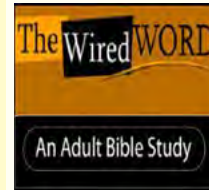


TidBits



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by Susie Vanderburg in memory of her husband David on their anniversary, and Peggy Dresser in memory of her husband Dick on their anniversary.



The Wired Word

The Wired Word class will not meet in July and August. We will resume our regular Saturday afternoon meetings beginning September 2. However, weekly copies of the class handout will continue to be emailed to you during these two months.

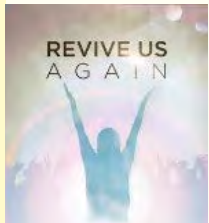


Serenity Garden Memorial Monument

As a part of the Serenity Garden Columbarium, we are offering a Memorial Monument that is designed to accommodate bronze memorial plates for the purpose of remembering loved ones. The plates will be 2 x 9 inches and have space for three lines of inscription that could include such items as name, dates, and a scripture notation. The cost of each plate is \$250, and includes the desired inscriptions.

For more information about the Memorial Monument, please contact a committee member:

- Bob Freeman: (352) 751-0505
- Virginia Newland: (352) 751-4283
- Mick Hall: (970) 520-3848
- Linda Rimington: (352) 446-2702
- Bob Koehling: (352) 753-4074
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2017 Florida Annual Conference

"Revive Us Again" was the theme of the 2017 Florida Annual Conference, which was held June 8-10 in Orlando. Approximately 1,700 Florida United Methodists gathered at the Buena Vista Palace Hotel to learn and share about changing the world through a request and petition to "Revive Us Again" found in Psalm 85.

During the conference, there were six main actions enacted by the conference, to include reducing the number of districts and discontinuation of 16 churches. Adopted by the conference were seven resolutions. For more information, visit the Florida Conference website at the web addresses below.

www.flumc.org/newsdetail/ac-2017-closes-with-spirit-of-revival-8471152

www.flumc.org/newsdetail/heath-and-watson-discuss-reinvigorating-churches-8451099

www.flumc.org/newsdetail/governing-body-supports-redistricting-8449732



Stewardship Moment

Because of your faithful giving, we are going to upgrade our audio and video equipment in our Chapel. We will also be installing live streaming capability. This will allow family members and friends to view memorial services as they are happening.

These additions are much needed because of the constant use of our Chapel. As well, we will be upgrading the lighting in our Christian Life Center. Installation will be in late July. We are investing \$200,000 in this work in order to provide a quality experience. Thank you for your continued financial support of all our ministries.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
July 9	Psalms 120-132	Isaiah 1-4	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 10
July 10	Psalms 133-139	Isaiah 5-8	Acts 10:1-23	Matthew 11
July 11	Psalms 140-145	Amos 1-5	Acts 10:24-48	Matthew 12
July 12	Psalms 146-150	Amos 6-9	Acts 11	Matthew 13
July 13	Proverbs 1-3	2 Chronicles 27; Isaiah 9-12	Acts 12:1-19	Matthew 14
July 14	Proverbs 4-6	Micah 1-7	Acts 12:20-13:12	Matthew 15
July 15	Proverbs 7-9	2 Chronicles 28; 2 Kings 16-17	Acts 13:13-41	Matthew 16
July 16	Proverbs 10-12	Isaiah 13-17	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 17

(John testified to him and cried out, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because He was before me.'") From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. —John 1:15-17 (NRSV)

Dear God, I realize that I can never be perfect enough to earn a place in Your perfect heaven. I realize that the only way I'll get in is by Your grace. Forgive me for thinking that I could be good enough. Forgive me for my pride that thinks I can earn my way into heaven. Thank You that You give me what I need, not what I deserve. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sunday Christian Education Classes

Time	Class	Topic	Location
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's Call	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Full Communion	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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Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,247

(Orchard Worship) 13 • (Teen Twilight) 20

(Fresh Expressions) 22 • (Celebrate Recovery) 90 • (Saturday Contemporary) 201

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-130 • 9:15-893 • 10:45-593

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-121 • 10:00-164

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.



Many of you may have taken advantage of our new designated prayer space! Some of you might not know we have one! We do! At the beginning of 2017, we inaugurated our new prayer space with a prayer vigil — to cover our church, our nation, and our world in the power of prayer!

We knew from the beginning that we wanted this to be a sacred space — comfortable and inviting to all who come through our doors — to spend time in prayer, meditation, and contemplation. Our team envisioned furniture pieces to make our Prayer Room a comfortable place to come and pray. You'll notice our new prayer kneeler that is totally dedicated to the prayer space. One of our woodworking volunteers created this beautiful kneeler that now belongs to the room. It is roomy, comfortable enough for two people, and reflects our Methodist heritage with the cross and flame.

In creating this space, we wanted to have resources available to those who come in — bibles, devotionals, topical books — plus we also wanted soft music to play in the background to block any outside noise. Another talented volunteer came up with the perfect piece to give us shelving for books and a hidden cabinet to put our CD player. On the cabinet, we have a fountain and Bible to offer quiet comfort and solitude.

Throughout the room, we offer: seating along with a prayer quilt on which you can tie a knot while you pray; a prayer shawl and prayer beads that lead you as you pray; and for the times that words are difficult to come by, we have prayer cards covering different concerns that help guide you through your prayer.

It is our hope that this room stays consistently busy with someone in prayer or meditation. We are so thankful to all of these wonderful people who have guided this room with great thought and prayer. Please, use this Prayer Room, just off the West Narthex. Without you spending time with God, it has no value.

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

JULY 8 & 9, 2017

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



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



Outreach Ministry

Bargains B&B No Longer Accepting The Following...

Blessings Resale Shop In an effort to maximize our space and minimize injury risk, the following items are no longer needed:

- Exercise Equipment
- Pianos, Organs, and Entertainment Centers
- Damaged Furniture
- Toliets, Blinds, Screen Doors, Storm Doors, Ceiling Fans, Built-In-Ovens, Dishwashers
- Old Stereos, VHS/DVD Players (Blu-rays ok), Printers, House Phones, Internet Routers
- Bed Rails
- Rugs Larger than 8x10
- Big Box TVs, Rear Projection TVs (Flat screens ok)

We are very grateful for your donations in support of our ministries.

Update on our "From the Steeple to the Street" Event

Over the weekend of April 8-9, approximately 200 people from both NCUMC campuses went out into the public areas of The Villages, and beyond, to interact with, listen to, and pray for, the people of our community. What we found was consistent with the demographic statistics for our area, which reveals that most people within, and around, The Villages are not active participants within any Christian church, but are open to dialog and interaction with Christians.

This weekend event, called "From the Steeple to the Street," was part of the Fresh Expressions ministry of our church. Fresh Expressions is the intentional development of new, non-traditional ministries geared towards people who will not enter into the institutional church. We have an ongoing and growing Fresh Expression, led by Christine Webb, which reaches out to people who live or work in assisted living facilities. Our Steeple to the Street event sought to help us identify even more potential areas, and "people groups" to which we could begin to develop Fresh Expressions.

Also, the Lake Deaton Campus has had a Fresh Expression Team meeting for the past three months. The team is taking the data from "The Steeple to the Street" and trying to identify continued ways to create new "fresh expressions." Please continue to pray for this developing ministry.

Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is not just for those who struggle with chemical dependency, such as drugs or alcohol. We 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.

"Half Truths" — New Sermon Series Begins Next Week

They are simple phrases. They sound like something you might even find in the Bible. Phrases like, "Everything happens for a reason," or "God helps those who help themselves," or maybe "God won't give you more than you can handle," or "God said it, I believe it, that settles it," or "Love the sinner, but hate the sin." We've heard these words. Maybe you have used one at one time. They capture some element of the truth, but do they reflect the "whole" truth? Join us for the upcoming series as we dig deeper in search of the entire truth... not just half the truth.

Making connections



New Covenant 2017 Coffee Mug Available Now!

July 8-9, 15-16 — East Narthex Kiosk

For the next three weekends, you have the opportunity to purchase your very own coffee mug! This new "updated" mug is given to our first-time visitors. For a \$10 donation, you will receive a mug, and will also help to support the hospitality shown to our first-time visitors.



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16 — (Please note date change)

Following each Worship Service in the Worship Center

This is a monthly group which meets to help you learn more about New Covenant. Visitors, nonmembers, and members are encouraged to attend. Get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible studies, Connect Small Groups, and membership.

Visit the Discover New Covenant kiosk in the East Narthex to learn more about connecting to New Covenant. For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Connect with a Small Group — Facilitator Training

Monday, July 17 from 6-8 p.m. — Conference Room

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better! Do you enjoy connecting with others and engaging them in a conversation around God's Word and how we can practically live it out in our real life journey? If so, a Connect Small Group may need someone exactly like you to facilitate a group — and you may need a group just like them to grow.

You are invited to an interactive and informative workshop on facilitating small groups. This is a great opportunity for you to determine if facilitation is the "right fit" for you and learn about the why/what of Connect Small Groups, the best practices for facilitating a group, and the format for Connect Small Group meetings.

If you would like more information or would like to register for the upcoming workshop, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Singles Ministry Solo Flight Monthly Meeting

Friday, July 21 from 4-6 p.m. — Chapel

Singles are invited to take this opportunity to make new friends while enjoying an evening of games and puzzles. Sandy Miller, Church Librarian, will host an "Open House," giving everyone a chance to explore what the Library has to offer.

During our meeting, we hope everyone comes with ideas for future socials, as well as the formation of small interest groups. Singles Table Talk (dinner after meeting) will resume this month. For more information, please contact Laura Tomich at (352) 259-1200.



Volunteers Needed for College Connection!

We are searching for volunteers to write a monthly note or card, and/or send our college students an occasional "care package."

We want to let them know we are supporting and thinking about them during the school year. It doesn't have to be fancy or expensive, just an occasional reminder that they are still connected with New Covenant. For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



PrimeTime

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



Hospital Visitation

If you or a loved one enters the hospital, please inform the Care office at 750-4529. The ministers visit often and offer their support with prayer and encouragement to patient and family — a little bit of their medicine can be just what the doctor ordered!



Praying Together

Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. — Classroom 14

A faithful group of people gather each week to pray over the concerns of our congregation. They also pray for our church and our world. If you have a calling to pray for others, this group welcomes you!



Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursdays at 2 p.m. — Classroom 14

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

For more information, please call Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529.



Alzheimer's Care Give Support Group

Every Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. — Classrooms 1, 2, 3, 6/7

This is a weekly opportunity for caregivers of persons with all forms of dementia to gather for education, encouragement, and spiritual support. Respite Care is provided for loved ones.

For more information, please call Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529.



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 quilt on the altar rail is for: Talia Cassel, a 12-year-old with sensory and motor impairment; and Margie Hendren (Pastor Harold's aunt) who fell and broke her hip. Please pray for peace, strength, patience, comfort, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Pam & Don Brown on the passing of her father; and to the family and friends of Frank Smith on his passing.

New Concerns

Katherine Anderson, Brian Baker, Mike Boucher, Nancy Campbell, Margie Hendren, Margaret Messinger-Hiley, Nancy Jacobus, Barb Lincoln, Dale McCart Family, Andy McLaughlin & Family, Clara Myslinski, Nigel, Stanley Pettersen, Jane Richardson, Sandy