

TidBits



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Karen Rodriguez in memory of her mother's, Betty Steele, 100th birthday; Eva Wellman in memory of her son Steven and son-in-law John Greenwood, Jr.; and Pete and Paula Nicholas in celebration of their 57th anniversary.



Give a Warm "New Covenant Welcome"

Please join us in welcoming Marissa Carnevale to the Finance Team. Marissa filled our open position as a Financial Analyst. She grew up in Sumter County and has spent the last three years at Regions Bank. Please welcome Marissa to New Covenant.



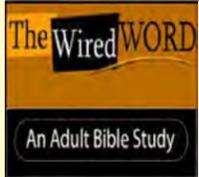
Yoga Classes

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.

Charge Conference

Monday, August 14 at 5 p.m. — Christian Life Center

We will hold a special Charge Conference on Monday, August 14 at 5 p.m. in the Christian Life Center. The reason for this conference is that due to an increase in supply and sub-contractor costs, the Lake Deaton building cost has now increased almost 35% over the last two years. As a result, New Covenant needs to borrow an additional \$750,000 to complete the project.



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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
July 30	Isaiah 9-12	Isaiah 54-58	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 3
July 31	Isaiah 13-17	Isaiah 59-63	Acts 22:22-23:10	Mark 4
August 1	Isaiah 18-22	Isaiah 64-66	Acts 23:11-35	Mark 5
August 2	Isaiah 23-27	2 Kings 20-21	Acts 24	Mark 6
August 3	Isaiah 28-30	2 Chronicles 32-33	Acts 25	Mark 7
August 4	Isaiah 31-35	Nahum 1-3	Acts 26:1-18	Mark 8
August 5	Isaiah 36-41	2 Kings 22-23; 2 Chronicles 34-35	Acts 26:19-27:8	Mark 9
August 6	Isaiah 42-44	Zephaniah	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 10

God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble.

That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart. (Psalm 46:1-2)

Lord, when we face a mountain in life, you promise us we won't have to scale it alone.

With each step forward, you draw us that much closer to trusting you.

You have never failed us, Lord. Thank you for helping us to climb higher than we ever imagined.

The view from above is quite beautiful. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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	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	Environment, Politics, and Faith	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: 1,890

(Fresh Expressions) 30 • (Celebrate Recovery) 70

(Saturday Contemporary) 228 • (Orchard Worship) 12

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-163 • 9:15-573 • 10:45-454

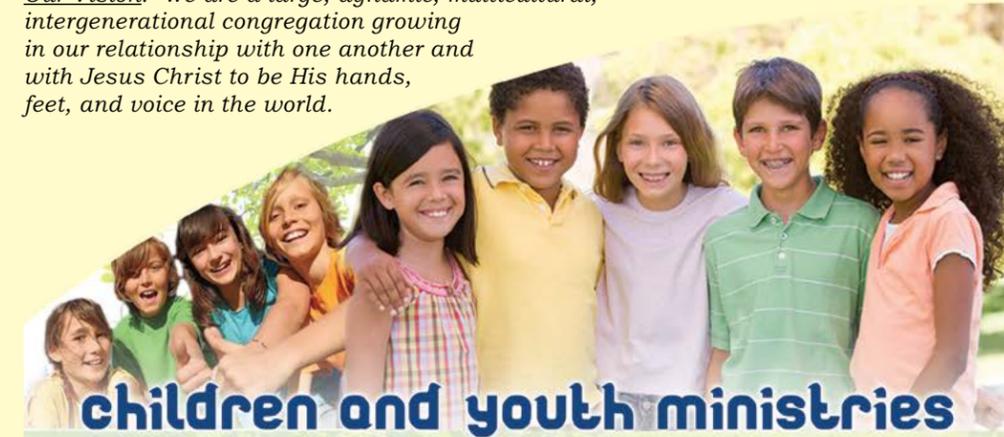
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-155 • 10:00-205

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

JULY 29 & 30, 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.



children and youth ministries

The end of summer doesn't have to be a bummer. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer with Children and Youth year-round!



Our BEACH after-school program resumes on Wednesday, August 16! BEACH is an engaging program held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-5:30 for Pre-K through fifth-grade students. Children are welcome to come spend time in a safe and supportive, adult-supervised environment, while participating in a variety of activities: kids' worship, Bible lesson, homework help, and outside games.



Roots is our middle school component of BEACH. Roots also resumes Wednesday, August 16 from 3-5:30 for students sixth through eighth grades. It is designed to give our middle school kids an opportunity to build friendships, fellowship, and to be encouraged to grow in their relationship with God.



PeAr is our Performing Arts after-school program which runs Tuesday afternoons from 3-5:30. This program is for Kindergarten to middle school students. Each week we challenge them to use their artistic and creative gifts to bring glory to God's Kingdom. This program concludes with a musical in May.

We will have after-school Volunteer Training on Wednesday, August 2 from 3-6 p.m. in the Worship Center. We have opportunities to volunteer for:

- Bus Chaperone
- Homework Helper
- Chapel Assistant
- Worship Assistant
- Vocal Coach
- Acting Coach
- Snack Helper
- Media/Tech Aid
- Substitutes
- ... And more

If you feel led to volunteer with Children or Youth and would like additional information, please visit a kiosk between services at Summerhill or contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at (352)-750-4529 or bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

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



The Florida United Methodist Children's Home
This is Fifth Sunday Weekend
 Your "Fifth Sunday" offering enables the programs of the Children's Home to maintain its ministry as a significant Christian outreach committed to the well-being of children, youth, and their families. An envelope has been placed in the bulletin this week for your convenience. Please make checks payable to NCUMC with "FUMCH" on the memo line. Cash donations are also appreciated.



SoZo Kids Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, August 1 at 1 p.m. — Worship Center
 The next quarterly meeting of The Villages SoZo Kids Club will be held next Tuesday. Come hear a presentation on the various programs being conducted by the Help Agency for the children who live in rural poverty in the Ocala National Forest. Current specific needs include shoes, school supplies, and Walmart gift cards. Cash or checks (written to the "Help Agency") would also be appreciated.



Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up
August 5 from 4-6:30 p.m. and August 6 from 7:30 a.m.-12 p.m.
 Next weekend, the Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the West Parking Lot to accept your donations. You may drop them off before or after Worship Services.



Buy Now for Operation Christmas Shoe Box
Tax-free Weekend is August 4-6
 Operation Christmas Shoe Box is coming soon. With the upcoming "tax-free" weekend, it's a great time to get a head start on buying supplies to help fill your shoe boxes for children around the world. School supplies, along with small fun toys and hygiene items, make wonderful gifts to children across the globe affected by war, disaster, poverty, and famine.



Honduras Mission Trip 2017
 Our Honduras Mission Team is inviting our congregation to join with us by contributing supplies needed for our VBS and women's retreat while we are there. If you want to contribute, you may leave your item(s) at the kiosk in the East Narthex.

Please bring all items to Worship Services by Sunday, August 6.

- Bubbles (approximately 4 oz. bottles)
- Children's coloring books and crayons
- Glitter glue
- Hand lotion (small/medium containers)
- Hand sanitizer/wet wipes
- Jump ropes
- Markers
- New or slightly used baby/toddler/children's clothes
- Pencil bags/pencils/pencil sharpeners
- Socks and underwear
- Tissue paper squares (Dollar Tree sells these in a bag.)
- Toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, deodorant
- Tylenol, ibuprofen, vitamins
- Washrags (all colors)
- Ziplock sandwich bags

Making connections



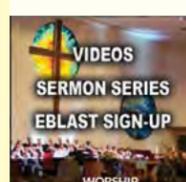
Discover New Covenant
August 12/13, following each Worship Service — Worship Center
 This is a monthly gathering that meets after each Worship Service to help you learn more about New Covenant. Visitors, nonmembers, and members are encouraged to attend. Get answers to questions about getting connected 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.



Connect Small Groups
Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!
 As our church grows "larger," it can be challenging to feel that you have a meaningful, caring, and connected relationship with others. Connect Small Groups offer you the opportunity to join with five to twelve others who share the common interest of growing their relationship with each other and with Jesus Christ through Christ-centered studies.

Groups grow close in relationship with each other through fellowship, caring community, praying, and serving. We have groups for Couples, Men, Women, and Solo Flight Singles. For more information or to sign up for a group today, contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Are You Receiving the Pastors' Weekly Sermon Email?
 We have a new, and easier, way for you to sign up for the pastors' eblasts. Just log onto the church website (newcovenantumc-fl.org) and hold your mouse — or finger — over the Worship button (under Pastor Harold's photo).

There you will see "VIDEOS," "SERMON SERIES," and "EBLAST SIGN-UP." Click "EBLAST SIGN-UP" and that will open the request form. Fill in the form completely and click "Sign Up." It's that easy!

You can also access this eblast sign-up form from the Member's Portal, if you have a church directory password. If you need a password for the Member's Portal, please call Dawn Chadwick, Technology Support Coordinator, at (352) 750-4529.



New Member Classes
 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.

- **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 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."

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
Thursday, August 10 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Worship Center
 We will have a devotion by Ellen Pollock and our program will be a video of the Performing Arts Kids' portrayal of "Aladdin."

The program is followed by lunch for \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, August 7 and indicate if you need transportation.



Praying Together
Wednesdays at 3 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.



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!



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: Patricia Scanlin who had a third recurrence of breast cancer; and Marty Riley who has heart issues. Please pray for peace, strength, comfort, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
 The family and friends of Daniel Hawes on his passing; and to Cheryl Johnson, family and friends on the passing of her father Dick Harris.

New Concerns

Carla Brown, David & Nikki Foggin, Alice Gatecliff, Teri Gray, Roman Guzik, John Hark, Jane Hudson, Jarrod James, Patricia Jones, Les Kahlow, Norma Martin, Karen McClelland, Mike Peacock, Patti Sharp, Liz & Charles Parrott, Ed Starner, Robert A. Stone, Doug Wilcox