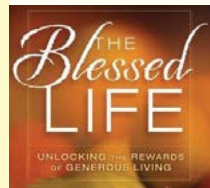


TidBits



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by: Linda & Wayne Underhill in celebration of their 50th anniversary; Pat Elwell in memory of her husband Ellis B. Elwell; and Dave Barrows (husband), Greg, Jen, Corey, & Kendall Barrows (son & family), and Andy & Tammy Barrows (son & wife) in honor of Mary Barrows 80th birthday.



New Sermon Series

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. Join us the next couple of weekends as we learn more about living a blessed life.



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.

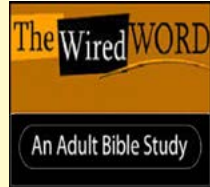
For more information about the Memorial Monument, please contact a committee member:

- Bob Freeman: (352) 751-0505
- Virginia Newland: (352) 751-4283
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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.



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.

Church Conference

Monday, August 14 at 5 p.m. — 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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
August 13	Jeremiah 4-6	Jeremiah 23-25	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 1
August 14	Jeremiah 7-9	Jeremiah 26-29	Romans 4	Luke 2
August 15	Jeremiah 10-13	Jeremiah 30-31	Romans 5	Luke 3
August 16	Jeremiah 14-17	Jeremiah 32-34	Romans 6:1-7:6	Luke 4
August 17	Jeremiah 18-22	Jeremiah 35-37	Romans 7:7-8:11	Luke 5
August 18	Jeremiah 23-25	Jeremiah 38-40; Psalms 74; 79	Romans 8:12-39	Luke 6
August 19	Jeremiah 26-29	2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36	Romans 9:1-29	Luke 7
August 20	Jeremiah 30-31	Habakkuk	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 8

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

Lord, help us to put you first in every aspect of our lives. You have blessed us beyond measure. We are unworthy of what you have given us. Help us to be mindful that you have given us your supreme offering of Jesus in order that we might live. It is in His Holy Name, we pray. Amen.

Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	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	Soul Keeping	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	God's Call	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Music and Justice	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Soul Keeping	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: 2,198

(Fresh Expressions) 40 • (Celebrate Recovery) 80

(Saturday Contemporary) 266 • (Orchard Worship) 17 • (Youth Group) 20

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-155 • 9:15-735 • 10:45-512

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-160 • 10:00-213

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AUGUST 12 & 13, 2017



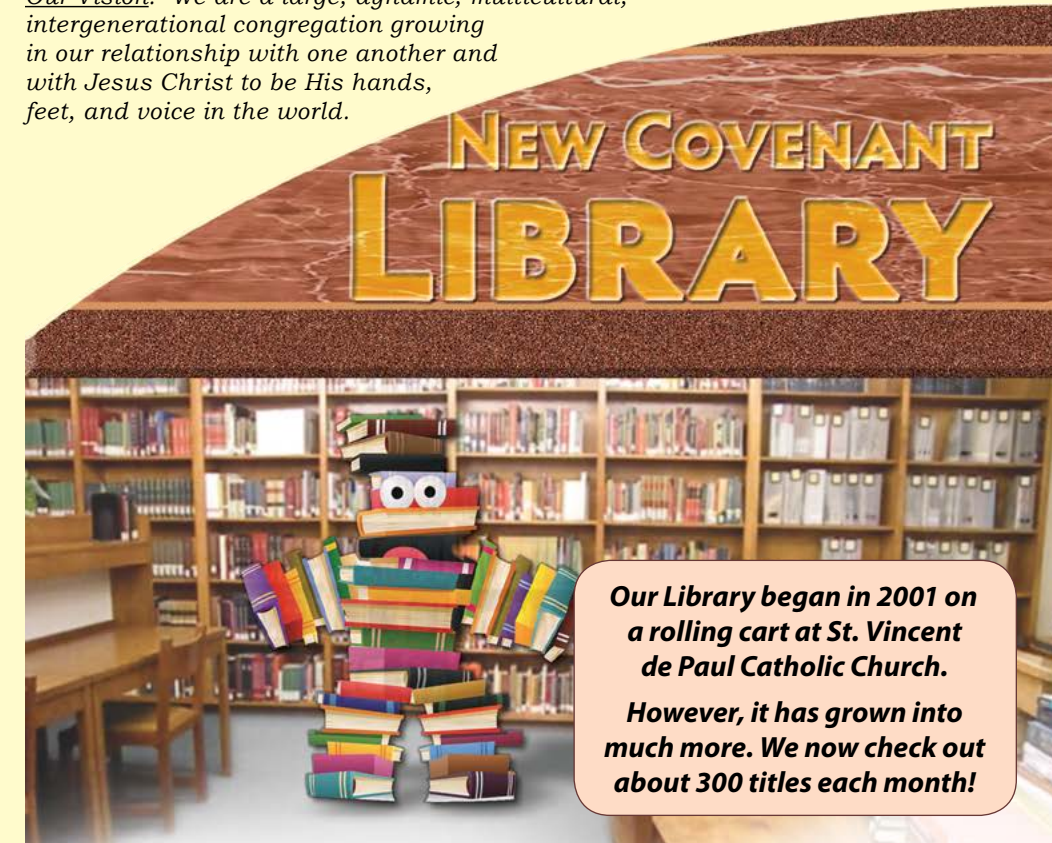
Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



Our Library began in 2001 on a rolling cart at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church.

However, it has grown into much more. We now check out about 300 titles each month!

OUR MISSION is to provide easy access to Christian-based literature and audio/visual materials for anyone using our Library. We have over 9,500 titles available for check out. New items are obtained mainly by donations. Our collection is based on the Dewey Decimal system, and the catalog is available on a computer in the corner of the Library. Our Library is open whenever the church building is open, and everyone is invited.

In addition, our Library has multiple copies of materials for small group studies, including leader's guides, DVDs, etc. The history of New Covenant is also located here, and includes newspaper clippings and photos of members, friends, and ministries in notebooks dating back to 1999. It is a work in progress; we are always looking for additional materials. You will also find rare books including, we believe, several hymnals carried by circuit riders. In addition, the Library carries archival DVDs of our pastors' sermons, church events, and concerts. We are constantly moving things, taking books off the shelves and replacing them with newer ones, trading with other area churches, and passing materials onto our Bargains and Blessings Resale Shop.

Our Library webpage is updated monthly. For new information, please log onto www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/library.

Many people volunteer and we always need more!

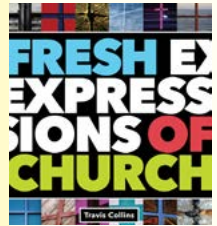
We need people who enjoy helping at the desk with visitors, doing data entry, processing books, scrapbooking, and many other odd jobs. We will be happy to train you. For more information, please call Sandy Miller, Church Librarian, on Tuesdays at the Summerhill campus at (352) 750-4529, or at her home during the week at (352) 751-1420.

We give thanks to everyone who has made our Library so successful!

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

Honduras Mission Trip 2017
Please take a moment to pray over one of the little dresses on the altar rails this weekend, which were made to go to a child in Honduras. The Honduras Mission team will be taking over 50 of these, which were made by members of New Covenant, to distribute to children in need.



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.



Event Brite Ticket Kiosk Re-Opens

Saturdays & Sundays, Beginning September 9-10 — West Narthex
The end of summer is fast approaching and the Event Brite Ticket Kiosk will soon be open for business. We have a dedicated core group of volunteers for tickets sales, but could still use more individuals to help during the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Worship Services.

Training to be a volunteer is minimal and it actually is fun. If you would like more information or would like to volunteer, please contact Risë Segur at rsegur@gmail.com for Saturdays or Candy Ginns at cginns@aol.com for Sundays.

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendars!	
September 30 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.	Youth Car Wash in the Summerhill West Parking Lot
October 8 at 6 p.m.	"The Heart of Florida Barbershop Chorus" presents <i>The Ditchfield Family Singers</i>
October 13 at 7 p.m.	<i>The Four Aces</i> (back by popular request), sponsored by the Lake Deaton Men's Ministry Team
October 20 at 7 p.m.	<i>Salute the Troops</i> , a "Villagers for Veterans" concert starring Billie Thatcher, Carolyn Hoffman, Chris & Gillian Bolus, and Alex Scopino
November 3 from 7-10 p.m. and November 4 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	Mark Gungor's <i>Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage</i> , sponsored by the Summerhill Men's Ministry Team
November 12 at 6 p.m.	<i>Celebration Brass Band</i>

Making connections

Discover New Covenant — This Weekend!
Saturday & Sunday following each Worship Service — Worship Center
Please join us this weekend for our monthly gathering 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.

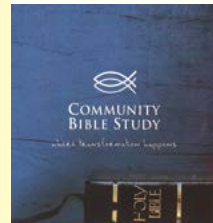
For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529.



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.



Community Bible Study Open House

Monday, August 21 from 1-3 p.m. — Classrooms 2 & 3
The Villages Community Bible Study women's class will have an "Open House" next week. You will have the opportunity to meet some of the leaders, review course material, and ask questions. You may also register for our upcoming 30-week course on the *Gospel of Matthew*.

Community Bible Study (CBS) is open to all women regardless of their age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, education, church membership, or level of Bible knowledge. CBS meets Mondays from 3-5 p.m., September through April. Our next class begins September 11. For more information, please call Sue Wyman at (352) 430-2201.



Connect Small Groups

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!
Do you have the gift of engaging others in a dialog that draws out their thoughts and challenges them to think more deeply about what God is saying to us about being disciples for Jesus Christ? Do you enjoy helping others discover for themselves impactful truths from God's Word? Consider facilitating a Connect Small Group! Whether you are looking for interaction with couples, men, women, or Solo Flight Singles, there is a group that needs you!

Pastor Harold will begin an eight-week sermon series on "Moses," beginning September 8/9. Groups are now forming that will follow the pastor's sermon series with Adam Hamilton's 6-week study, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*. If you are interested in facilitating a small group during this study or would like to review the study materials, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org. Facilitator training will be available, as needed.



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 and click on the calendar icon. You will also find a list of upcoming Memorial Services.

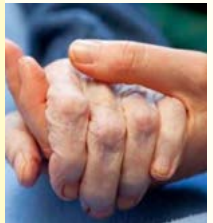
Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



Cancer Support Ministry

Friday, August 25 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, no later than Thursday, August 24.



Hospital Visitation

If you or a loved one enters the hospital, please inform the Congregational Care department at (352) 750-4529. Also, please be sure that we know your "legal" name. 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!



Angels & Amigos Needs Volunteers

We are looking for more volunteers to assist on a regular or occasional basis with transportation within The Villages to medical appointments or to Prime Time (the second Thursday of the month).

If you are interested in helping with this caring ministry, please call the Congregational Care department at (352) 750-4529.



Toby's Encouragers

We visit the residents of several local nursing homes and assisted living facilities. Through our faithful visits once a week, we bring the love of Christ to the residents. Each volunteer is assigned three residents with whom they make close personal relationships.

If you would like to bring joy to a lonely person, please contact Carolyn Merryman at (352) 753-7778 or ckmjem@comcast.net.



Stephen Ministry

We are a Stephen Ministry congregation. That means that we have a group of trained lay people who walk with another person during some of life's difficult times.

It could be a time of grieving, illness, or hospitalization — any of life's situations that seem like too much to deal with. You need never be alone. Please call the Congregational Care department at (352) 750-4529 and ask about Stephen Ministry.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Jim Riney who is having surgery for thyroid cancer; and Al Rickis who has brain cancer. Please pray for peace, strength, comfort, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Louise & Jim Clark, family and friends on the passing of her sister Janet Walter; Joan Marks, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dr. Allan (Bud) Marks; and Jeff & Karen Ray, family and friends on the passing of his father Daniel Ray.

New Concerns

Brian Acton, Alexa, Myra Burdette, Janet Campbell & Family, Tracy Capuano, Jamie Dobbs, Cathy Derling, Bob Hove & Family, David & Nicki Foggin, Jon Fortney, Iris Fuson, David Giebelhaus, John Hutchman, Andy McLaughlin & John Moore, Jim Miller, Rod & Sandy Miller, Bill Morrisey, Jake Pitts, Steve, Shawn Wilson