

# TidBits



## Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Susie Vanderburg in memory of her husband David; and Robert B. Jenkins in memory of Captain Harry T. Jenkins, USN.



## Yoga Classes

Our Monday afternoon Yoga classes will be on hiatus the month of August. Please join us again on Monday, September 11. For more information, please email Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).



## Shop AmazonSmile and Donate to New Covenant!

Did you know that you can shop ... and at the same time contribute to New Covenant? AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support New Covenant every time you shop, at no cost to you.

When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection, and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to New Covenant. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5 percent of the purchase price from your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases. Tens of millions of products are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

Instructions on how you can sign up are located at a kiosk in the East Narthex and on our website. If you have any questions or need assistance signing up, please contact Jo Jones at (352) 750-4529 or [jjones@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jjones@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

To date, the Foundation has paid over \$54m in contributions to various organizations! So, New Covenant, let's get shopping!



## United Methodist Market Place

UMCmarket is another easy way to provide contributions to New Covenant through your everyday online purchases.

With the rapid growth of online sales, New Covenant could benefit from using the UMCmarket portal, in which a percentage of your online spending at thousands of participating retailers is contributed to our church. In addition, there are several opportunities to save money with special merchant offers and promotions announced each week. UMCmarket is a great way to shop, save, and support your church, at no cost to the shopper or NCUMC.

Not currently a UMCmarket participant? Sign up now at [www.umcmarket.org](http://www.umcmarket.org). You may then select New Covenant as the recipient of your contributions!

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
July 23	Proverbs 30-31	Isaiah 31-34	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 24
July 24	Ecclesiastes 1-4	Isaiah 35-36	Acts 18	Matthew 25
July 25	Ecclesiastes 5-8	Isaiah 37-39; Psalms 76	Acts 19:1-20	Matthew 26
July 26	Ecclesiastes 9-12	Isaiah 40-43	Acts 19:21-20:12	Matthew 27
July 27	Solomon 1-8	Isaiah 44-48	Acts 20:13-38	Matthew 28
July 28	Isaiah 1-4	2 Kings 18:9-19:37; Psalms 46; 80; 135	Acts 21:1-25	Mark 1
July 29	Isaiah 5-8	Isaiah 49-53	Acts 21:26-22:21	Mark 2
July 30	Isaiah 9-12	Isaiah 54-58	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 3

God guards you from every evil, he guards your very life. He guards you when you leave and when you return, he guards you now, he guards you always. (Psalm 121:7-8)

*Lord*, you are a very present help when we are in need. You promise to never forsake us, but you will love us. Thank you, Lord, for helping us when "we can't help ourselves." For this, we are grateful. 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)	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	The Holy Spirit	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	Confidence in American Institutions	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: 1,984

(Fresh Expressions) 22 • (Celebrate Recovery) 71

(Saturday Contemporary) 224 • (Orchard Worship) 10

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-177 • 9:15-630 • 10:45-509

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-161 • 10:00-180

## SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

## JULY 22 & 23, 2017

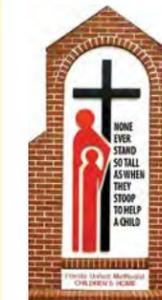


*Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.*



Making a difference in the lives of children for more than 100 years

## What Is The Florida United Methodist Children's Home?



The Children's Home was established in 1908 in Enterprise, Florida, as the Florida Methodist Orphanage to provide a home for orphans and other children that had nowhere else to live. The name change to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home reflected the reality that an increasing number of children coming into care were not simply orphans, but victims of abuse, abandonment, and family breakdown.

The Madison Youth Ranch was opened in 2014 and offers children a rural, country setting in which they can roam, play, and heal. One of the outstanding programs at the Youth Ranch is the Equine Assisted Psychotherapy. The equine program helps children develop healthy relationships and a strong work ethic, as well as overcome fears, build teamwork, and much more.

The Children's Home now serves as a diverse ministry that includes residential, therapeutic group, foster and emergency shelter care. It ensures children get medical care, nourishing food, proper clothes, and education. Provided are counseling, lots of love, attention, and a positive lifestyle. The Home works hard to share with the children a childhood that's as normal as possible under very difficult circumstances. **But the most important thing is hope!**

### How Can You Help? — Fifth Sunday Offerings

Between both campuses in Enterprise and Madison, and the foster children under their care, there are about 400 children to get ready for the new school year. They all need school supplies, clothing, electronics, and in some cases uniforms. And the financial need continues through the year for field trips, science projects, school functions, and extracurricular activities. These children need your help.



Your Fifth Sunday (July 29/30) Offering is one of the vital means of support for the Children's Home. Your gift helps to provide the necessary supplies, additional tutoring, and other resources necessary to make them successful. Each month that has a fifth Sunday, the United Methodist churches in the Florida Conference are asked to receive an offering to help carry on the life-changing ministry of the Children's Home. To make your donation, look for an envelope in next weekend's bulletin.

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

## New Covenant United Methodist Church

"Year-to-Date" Financial Update — June 2017

Account	Budget	Actual	
Income*	\$2,161,991	\$2,052,827	<b>Debt Elimination Receipts</b> \$1,690,333
Expense*	\$2,187,626	\$1,887,517	
Net Income*	<b>\$(25,635)</b>	\$165,310	
Loan Balance	\$4,561,317		<b>*Excludes Helping Hands</b>

The Word of **God** is alive and active!  
Hebrews 4:12

# Discipleship Bible Studies

**New Covenant Church Library**  
Our Library provides easy access to Christian-based literature and audio/visual materials for anyone. It has over 9,500 titles available for check out. The Library is open whenever the church is open, and an online catalog is available on a computer inside. New items are received mainly as donations. "Come in and check us out!"

In addition, our Library has study materials available for Small Groups (multiple copies, plus leaders' guides and DVDs). Our church history, dating back to 1999, is also available for viewing — including newspaper clippings and photos of members, friends, and ministries. You will also find rare books, including hymnals carried by the old circuit riders. DVDs of our pastors' sermons, church events, and concerts are available for check out.

**New Women's Bible Study Coming Soon!**  
*The Gospel of Mark – The Jesus We're Aching For* begins September 26  
God's heart is moved by your cries for help, your shouts for joy, and your unspoken worries. We know Him to be a God of unparalleled power and authority, but Mark's account of Jesus paints Him as a deeply personal and intimate God, too.

Please join us for this eight-week study that follows Jesus through His days of early ministry all the way to the cross. More details and sign-ups will be available soon. If you have any questions, please contact Jill Beck at (352) 750-4529 or [jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**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.

**Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides**  
*Half Truths*  
If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide, they are available at the Welcome Center, a kiosk, and a table in the East Narthex.

All weekly guides are also available on our website — just click the "Worship" button and select "Sermon Series." Choose whichever series you wish to download.

**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
- Phil Waters: (352) 751-5076
- Ed Lovera: (352) 674-9154

# Making connections

**New Covenant 2017 Coffee Mug Available Now!**  
This is your **last 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. Stop by the East Narthex kiosk to get your mug!

**Discover New Covenant**  
*August 12/13, following each Worship Service — Worship Center*  
This is a monthly gathering that meets after each Worship Service 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](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**Connect Small Groups**  
*Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!*  
Are you "connected" in a small group of five to twelve others who share the common interest of growing their relationship with Jesus Christ and with each other? People who provide support, care, and prayer for each other, who enjoy social times together, who use a Christ-centered curriculum and who look beyond themselves to be the "hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ"?

The Connect Small Group experience is a conduit to church life that strengthens you and the church. Connect Small Groups offer Spiritual growth, meaningful relationships, support/care, and opportunities to serve. For more information, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**New Members**  
Did you know there are different types of church memberships? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

- New Member Class:**
- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, October 1 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
  - **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, October 2 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

Please pick up a New Member Registration form at the Welcome kiosk, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

**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](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

Because We Care...  
**Congregational Care Ministries**

**Cancer Support Ministry**  
*Friday, July 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.

Reservations are requested in order to have a count for lunch. Please call the church office at (352) 750-4529, not later that noon on Thursday, July 27.

**Be a Prime Time Volunteer**  
Prime Time gatherings are the second Thursday of the month. We are looking for volunteers to: greet the attendees, serve lunch, help with registration, plan monthly programs, or sit with a new friend. If this opportunity is something you feel led to do, please call Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529.

**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!

**Angels & Amigos**  
Our Angels & Amigos Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with transportation within The Villages to medical appointments or to Prime Time (the second Thursday of each month). Volunteering can be on a regular or occasional basis.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact the Congregational Care Department at (352) 750-4529.

**The Gift of Prayer**  
The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Don & Lynn Everett (He has cancer and she is his caregiver.); and Jane Hudson who had pulmonary cancer surgery. Please pray for peace, strength, comfort, and healing.

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...**  
Betty & Ken Williams, family and friends on the passing of her brother Dick.

**New Concerns**  
Andrea Baker, Kathy Buick, John C & Bernie H, Don & Lynn Everett, Sally & John Falb, Ron Foster, Jr., Hal, Bobby Hallett, Gregg Heidenreich, Heather Kline, Jim Klinger, Andy McLaughlin, Ann Miller, John Moore, Norman, Richard Scarberry, Don & Sue Stephenson, Richard Thomas, Edwina Turner, Marsha Wadd, Linda Warner, Irma Werner, Ed Wiggins, Roy Wuornos