

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by Karen Cleveland on the anniversary of her husband Jim's passing; and Jim & Sharon Law.



Update Your Church Photo! — This Weekend!

Saturday and Sunday after each Worship Service — 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. Please stop by!



Need Help with Online Giving? Have Website Questions?

Last Chance September 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.



Lake Deaton Ground Breaking

Sunday, October 1 at 4 p.m. — Lake Deaton Property

Our Ground Breaking celebration has been rescheduled for next Sunday. A short program at 4 p.m. will be followed by a barbecue.

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.



New Covenant Men's Chorus

Tuesdays, October 3-24 at 9 a.m. — Classrooms 8/9 (Choir Room)

The Men's Chorus will participate in the 9:15 & 10:45 Worship Services on Sunday, October 29. Rehearsals will be held Tuesdays in October.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Bonnie Fisher, Men's Chorus Director, at (614) 565-0953 or bonniefisher53@gmail.com.



ABBA Art — New Ministry

Tuesday, October 3 from 1-4 p.m. — Classroom 1

Under the leadership of Cindy O'Lear, Worship Ministry is pleased to announce "ABBA Art." Designed to allow God's Holy Spirit to be expressed through art, this program is open to all ages and levels of ability.

With the exception of the first 3-week session, which begins October 3, sessions will typically be six weeks and themed in various art mediums. Session 1 focuses on Origami and how it shows itself in nature. Participants will learn how to better understand art in God's universe.

For more information or to register for the first session, please contact Cindy O'Lear at (810) 919-4370.

Your Scripture for this Week

| | Genesis to Revelation | As events occurred Chronologically | New Testament | The Gospels |
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| September 24 | Obadiah-Jonah | Esther 6-10 | Sunday: No Reading | John 19 |
| September 25 | Micah 1-7 | Ezra 7-10 | 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:15 | John 20 |
| September 26 | Nahum 1-3 | Nehemiah 1-5 | 2 Corinthians 10:1-11:4 | John 21 |
| September 27 | Habakkuk-Zephaniah | Nehemiah 6-7 | 2 Corinthians 11:5-33 | Acts 1:1-14 |
| September 28 | Haggai 1-2 | Nehemiah 8-10 | 2 Corinthians 12-13 | Matthew 1 |
| September 29 | Zechariah 1-7 | Nehemiah 11-13; Psalms 126 | Galatians 1:1-17 | Matthew 2 |
| September 30 | Zechariah 8-14 | Malachi 1-4 | Galatians 1:18-2:10 | Matthew 3 |
| October 1 | Malachi 1-4 | Luke 1; John 1:1-14 | Sunday: No Reading | Matthew 4 |

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"
And I said, "Here I am Lord, send me." (Isaiah 6:8)*

Lord, when you ask for volunteers to fulfill your mission, give me the courage to say, "Here I am, send me." Let us not fall to the temptation of making excuses. Let us not place the responsibility on someone else who is younger, stronger, or more "qualified." Let us, however, trust that you know exactly what you are doing, and you have called us for a specific reason. Today, let us open our hearts, minds, and spirit to You — and boldly say, "Here I am Lord, send me!" In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday Christian Education Classes

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| 3:45 p.m. | Wired Word | Christian group discussion based on current topics | Classroom 3 |
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Sunday Christian Education Classes

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| 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 | Children's Room |
| 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 last week: 2,188

(BEACH & Roots) 60 • (Celebrate Recovery) 87 • (Saturday Contemporary) 238

(Orchard Worship) 14 • (Grounded Youth Group) 28

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-173 • 9:15-730 • 10:45-478

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-180 • 10:00-200

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

SEPTEMBER 23 & 24, 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

Christian Counseling

Christian counseling at New Covenant offers you a pathway from your pain and suffering to a more vibrant and joyful life in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Typical problems addressed include: depression, prolonged grief, anxiety, stress, marriage and family conflict, problems associated with childhood and adolescence, as well as stage of life issues and emotional healing needs.

Connie Giguere

Connie joined the New Covenant Counseling Ministry in July 2013. With over 35 years of experience in various mental health treatment settings, her experience includes developmental disabilities, mood disorders, prolonged grief, family of origin trauma and neglect, substance abuse, and marriage & family counseling. She earned a Master's Degree in Education from University of Michigan in 1981. Feeling called by the Lord to specialize in Christian counseling, she completed a Master's Degree in Pastoral Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2005. Connie's passion is to help people develop a deeper and more vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ during the challenges and struggles of daily life.



Brenda Warren

Brenda joined the Counseling Ministry at New Covenant in June 2017, bringing with her a variety of experiences with individual and group divorce support and other recovery groups. She earned a Master of Arts Degree in Counseling from Northeastern Illinois University in 2004 and was licensed as a professional counselor in her home state of Illinois. Brenda is also certified by the National Board for Certified Counselors. She has a deep compassion for people who suffer from all forms of social injustice. This led her to pursue licensure in Florida as a Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern. She is responding to God's call to "bear one another's burdens" through the counseling ministry and serving with Helping Hands.



Our counseling services are offered to all members of the community and surrounding areas who need Christian mental health care. Our fully licensed staff is experienced with adults, couples, children, and families. You do not need to be a member of New Covenant United Methodist Church to receive services. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.

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.

Additionally, on behalf of the North Central District, New Covenant (one of three churches in the North Central District) is collecting items for the Disaster Recovery Effort. A list of the accepted items is available at the Welcome Center. If you would like to help in this effort, please drop off any of the item(s) in the designated area in the West Narthex.

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 designated area in the West Narthex.



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.

Making connections



Barb Townsend Retires After 15 Years of Service

Sunday, September 24 between Worship Services — East Narthex

We express our great appreciation and fondness for our piano and organ accompanist, Barbara Townsend. Barb has been a vital part of our church's growth from the very beginning. Her consistent dedication, talent, and always-sweet spirit will be missed by our choir and congregation.

We wish Barb well as she now plans to travel and spend time with her family. Please join us after each Worship Service this Sunday for cake and the opportunity to speak with Barb.



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.



Connect Small Groups

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!

Sign up today for a Connect Small Group! There are currently a few openings in a couples group who will be studying the sermon series "Moses." Groups offer Connection, Community, Caring, and Christ-centeredness.

For more information on joining a Connect Small Group, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



John Wesley & Our Methodist Heritage

Tuesdays, October 10 & 17 from 9:30–11 a.m. — Chapel

Please join Pastor Harold as he leads this two-part Member Path Class about the life of John Wesley and understanding our Methodist heritage.

There is no cost for this class, however, we ask that you sign up to be sure that we have enough classroom space and materials. Class materials are provided on the first day.

Sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



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 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.



Grief Share

Mondays from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Chapel

If learning to live through grief is difficult, you can receive support from others who understand. It isn't too late to join our fall session.

Please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529. There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials.



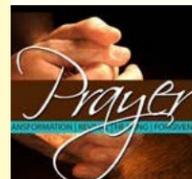
Yoga at New Covenant

Mondays 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.



Praying Together

Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in Classroom 14

Each week there is a faithful gathering of people to pray over the prayer cards and concerns of our congregation. They also pray for our church, our community, and our world.



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.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Kathleen Bradwell who has had three knee surgeries; Bob Hove who has cancer; and Jim Bair who has cancer. Please pray for peace, strength, comfort, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Lois Meidenbauer, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dale; Ann Miller, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dick; Vera Derk, family and friends on the passing of her husband George; and the family and friends of Anna Rowan on her passing.

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

New Concerns

Richard Arnstein, Barbara Byers, Chuck & Sharon Crider, Holly Hallett, Judy Kerr, Beth Kondzela, Sue Latham, Linda Offerdahl, Vivian Peacock, Jean Roper, Nancy Schaffer, Avery Shelburn, Matthew Schifano, Judy Stopczynski, Fran Warren, Sandy Wenger, Donna Williams, Cheryl Yingling