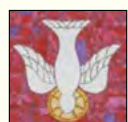
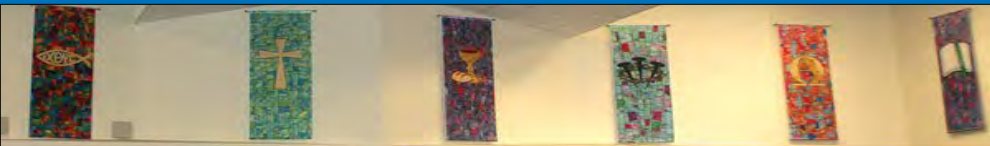
Fish: Ichthus is the Greek word simply meaning "fish." The Greek spelling for ichthus is — Iota, Chi, Theta, Upsilon, and Sigma. The English translation is IXOYE. The five Greek letters stand for the words meaning, "Jesus Christ, Son of God, Savior." This symbol was used primarily amongst Christians of the early church years (first and second century AD). The symbol was introduced from Alexandria, Egypt, which at the time was a very heavily-populated seaport. It was the port in which many goods were brought over from the European continent. Because of this, it was first used by the peoples of the sea as a symbol of a familiar deity; in this case, Jesus Christ.

Cross: The Christian cross, seen as a representation of the instrument of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, is the best-known religious symbol of Christianity. It is related to the crucifix (a cross that includes a usually three-dimensional representation of Jesus' body) and to the more general family of cross symbols.

Bread/Chalice: The loaf of bread represents Christ's body given up for all. The chalice is a symbol of the forgiveness of sin won by Christ's blood shed on the cross.

Crown of Thorn and Three Nails: The crown of thorns is a symbol of Jesus' Passion. It reminds us of the soldiers' mockery of Christ and their ironic ascription of His place as King of the Jews. The three nails represent the nails placed in Christ's hands and feet. (Continued on next page.)

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



Our Christian Banners (continued)

Alpha & Omega: In Revelation 22:13, Jesus says of himself, "I am Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End." Alpha is the first letter of the Greek alphabet and Omega is the last. Putting the two together, they represent the eternity of Christ as the Son of God.

Bible: The Holy Bible is the Word of God. An open book represents truth or revelation.

Crown: Representing a King's crown (a symbol for royal power or authority).

Star of Bethlehem: Appeared with the announcement of the birth of Jesus Christ.

Ten Commandments: The tablets of stone are a picture of the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses on Mt. Sinai. They may be used to represent the whole of God's law, the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Bible, the Torah), or the entire Old Testament.

Baptismal Shell: The shell (usually a scallop or cockle shell) with three water drops is a symbol of baptism, generally, and especially of the baptism of Christ. The three droplets remind us of the Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) into which Christians are baptized. The shell alone may also be used as a symbol for Pilgrimage and may be used as an emblem for saints known for their travels (such as St. James), or whose shrines have become destinations for pilgrims.

Descending Dove: Symbol of the Holy Ghost and used especially in representations of our Lord's Baptism and the Pentecost.

Trinity: The Borromean Rings are three interlocking circles that symbolize the Christian trinity. The word "trinity" comes from the Latin noun "trinitas," meaning "three are one." The trinity represents the belief that God is one Being made up of three distinct Persons who exist in co-equal, co-eternal communion as the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Carol & Tom Carlyon in memory of their daughter Kristi on her birthday; Kim & Rick Greenberg in memory of Spc. Nick Idalski; and Maxine & John Duroe in celebration of their 59th anniversary.



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



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.



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 West 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.



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.



Annual Bishop's Love Offering

Today!
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



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.



PrimeTime

Just a reminder there will be NO Prime Time in June or July. We will return on August 10.



Beyond the Broken Heart

Mondays, Beginning June 26 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Classroom 14
Beyond the Broken Heart is a six-week grief support session. Let us walk with you on your journey. Books are \$10 each.

For more information or to register, please call the Congregational Care department at (352) 750-4529.



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.



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.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Sister Catherine Frost, who has many health issues; and Adam, a 2-year old, who is having heart surgery in Boston. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Edie Burnett, family and friends on the passing of her husband Leon; and to Sue and John Malvin on the passing of her father.

New Concerns

Adam, Art & Marcia, Nancy & Bob Buttermark, Tracy Capuano, Bunny Christoph, Shelly Coggin, Courtney Cole, Jeane Dumont, Barb Excell, Iris Fuson, Edmund Jerue, Jr., Judy Moore, Julyenny Sanchez, Clyde Schlerf, Katrina Spires, Charles Trask, Jon Walowicz, and William.