

# TidBits



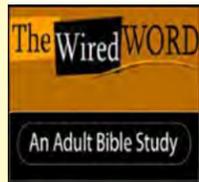
## Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Marge Schneider in memory of Don Schneider; Peggy Dresser in memory of her brother Morgan Jones on his birthday; and Helen & Dave Appleby in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



## 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).



## 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.



## New Sermon Series Begins Next Weekend

Pastor Harold will be leading a new sermon series entitled, *The Blessed Life...Unlocking the Rewards of Generous Living*. Too often, greed and materialism can choke out the true spirit of generosity found in Christ.

Living a blessed life can change every aspect of your life from your marriage to your health to your finances. When God changes your heart from selfishness and self-centeredness to generosity, every part of your life journey can be affected. Come join us over the next couple of weekends as we learn more about living a blessed life.



## New Covenant Ministries on Display

Have you taken the time to walk down the hallways past our classrooms? Have you noticed the photos on display of our ministries? If not, take a stroll and look at the many different ministries in which New Covenant is involved.



## The Villages Charter Schools Partnership

New Covenant maintains a strong partnership with The Villages Charter School (VCS). In fact, in partnership, a plan was developed for VCS and New Covenant in the event of an emergency on school property.

If an emergency occurs that would require one or all of the VCS buildings to be evacuated, the students would come to New Covenant. If that were to occur, we would kindly ask for anyone present on campus — other than staff — to vacate the premises immediately and we would go into a lock-down mode in order to protect the children. We pray that this will never occur, but wanted you to know that we have a plan and a partnership with The Villages Charter Schools to support such an occurrence. We recently hosted a drill with the VCS's Administrative teams. They are very appreciative of New Covenant and our commitment to help keep children safe!

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
August 6	Isaiah 42-44	Zephaniah	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 10
August 7	Isaiah 45-48	Jeremiah 1-3	Acts 27:9-38	Mark 11
August 8	Isaiah 49-53	Jeremiah 4-6	Acts 27:39-28:31	Mark 12
August 9	Isaiah 54-58	Jeremiah 7-9	Romans 1:1-15	Mark 13
August 10	Isaiah 59-63	Jeremiah 10-13	Romans 1:16-32	Mark 14
August 11	Isaiah 64-66	Jeremiah 14-17	Romans 2	Mark 15
August 12	Jeremiah 1-3	Jeremiah 18-22	Romans 3	Mark 16
August 13	Jeremiah 4-6	Jeremiah 23-25	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 1

*[Jesus said to them,] "Don't judge, so that you won't be judged. You'll receive the same judgment you give. Whatever you deal out will be dealt out to you. Why do you see the splinter that's in your brother's or sister's eye, but don't notice the log in your own eye? How can you say to your brother or sister, 'Let me take the splinter out of your eye,' when there's a log in your eye? You deceive yourself! First take the log out of your eye, and then you'll see clearly to take the splinter out of your brother's or sister's eye." (Matthew 7:1-5)*

*Lord, we are often quick to judge others, but slow to see our own blemishes and shortcomings. Forgive us when we point our fingers at other people's faults, rather than dig deeper, and being blind to our own defects. Unfortunately, Lord, splinters and logs are part of our everyday life. Help us, Lord. 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: 1,973

(Fresh Expressions) 70 • (Celebrate Recovery) 82

(Saturday Contemporary) 210 • (Orchard Worship) 10 • (Teen Twilight) 22

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-144 • 9:15-571 • 10:45-476

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-185 • 10:00-203

## 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.*

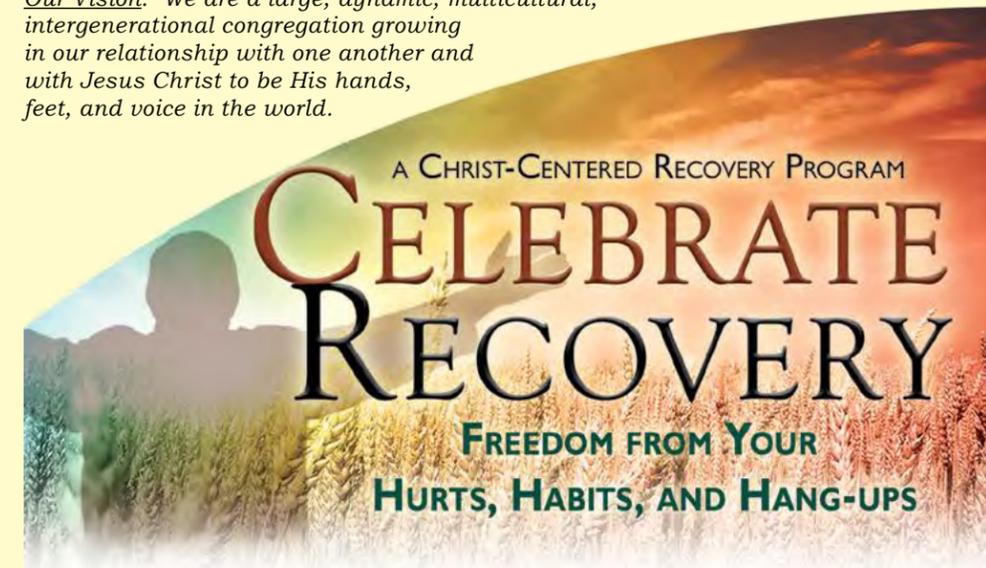
## AUGUST 5 & 6, 2017

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of  
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



**Celebrate Recovery** is a ministry designed to help regular folks like you and me who are on a journey toward wholeness. This is a ministry that addresses many of life's issues and is for anyone seeking recovery and celebrating God's healing from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Trained leaders provide safe, confidential, Christ-centered groups where people can grow. They offer their stories as fellow travelers on the journey to healing. Celebrate Recovery is open to anyone with the courage to be open to healing and change.

- A hurt is something in your life that hinders your walk with God and others. The feeling of being hurt is an emotional reaction to another person's behavior or to a disturbing situation.
- A habit is an addiction to someone or something.
- Hang-ups are negative mental attitudes that are used to cope with people or adversity.

*The Bible clearly states, "all have sinned."*

"It is my nature to sin, and it is yours, too. None of us is untainted. Because of sin, we've all hurt ourselves. We've all hurt other people, and others have hurt us. This means each of us needs repentance and recovery in order to live our lives the way God intended." —Pastor Rick Warren

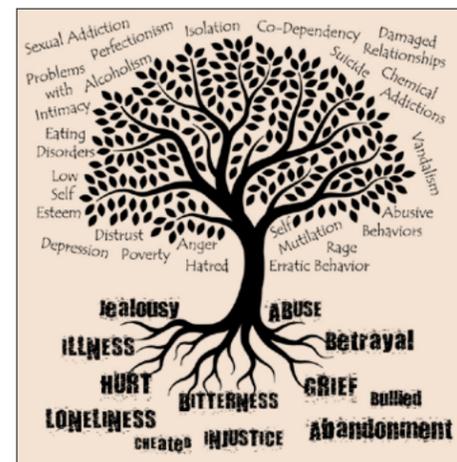
Healing is possible by applying the principles of Celebrate Recovery to your life! We have plenty of opportunities throughout the week for you to join.

### Wednesday Meetings at Wildwood UMC

- Doors open at 6 p.m.
- Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
- Meetings begin at 7 p.m.

### Friday Meetings at New Covenant UMC

- Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
- Dinner at 5:45 p.m.
- Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.



**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



## Buy Now for Operation Christmas Shoe Box

**Tax-free Weekend!**

Operation Christmas Shoe Box is coming soon. With this "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 for children across the globe affected by war, disaster, poverty, and famine.



## Honduras Mission Trip 2017

**This is the last weekend to bring in your donations!**

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.

- 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



## Fresh Expressions Opportunity

**Friday/Saturday, September 15 & 16 — Orlando**

Want to learn how to start a Fresh Expression? Then attend the upcoming "Pioneer Learning Retreat Workshop." Through training, resourcing, and coaching, this opportunity will help you learn how to take the next step in leading Fresh Expressions throughout our community.

A "Pioneer" is someone capable of taking the church outside the walls and who can relate/interact with the people there. The Pioneer Learning Communities are designed to:

- Assist teams who want to launch fresh expressions of church
- Help pastors and lay-leaders create Fresh Expressions strategies for their communities and neighborhoods
- Surround pioneers with a network of fellow sojourners and practitioners of missional ministry

The next Pioneer Learning Community takes place in Orlando at the Canterbury Retreat and Conference Center! For more information and to register, please visit: [www.fresh-expressionsus.org/event/pioneer-learning-community-orlando-fl](http://www.fresh-expressionsus.org/event/pioneer-learning-community-orlando-fl).

## Church Conference

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

We will hold a special Church 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. Additionally, approval for the adoption of Articles of Incorporation for the Lake Deaton Campus is required.

# 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](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Solo Flight Singles Upcoming Events

**Friday, August 18 at 4 p.m. — Chapel**

All singles are welcome to our August gathering. Jenny Sweat will discuss how Solo Flight can utilize multiple small groups within our large group to help each member feel more connected to grow socially and spiritually as a single individual.

Please note that the deadline to sign up for the Afternoon Tea (Thursday, August 24), has been extended until August 17. For more information or to register, please call Laura Tomich at (352) 259-1200 or (352) 250-0237.



## 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](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.



## Connect Small Groups

**Love God! Love others! Together is Better!**

Have you ever wanted to talk over the lesson from the Pastor's sermons with a few others who want to further discuss and explore the topic? Do you have a small group of five to twelve others with whom you can have those discussions, build close relationships, care, share, strengthen your relationship with Christ, serve, pray, and play together? You can have all that and more by joining a Connect Small Group today!

Pastor Harold will begin an eight-week sermon series on "Moses" the weekend of September 9/10. Groups are now forming that will follow the pastor's sermon series, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. If you would like to review the study materials for your existing small group or sign up for a new group, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## 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



## 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

**Wednesday 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!



## Prayer Requests

Just log onto our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)) and click on the "Prayer Requests" tab just under our church logo. That will link you to our "Member's Portal," where you may select "Submit a Prayer Request." Fill out the information, and click "Submit Request." It's that easy! If you have any questions, 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: Audrey Coon who has cancer; Dick Holcombe for after-effects from a procedure; and Linda Sue Christian who has lung cancer. Please pray for peace, strength, comfort, and healing.

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

Liz Parrott, family and friends on the passing of her husband Charlie; Linda & Bill Beasley, family and friends on the passing of Linda's mother Edwina Turner; and Stephen (our new Associate Director of Congregational Care) & Courtney Wright, family and friends over the recent loss of his aunt Kathy Cole.

## New Concerns

Marten Adams, Myra Burdette, Jennifer Danko, Linda Dollar, Dan & Rick, David & Nicki Foggins, Iris Fuson, Dean Grundman, Pam Healy, Dick & Rochelle Holcombe, Earl Kreisa, Michelle Lehman, Ralph Macre, Isabelle McCormick, Bill Moran, Dee Morgan-Ogle, Ross Rametta, Jim Riney, Sammy, Nancy Schaffer, Caroline Stammler, Cynthia Viraio, Kate Weaver, Maggie Zarycki