

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by Kathy Wolf in memory of Sue West, and Randy & Holly Cowles in celebration of the prayers from New Covenant members during Holly's illness.



Lake Deaton Ground Breaking

Our Ground Breaking celebration scheduled for this Sunday has been rescheduled for Sunday, October 1. If you have already RSVPed, we will see you on the first. If you have not RSVPed and are now able to join us, please call the church office at (352) 750-4529. If you volunteered to help with the celebration, we will contact you.



Need Help with Online Giving? Have Website Questions?

Sundays, September 17 & 24 from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — East Narthex
New Covenant's Technology Support Coordinator, Dawn Chadwick, is available 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 in the East Narthex.



Yoga Has Returned!

Monday, September 18 from 4-6 p.m. — Chapel

Join us again on Mondays for Yoga. Bring your mat and plenty of water. A \$3 donation for Children's Ministry is appreciated.

- 4-5 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga/ West Coast Pilates
- 5-6 p.m. — Beginners Yoga

For more information, please email Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



Update Your Church Photo!

Saturday & Sunday, September 23/24 — Cardinal Alcove

If you have been a part of our New Covenant church family for many years and have not recently had your photo taken for a New Member class or had your photo taken as a couple, please take a few minutes to have a new individual photo taken.

Judy Fitzgerald will be in the Cardinal Alcove after each Worship Service to take your photo for our Member Portal.



AED/CPR Training

Tuesday, September 26 from 1-3:30 p.m. — Sarasota Fire Station

If you are interested in being AED/CPR trained, training is available at the Sarasota Fire Station (Station 44 on S. Morse Boulevard). Classes are limited to 25 people and the cost is \$25 per person (to be paid at class time). If you would like to register, please call (352) 205-8280.



Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides

"Moses" Sermon Series

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
September 17	Daniel 7-9	Daniel 10-12	Sunday: No Reading	John 12
September 18	Daniel 10-12	Ezra 1-3	2 Corinthians 1:1-14	John 13
September 19	Hosea 1-7	Ezra 4-6; Psalms 137	2 Corinthians 1:15-2:17	John 14
September 20	Hosea 8-14	Haggai 1-2	2 Corinthians 3:1-4:6	John 15
September 21	Joel	Zechariah 1-7	2 Corinthians 4:7-5:21	John 16
September 22	Amos 1-5	Zechariah 8-14	2 Corinthians 6:1-7:1	John 17
September 23	Amos 6-9	Esther 1-5	2 Corinthians 7:2-8:15	John 18
September 24	Obadiah-Jonah	Esther 6-10	Sunday: No Reading	John 19

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalm 18:2)

Lord, you delivered the Children of Israel from slavery, and you continue to deliver us today. Through your Son, Jesus, He has delivered us from our own sinfulness and offered us a passage out of despair. Thank you, Lord, for being our Rock and our Salvation. Without you, we have no clear direction. 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
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	Moses (Sermon Series)	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Covenants with God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Gene Editing	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	Moses (Sermon Series)	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 August 28-September 3: 2,398

(BEACH & Roots) 78 • (Fresh Expressions) 22 • (Celebrate Recovery) 88

(Saturday Contemporary) 240 • (Orchard Worship) 12 • (Grounded Youth Group) 30

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-166 • 9:15-815 • 10:45-584

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-162 • 10:00-201

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2017



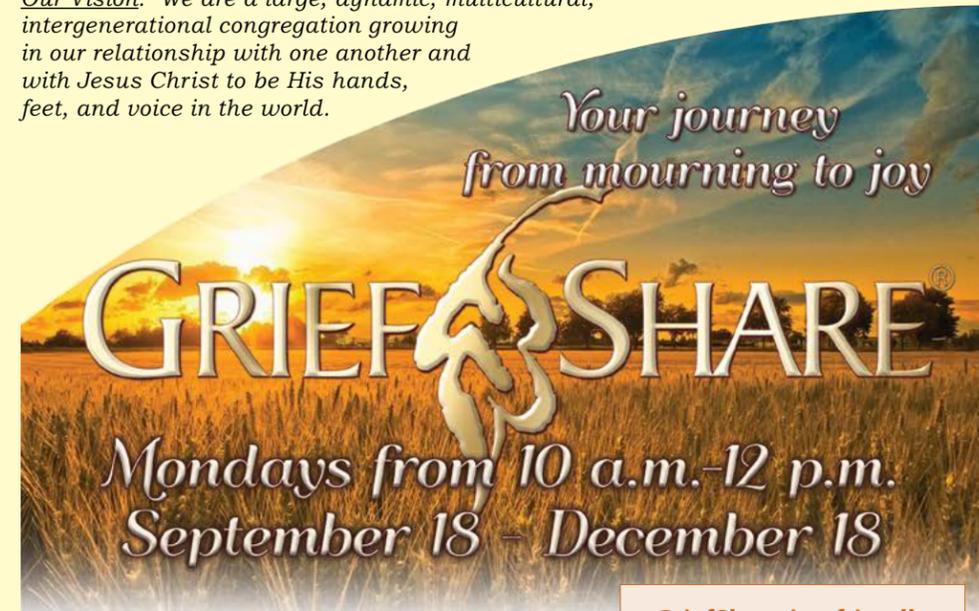
Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk with you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone.

How GriefShare Works

It may be hard for you to feel optimistic about the future right now. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member, or friend, you've probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

GriefShare groups meet weekly to help you face these challenges and move toward rebuilding your life. Each session has three distinct elements: video seminar portion with experts; support group discussion; and personal study and reflection. The cost of the workbook is \$15.

Who Should Come ... Who Should Not

GriefShare is for people grieving the death of a family member or friend. We understand that there are other losses in life that create feelings of grief. You might be experiencing a job loss, divorce, estrangement from a child, or the loss of friends because of a move. This grief is real, but it is not the kind of grief discussed in GriefShare sessions.

When to Join a GriefShare Group

You are welcome to begin attending the GriefShare group at any session. Each session is "self-contained," so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will find encouragement and help whenever you begin. You may continue with any session through the next 13-week cycle and view any of the videos you have previously missed.

The leadership team for GriefShare consists of people who understand how you feel and have a real concern for individuals experiencing the grief of loss. All of our leaders have experienced significant losses in their lives and are examples of the healing and restoration that can occur as an outgrowth of deep grief.

If you have more questions or want to pre-register, please call the Congregational Care department at (352) 750-4529. We are here to help you!

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



Hurricane Irma Relief

We know that Florida's United Methodists are in prayer for all those who were in the path of Hurricane Irma, and many of our churches are providing cooling sites, phone charging stations, snacks, etc. If you would like to help with a donation, there are several ways to donate to support those affected by Hurricane Irma.

The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church

Any funds donated through the Florida Conference will be used primarily to assist our churches and church communities. To donate, you may go to the Conference website at www.flumc.org and click "Donate to Irma Relief Fund", or you can make a check payable to NCUMC with "FL Conference/Irma" on the memo line. Those checks may be dropped in the collection plate or at the Church Office.

United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)

Given the level of damage from Hurricane Irma so far, Haiti and Cuba are likely to be UMCOR's first areas of response outside of the US and US territories. This is because of the significant level of damage and our Methodist connections in these countries. Please consider making a donation to UMCOR's international disaster recovery work. You may make a check payable to NCUMC with "Advance GCFA #982450" on the memo line, and drop it in the collection plate or at the Church Office, or mail a check to: Advance GCFA #982450, PO Box 9068 GPO, New York, NY 10087-9068. If you choose, you may make a donation on the UMCOR website (www.umcor.org) by clicking the red "Donate" button.



Wildwood Food Pantry

New Covenant is collecting nonperishable food items to help the Wildwood Food Pantry restock its shelves, which were emptied for those in need during Hurricane Irma. Please drop off your donations in the West Narthex.



Flood Buckets

All flood buckets were to be returned by Sunday, September 17. If you took a bucket and were not able to fill it, or only partial filled it, please feel free to use the bucket and its contents for your own Hurricane Irma clean up.



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. 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: Tuesdays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. or 6–7:30 p.m.

Register online at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/bible-studies/

If you have any questions, please contact Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Making connections



Connect Small Groups

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!

Are you interested in connecting with a small group of others who want to build authentic relationships with each other and Jesus Christ? Studies tell us that people who are "connected" in a small group with others who share common interests, values, and goals are happier and healthier.

What better way to experience connection than with a group of fellow believers in Jesus Christ! New Covenant's Connect Small Groups offer a foundation of **Connection**, **Community**, **Caring**, and **Christ-centeredness**. For more information, contact Keith and Pat Webster, Connect Small Group Leaders at (443) 350-0707 or webster1852@yahoo.com.



Tri-County Emmaus Gathering

Thursday, September 21 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.

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



New Member Classes

Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, October 1 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

Summerhill Campus: Monday, October 2 from 6–8 p.m.

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.

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.



Discover New Covenant

October 14/15, 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.

"Ask Me" Ministry

Would you like to help people connect to New Covenant? We are continuing to expand our team on Saturdays and Sundays that meets with people while they are here for services and classes to help them feel at home and answer questions about New Covenant.

If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



MOAMI Reunion 2017 — Bloom'n Talent

Thursday, November 2 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. — Worship Center

Use your talents to bloom for God! If you are a MOAMI graduate or are interested in joining the 2018 MOAMI class, please plan to attend the 2017 MOAMI Reunion. Greet old friends and meet new ones, celebrate talents, and enjoy a great luncheon!

Tickets are \$10 per person and will be available September 21 through October 22 at...

The September and October Women's Ministry Gatherings; on our website (credit card fees will apply); and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



The Power of Prayer

Thursday, September 21 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, and also those recovering from recent catastrophic events of Harvey and Irma. There will be guided scripture and meditation available.



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.



Cancer Support Ministry

Friday, September 29 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.

To have a count for lunch, you must have a "free" ticket. Free tickets are available until Monday, April 24 on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org or at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex following Worship Services. Donations will be accepted to offset the cost of the lunch.



Reachin', Preachin', Teachin' Hands Puppet Ministry

Tuesdays at 2 p.m. — Classrooms 6/7

Learn how you can lend a hand to join in the fun. We need script writers, props, music and sound, stage manager, scenery construction, costumes, lighting, puppeteers, persons with skills in humor, magic, etc.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Underhill at 259-5669 or wunderhill@embarqmail.com.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Candie Siciliano who had a stroke; Avery Rose Shelburn, an 8-year-old with a brain tumor; Loye London who has prostate cancer; Nancy Schaffer who has cancer; and Kathy Lavoie who is battling cancer. Please pray for peace, strength, comfort, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Myong Martin, family and friends on the passing of her husband Richard; Eva Timbrook, family and friends on the passing of her husband David; and Bob Collison, family and friends on the passing of his wife Margaret.

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

New Concerns

Byron Bond, Jeff Bonebrake, Vivien Braddock, Amber Callaway, Audrey Coon, Pat Cunningham, Sr., John Gerlack, Sarah Goldman, Judy & Dave Johnson, Ronnie Kelly, Loye London, Brenda & Shawn Lynch, Dan Macky, Connie Maginnis, Jean Martin, Dale Meidenbauer, Donn & Katherine Poole, Esther Scappatone, Family of Taquoia Schroeder, Dave Timbrook, Alexandria Webb, Marlene Wedel, Diana Van Dyke