

# TidBits

**Labor Day — Monday, September 4**  
Our church and Administrative Office will be closed for the holiday.



## Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by Warren Rasmussen in memory of Doris Rasmussen on her birthday, and Jim & Sharon Julian Law in memory of Martha Law and Bill Julian.



## Need Help with Online Giving? Have Website Questions?

**Sundays, September 3-17 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — East Narthex**  
New Covenant's Technology Support Coordinator, Dawn Chadwick, is available three Sundays in September to help you with questions or issues related to the church website, online giving, logging onto your Member's Portal account, or anything New Covenant technology based. Just stop by the kiosk.



## NO Men's Prayer Breakfast This Week

There will not be a men's breakfast this Tuesday following the Labor Day Holiday. We will meet again on Tuesday, September 12.



## Yoga Classes

**Monday, September 11 at 4 p.m. — Chapel**

Our weekly yoga classes return next week. For more information, please email Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).



## Lake Deaton Ground Breaking — Save the Date!

**Sunday, September 17 at 4 p.m. — Lake Deaton Property**

Mark your calendars for the ground breaking of our Lake Deaton campus!

A short program at 4 p.m. will be followed by a barbecue.

Please use the enclosed RSVP card in your bulletin to designate the number of people attending, and drop it in the basket in the vestibule as you leave service.



## Hearing Devices

If you have difficulty hearing the Pastor's message each weekend, we have hearing-assistance devices at the Welcome Center. Just ask one of the volunteers to assist you.



## Worship & Music Announcement

Do you like to sing? Have you had some experience reading music and/or singing in other choirs or choruses? Would you like to be part of the Chancel Choir in leading worship?

If you answered yes to any of the above, please call Sean Pollock at (352) 750-4529 for more information, or join us for rehearsals on Wednesdays from 6-7:30 p.m. in Classrooms 8/9 (choir rehearsal room).

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
September 3	Ezekiel 16-17	Ezekiel 22-23	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 22
September 4	Ezekiel 18-20	Ezekiel 24-27	1 Corinthians 6:12-7:16	Luke 23
September 5	Ezekiel 21-22	Ezekiel 28-31	1 Corinthians 7:17-40	Luke 24
September 6	Ezekiel 23-24	Ezekiel 32-34	1 Corinthians 8:1-9:18	John 1
September 7	Ezekiel 25-27	Ezekiel 35-37	1 Corinthians 9:19-10:13	John 2
September 8	Ezekiel 28-30	Ezekiel 38-39	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1	John 3
September 9	Ezekiel 31-33	Ezekiel 40-41	1 Corinthians 11:2-34	John 4
September 10	Ezekiel 34-36	Ezekiel 42-43	Sunday: No Reading	John 5

*Let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand." (Psalm 95:6-7)*

*Lord,* we have gathered today to worship you. Let us be reminded that each and every day is a gift from you. Let us weave the notion of worship in our daily lives. You deserve to be worshiped every day. Thank you for being You! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

### Saturday Christian Education Classes

3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian group discussion based on current topics	Classroom 3
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### 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	Wonder Woman and Faith	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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### Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,093

(BEACH & Roots) 75 • (Fresh Expressions) 87 • (Celebrate Recovery) 90

(Saturday Contemporary) 204 • (Orchard Worship) 10 • (Grounded Youth Group) 30

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-181 • 9:15-535 • 10:45-519

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-179 • 10:00-183

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

SEPTEMBER 2 & 3, 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

# MOSES

*In the Footsteps of the*  
**RELUCTANT PROPHET**

**B**eginning next weekend, we will start a new journey down an old story trail. We will follow in the footsteps of Moses. There is no more powerful figure in all of the Old Testament than Moses. Leader, prophet, miracle worker — God used him to accomplish remarkable things for the people of Israel. Moses' actions and faith pointed to the divine presence of a mighty God.

From Adam Hamilton's introduction to his book on Moses, we find these words, "The epic account of his life, together with the deliverance of the Israelite slaves from bondage in Egypt, is the defining story of the Jewish people. For Christians, Moses' life serves at the backdrop from much that is found in the Gospels. Throughout history, his story has continued to speak to each successive generation. This sermon series speaks to Moses' story as an important part of sacred scripture. As such, Jews and Christians believe it reveals something to us about God, about ourselves, and about God's will for our lives."

### Sermon Themes

**Week 1: A Fearful Pharaoh, Four Courageous Women, and God's Providence**

**Week 2: A Burning Bush**

**Week 3: The Exodus**

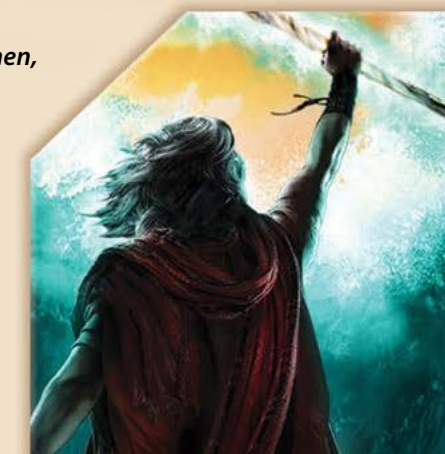
**Week 4: The God who Lived in a Tent**

**Week 5: The Art of Memory**

**Week 6: The Ten Commandments**

**Week 7: Lessons from the Wilderness**

**Week 8: Pass It On**



**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



## UMCOR Responds to Harvey

UMCOR (United Methodist Committee On Relief) is currently working with disaster coordinators and early response teams to provide relief to the many victims of tropical storm/hurricane Harvey.

If you wish to help with the relief and recovery efforts, you may write a check payable to NCUMC and notate "Harvey" on the memo line, or go to our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and click on the "UMCOR Responds to Harvey" banner. There are also a limited amount of "Flood Buckets" available. A "Flood Bucket" and the shopping supply list to fill the bucket are available in the "Cardinal Alcove" of our East Narthex. The estimated cost of the supplies is approximately \$30-\$40 dollars. All buckets must be returned to the Cardinal Alcove by next weekend, September 9/10.



## Nickels for Knowledge and Love INC Gas Can

The "Nickels for Knowledge" and the "Love INC Gas Can" have been moved to another spot in the Library. They can now be found under the current worship service DVDs.



## Helping Hands Outreach Ministry

We are working on our 27<sup>th</sup> home and need volunteers to help. There is a job for everyone! For more information, please contact Jill Beck, Ministry Assistant, at (352) 750-4529 or [jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



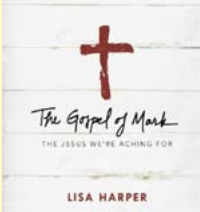
## Disciple Bible Studies

Disciple Bible Study is a series of comprehensive Bible Study classes designed to help you grow in your faith journey. This fall, three classes are being offered, including Disciple I, Disciple II, and a short course on the New Testament.

### Dates and Times...

- **Disciple 1 (24 weeks):** Begins Tuesday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Disciple 2 (26 weeks):** Begins Wednesday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m.
- **Invitation to The New Testament (9 weeks):** Begins Tuesday, September 12 at 10 a.m.

Sign up this weekend at the kiosk in the East Narthex! For more information, please contact George de Jager at (353) 430-2738 or [georgedejager@comcast.net](mailto:georgedejager@comcast.net).



## Women's Bible Study

*The Gospel of Mark – The Jesus We're Aching For* by Lisa Harper

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.

Join us for this 7-week study (September 26–November 7) that follows Jesus through His days of early ministry all the way to the cross. Materials for the program are \$20.

### Two Class Options: Daytime or Evening

- Tuesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Worship Center
- Tuesdays from 6–7:30 p.m. in the Worship Center

Register online at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/bible-studies/](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/bible-studies/)

# Making connections



## Discover New Covenant — Next Weekend

September 9/10, following each Worship Service — Worship Center

We meet once a month following Worship Services. Visitors, nonmembers, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant. 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

Friday, September 15 from 4–6 p.m. — Chapel

All singles are welcome and encouraged to attend our monthly gathering and present ideas and suggestions. It is a perfect opportunity to learn more about Solo Flight Singles Ministry.

Announcements, future activities, and events will be discussed and determined. For more information, please call Laura Tomich at (352) 259-1200.

### Movie & Dinner: Tuesday, September 12

We will meet at Sumter Landing Theater at 1:30 p.m. to see *Glass Castle*. For more information, please call Ellen at (352) 205-8659.



## Tri-County Emmaus Gathering

Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6:30 pm. — Worship Center

This Gathering will include a covered dish dinner. Meat and dessert will be furnished, so please bring a salad, vegetable dish or a casserole. Please share this announcement with others who have been on an Emmaus Walk or other recognized Fourth Day experience.

So that we know how many to prepare for, please email Jill Beck at [jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org) with the number attending.



## 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!*

Are you interested in connecting with a group of five to twelve others who meet for the common purposes of: **Connection**, **Caring**, **Community**, and **Christ-centered** studies? Groups enjoy fellowship, encouragement, prayer, care and support for one another. They can also share opportunities to serve the church and encourage each other to be the "hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ."

Groups are available for men, women, couples, and singles. Get connected today! Contact Jenny Sweat, Coordinator of Biblical Studies and Ministries at (352) 750-4529 or [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

# Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



## The Power of Prayer

Thursday, September 7 from 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. — Prayer Room

In recent weeks, our country has experienced a significant amount of turmoil. Our daily news fills us with many concerns about the situation of our world.

Our Prayer Room will be dedicated to a day of *Prayers for Peace*. During this time, you are encouraged to stop by and pray specifically for peace in our world. There will be guided scripture and meditation available.



## New Grief Share Sessions Begin

Monday, September 11 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Chapel

If you think that learning to live through grief and receiving support from others who understand would be of help, please plan to attend our fall session. There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials. Please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.



## Stephen Ministry Orientation Meeting

Wednesday, September 13 at 10 a.m. — Classroom 3

Perhaps you've been feeling the call to use your life skills in a caring ministry, but felt you needed more training to be able to do so. Stephen Ministry is an international ministry that trains lay people to walk beside a hurting person during times of stress.

It could be dealing with long-term illness, hospitalization, the grief of losing a loved one, or even the stress and loneliness of moving away from family. Stephen Ministers meet with a hurting person one-on-one in complete confidentiality to listen, pray, and encourage that person. Our training sessions include: *Learning to Deal with Feelings*, *The Art of Listening*, *Distinctively Christian Care Giving*, *Crisis Theory and Practice*, *Confidentiality*, and *Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief*.

If you feel led to be a part of this ministry and would like more information, please join us for this orientation meeting. There will be a new training class in October. You may also call the Congregational Care department to ask about this ministry of New Covenant.



## PrimeTime

Thursday, September 14 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

Our program is followed by lunch for \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the church office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, September 11 and indicate if you need transportation.



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Jan Sentman who is undergoing chemo for cancer. Please pray for peace, strength, comfort, and healing.

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

Tom & Mary Kay McCracken, family and friends on the passing of their son Jeff (who left a young daughter); Ann Maddox, family and friends on the passing of her husband Alva (Van); Marlene Babic, family and friends on the passing of her mother Gladys Armstrong; and David Mott, family and friends on the passing of his wife Helen.

*For a list of upcoming services, please check our website. Click on the "Calendar" button.*

### New Concerns

Bob & Doris Becker, Mary Behrens, Bob Brand, Penny Carroll, Judy Cassidy, Audrey Coon, Beverly Copeland, George Deck, Reatha Dye, Roman Guzik, John Hark, Patricia Harrison, John Hirsch, Brenda Irvin, Cassavah Jones, Loye London, Sue Latham, Grace Lobb, Debra Lowe, Danny Markley, Shelly, Jan Sentman, Joan Sockett, Avery Rose Shelburn, Bill Twerrell, Richard Wagner, William Walters & Family, Donna Waechter, Rev. Bill Wenker