



**Women's Ministry Monthly Gathering**

Thursday, January 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

Come and reminisce about our special childhood dolls. We will talk about how special WE are in God's eyes. Bring a special doll if you have one to put on display. Lunch Tickets are \$6.

Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will be applied). "FREE" tickets are available for the program only. **Tickets sales conclude Monday, January 16 at noon.** No tickets (including the FREE, program-only tickets) will be available after the cut-off date.



**2016 Contribution Statement**

In keeping with the policy of being good stewards of church finances, we will send your 2016 Contribution Statement via email in January. Please be sure New Covenant has your current email address. If you don't have email, a paper copy of your statement will be mailed to you.

You can update your email with the church in one of two ways...

- Email the church at [ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org)
- Log into your account at <https://ncumcweb.myshelby.org/>  
Click "You are not logged in. Click here to login" (in blue).  
Click "My Personal Information" and enter your current information.  
Click "Submit" (in blue).



**Yoga at the Summerhill Campus**

**We will NOT have class on Monday, January 2.** Classes will resume next week, Monday, January 9. Join us Mondays for Yoga in the Summerhill Christian Life Center. Bring your mat and plenty of water. A \$3 donation for Children's Ministry is appreciated.

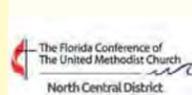
- 4-5 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga/ West Coast Pilates
- 5-5:15 p.m. — Healthy Eating Talk
- 5:15-5:45 p.m. — Beginners Yoga

For more information, please email Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).



**Today's Altar Flowers are Provided by...**

Ron & Penny Drozd in celebration of their 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary.



**Log onto the North Central District Website**

If you are interested in learning more about happenings in our (United Methodist) North Central District and would like to read important information from our District Superintendent, Rev. June Edwards and others in the District, please visit [www.ncdistrictflumc.org](http://www.ncdistrictflumc.org).

**Lake Deaton New Construction Update**

**So far we have received \$1,420,306 in pledges.**

**Thank you for your support as we continue to grow our church and Christ's Kingdom!**

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 1	Genesis 1-3	Genesis 1-3	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 1
January 2	Genesis 4-7	Genesis 4-7	Matthew 1	Matthew 2
January 3	Genesis 8-11	Genesis 8-11	Matthew 2	Matthew 3
January 4	Genesis 12-15	Job 1-5	Matthew 3:1-4:7	Matthew 4
January 5	Genesis 16-18	Job 6-9	Matthew 4:8-5:12	Matthew 5
January 6	Genesis 19-21	Job 10-13	Matthew 5:13-37	Matthew 6
January 7	Genesis 22-24	Job 14-16	Matthew 5:38-6:15	Matthew 7
January 8	Genesis 25-26	Job 17-20	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 8

"...I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had spent in doing it, and again, all was vanity and chasing after wind..." (Ecclesiastes 2:11)

Lord, we begin a new year with optimism in our hearts and great hope on the horizon. Help us to keep you in the center of our lives as we continue our life-long pursuit of pleasing You, rather than chasing a life of "worldly" pleasure. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*Thank You*

On behalf of our staff, we want to thank you for your gracious Christmas gift that you have extended to each one of us. We all felt blessed by your generosity during this season of giving. We are honored to serve you, and with you, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

—Pastors Harold, Jim, and Kristyne

**We will NOT have The Wired Word on December 31 or Sunday School classes on January 1. Classes will resume on January 8.**

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Contemporary Worship Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
Blended Worship Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.  
Children's Orchard Worship Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)  
Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center) Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.

**Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,410**  
(Celebrate Recovery) 69  
(Summerhill Christmas Eve) 4:30-1,047 • 7:00-1,050 • (Jingle Jam) 76  
(Lake Deaton Christmas Eve) 5:30-489  
(Summerhill Christmas Day) 10:00-567 • (Lake Deaton Christmas Day) 10:00-112



*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.*



**Lullaby of Broadway**  
Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m.

**ENCORE PERFORMANCE**

By popular demand, we are pleased to present an encore performance of this delightful evening of Broadway music. Joining New Covenant Worship Leaders Sean Pollock and Angie Wiswesser will be New Covenant friends Brian Maderos, Pat Smith, and award-winning jazz artist Janice Swartz. The Villages Maestro Bill Doherty accompanies and performs on piano.

Proceeds from the concert will benefit the Jean Kelly "Backpack 4 Kids" Ministry.

Tickets are available on the church website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org), the ticket kiosk at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk next weekend between Worship Services, and at The Villages Box Office ([www.thevillagesentertainment.com](http://www.thevillagesentertainment.com)). All seats are \$20.

*"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)*

Jean Kelly "Backpack 4 Kids" provides backpacks filled with school supplies for children in the Wildwood Schools. This is the fourth year this ministry will provide school supplies to these children. We are continually blessed as we seek to reach the most innocent of our community in a very small way. The mission of this program is to live out this scripture by being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ in this community.



We need your help to provide the funds to reach each child in need. All of the net proceeds from this concert (and any contributions made) will go directly to the children. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Rev. Donn Poole at (770) 490-2706 or (352) 630-3221.

**Our Purpose: To come to know the love of Christ and to make His love known to others for the transformation of the world**



### Old-Fashioned "Hymn Sing"

**Sunday, January 15 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center**  
Join Sean Pollock and Ken Wadley for a fun evening of worship singing the great hymns from the Methodist hymnal. Pick out your favorite hymn and we will all sing together!



### Villages Wind Ensemble

**Sunday, January 22 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center**  
New Covenant's Jill Van Syckle conducts this concert featuring music depicting America from the Revolutionary times to the present. Saxophonist Valerie Gillespie will be a featured guest. A portion of the net proceeds benefits New Covenant's Congregational Care Ministry.

\*Tickets are \$15.



### Esperian & Beard: "Love Changes Everything"

**Friday, February 3 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center**  
World-renown artists Kallen Esperian and Gary Beard present a concert of love songs and romantic melodies just in time to set the mood for Valentine's Day. Ms. Esperian, winner of the Pavorotti International Voice Competition, has performed on the great opera stages of the world. This is a concert you will not want to miss. **Gary Beard performed at New Covenant with Ryan Anthony on January 17, 2016.** Net proceeds benefit New Covenant's Music Ministry.

\*\*Tickets are \$20 (General Admission) or \$25 (Artist Circle).

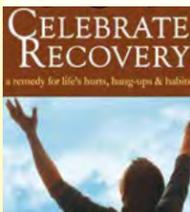
\*The Ticket Kiosk will be closed on December 31 and January 1. However, tickets may be purchased on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/event-tickets](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/event-tickets) (credit card fees will be applied).

\*\*Tickets are also available at The Villages Box Office ([www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets](http://www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets)).



### Gleaning Oranges

**Thursday, January 5 — West Parking Lot**  
We will glean oranges in Fruitland Park. At 7:30 a.m., we will meet at the church. If you can join us, please contact Leon Schien at [leon-schien@gmail.com](mailto:leon-schien@gmail.com) or (352) 245-6615.



### Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a ministry designed to help regular folks like you and me who are on a journey toward wholeness. CR is for anyone seeking recovery and celebrating God's healing from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. We currently have two meetings in two locations to fit your schedule. We offer childcare at both sites.

- Wildwood United Methodist Church: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.
- New Covenant United Methodist Church: Fridays at 5:45 p.m.

For more information, please contact Jill Beck at (352) 750-4529 or [jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



### Wonderful Wednesday Takes a Break

Wonderful Wednesday is taking a winter break through January 11. Please plan to join us for a very special "Key West Dinner Theater" when we return on January 18.

**Dinner Theater Tickets:** \$12 per person. You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, January 16. Tickets will be available beginning January 4 on our website (\$13.59 credit card), and January 7/8 between Worship Services at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex.



### 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.

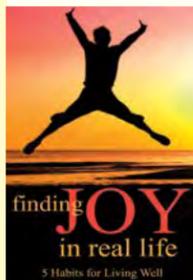
**Monday, January 30 from 6-8 p.m. — Worship Center** (coffee & cookies provided)

You may join the church the following weekend, February 4/5. Please pick up and fill out a New Member Registration form today. They may be found at the Connections Ministry kiosk in the Narthex and at the Welcome Center, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.



### NO Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Summerhill Campus Men's Prayer Breakfast will not meet on January 3. Please join us again on Tuesday, January 10.



### Finding Joy in Real Life - 5 Habits for Living Well

**NEW Sermon Series begins January 21/22, 2017**  
Begin the New Year with our church-wide sermon series *Finding Joy in Real Life - 5 Habits for Living Well!* This five-week sermon series will look at the ways that God provides for joy in our lives. This sermon series will combine biblical foundations with everyday practices to help enrich your relationship with God and each other — to help us find the real joy intended for our lives.

Additionally, it is our hope that everyone has, or will find, a small group to follow this sermon series. If you are not currently in a small group, see below on how to get involved! If you are already in a small group that will participate in the sermon series, see below on how to obtain the materials.\*



### Connect with a Small Group

**Tuesday, January 10 from 2-4 p.m. — Worship Center**  
*Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!* Are you interested in becoming part of a small group? New Covenant's Small Group Team has the answer! You are invited to join us and learn more about New Covenant's Small Groups. Make a connection with others that are looking to connect in small groups. We will help you find your Small Group for our next Sermon Series beginning January 21/22, *Finding Joy in Real Life - 5 Habits for Living Well.*\*

**Already Connected in a Small Group and want to Participate in the New Sermon Series?** Stop in at 4 p.m. to pick up your materials for the study.

\*To assist you, we have created a small group booklet and DVD that will help lead your group through this series. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of materials.

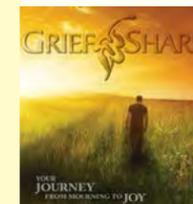


### Prayer Vigil — A Special Day of Prayer

**Tuesday, January 3 from 12 a.m. - 11:59 p.m. — Prayer Room**  
Our focus will be the introduction to the new "Prayer Room" (the old Family Room in the West Narthex next to the Worship Center). We are asking volunteers to sign up for one half-hour session to pray for New Covenant, our Conference, our congregation, and all who walk through our doors.

Those who sign up to pray from midnight to 7 a.m. or from 7 p.m. to midnight are not expected to pray here at the church. Those who sign up from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. will have the new Prayer Room available for their prayer session.

If you have any questions, please contact Christine Webb at (352) 750-4529.



### Grief Share

**Mondays, beginning January 9, 2017**  
For those who think that learning to live through grief and receiving support from others who understand would be of help, join us. Please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529. There is a \$15 registration fee for cost of materials.



### PrimeTime

**Thursday, January 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Worship Center**  
The program is followed by lunch from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, call the office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, January 9 and indicate if you need transportation.



### Winter Health Series

**Tuesday, January 24 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center**  
We have revamped the Winter Health Series to bring some dynamic speakers and interesting topics about living this life well! Dr. Gabe Mirkin and his wife Diana will be our first guests for a healthy living discussion.

Dr. Mirkin is a sports medicine doctor, fitness guru, and long-time radio host. "Gabe Mirkin, M.D." brings you news and tips for a healthful lifestyle. A practicing physician for more than 50 years and a radio talk show host for 25 years, Dr. Mirkin is a graduate of Harvard University and Baylor University College of Medicine. He is one of very few doctors board-certified in four specialties: Sports Medicine, Allergy and Immunology, Pediatrics, and Pediatric Immunology.

For more information, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.



### The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Kay Grace who has cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Bob Atkins, family and friends on the passing of his wife Marty; Betty Kamp and May Wakelin on the passing of Betty's husband and May's brother Neil Kamp (Pastor Kristyne's uncle); and to Beth Blink, family and friends on the passing of her husband Jim.

**New Concerns**  
Karen Ann Chizmadia, Donna Hendren, John Kaiser, John Long, Westin Schneider, The Vogel Family