

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by the Timbrook Family in memory of David Timbrook.



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

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

Think you don't "qualify" for this program because you believe you don't have artistic abilities? Stop by the kiosk in the East Narthex and visit with artist/instructor Cindy O'Lear and learn how God can reveal His Spirit to you through various artistic mediums.

Designed to allow the 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. For more information or to register for the first session, please call Cindy at (810) 919-4370.



We Need Your Help with Fall Ball & Trunk or Treat!

Tuesday, October 31 from 3–7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

We need the following:

- Women's Ministry: Bake Sale Donations
- Men's Ministry: Parking Lot Attendants
- Small Groups: Bounce House Attendants
- Children's Ministry: Ticket Sales and Greeters

Be a Trunk or Treat participant and pass out candy from your golf cart or car. Decorating golf carts and trunks is encouraged, but not mandatory. Candy donations are also greatly appreciated. You may drop off candy in front of the Children's Room (located next to the Chapel.) Please avoid hard candies.

If you are involved in a ministry or small group, please contact the ministry leader or small group leader for specific information. For all other information, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



Weekly Tithes & Offerings

If you are unable to attend worship, please feel free to drop off your contribution at the office during the week or mail it to the church. Online giving is also available. If you have any questions on how to set up this process, please contact the Finance Office at (352) 750-4529 and we will be glad to help you.



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
October 1	Malachi 1-4	Luke 1; John 1:1-14	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 4
October 2	Matthew 1-4	Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38	Galatians 2:11–3:18	Matthew 5
October 3	Matthew 5-6	Matthew 2; Luke 2:39-52	Galatians 3:19–4:20	Matthew 6
October 4	Matthew 7-8	Matthew 3; Mark 1; Luke 3	Galatians 4:21–5:15	Matthew 7
October 5	Matthew 9-10	Matthew 4; Luke 4-5; John 1:15-51	Galatians 5:16–6:18	Matthew 8
October 6	Matthew 11-12	John 2-4	Ephesians 1	Matthew 9
October 7	Matthew 13-14	Mark 2	Ephesians 2	Matthew 10
October 8	Matthew 15-17	John 5	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 11

[God said to Moses,] "The Israelites' cries of injustice have reached me. I've seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and said, "This is what the LORD, Israel's God, says: 'Let my people go so that they can hold a festival for me in the desert.'" But Pharaoh said, "Who is this LORD whom I'm supposed to obey by letting Israel go? I don't know this LORD, and I certainly won't let Israel go." (Exodus 3:9-10, 5:1-2)

Lord, through the power of your hand, you led your people out of slavery and certain death. You continue to do the same for us today. By our own choosing, we can become slaves to our own foolish ways. Forgive us, LORD, for we, too, need your deliverance from sin and death. We need only what you can offer — salvation. 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	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Psalms +	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	Medicaid	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: 2,561

(BEACH & Roots) 66 • (Celebrate Recovery) 83 • (Fresh Expressions) 84

(Saturday Contemporary) 243 • (Orchard Worship) 12 • (Grounded Youth Group) 24

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–227 • 9:15–910 • 10:45–543

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–162 • 10:00–207

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

SEPTEMBER 30 & OCTOBER 1, 2017



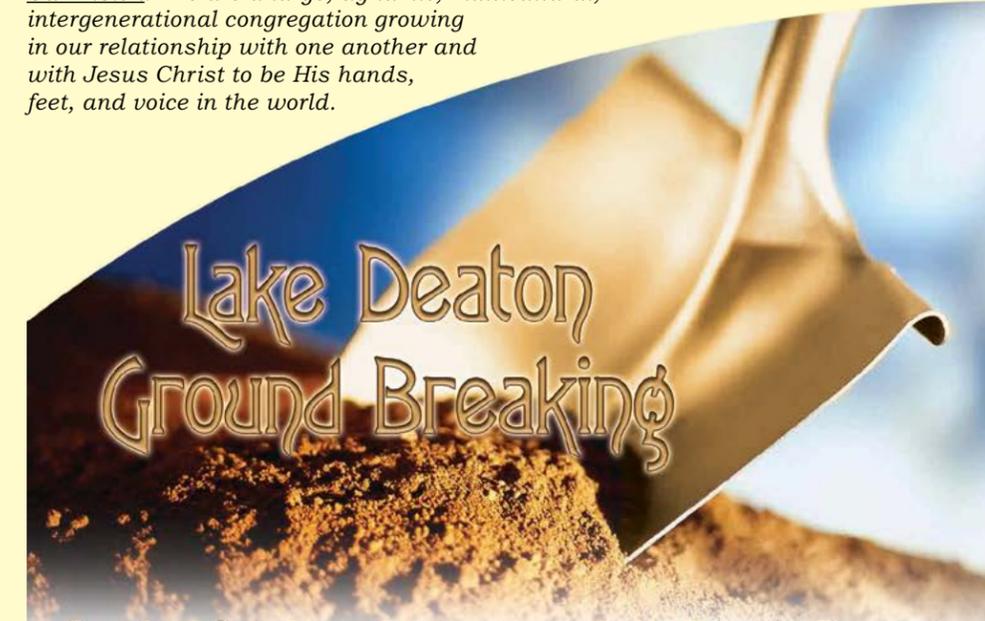
Our Vision: We are a large, dynamic, multicultural, intergenerational congregation growing in our relationship with one another and with Jesus Christ to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world.

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



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

This Sunday, we join as a congregation to usher in a new phase of New Covenant, a ground breaking service at the Lake Deaton Campus property. As we join together to praise God for our land, our new building, and for the ministries that will continue to grow from the Lake Deaton campus, let us first offer prayer for His call and for the power he has given us to remain faithful to the call to make disciples.

The reason we are able to have this ground breaking service is because of the faithful commitment of the members of New Covenant to stay engaged in the vital mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world.

Whether you are able to join us for the celebration or not, please continue to pray for the ministries of New Covenant, that we will continue to seek to be the **hands, feet, and voice of Jesus** in and around The Villages. Pray for the construction that will take place over the next year, for the workers, and for the many, many people who will be reached with God's love because New Covenant is growing God's Kingdom.

JESUS' final instructions to His church were that we actively pursue making disciples. This commandment calls us to always be on a path of vitality in seeking to reach out to the world around us with the incredible love of God through Jesus Christ.



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



Operation Christmas Shoe Box
Christmas shoe boxes are an opportunity for you to make a difference in the life of a child at Christmas. Beginning this weekend, shoe boxes will be available for you to purchase for \$1 in the East and West Narthexes between Worship Services. Each shoe box contains complete instructions on how to fill it.

All boxes must be returned by **Sunday, October 29** with a \$7 check to cover shipping costs. If you have any questions, please call Larry Taylor at (352) 750-9092.



Response Hurricane Irma Funds
The Hurricane Irma Fund will help to repair local churches in the Florida Conference and rebuild the communities that surround them in the spirit of Isaiah 65. The funds will be distributed by the Bishop and Cabinet of the Florida Conference with accountability to the Council on Finance and Administration.

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. Your donation of any amount is appreciated. Additionally, on behalf of the North Central District, New Covenant (one of three churches in the 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 at the Summerhill East Narthex by Monday, October 2.



UMCOR Responds to Disasters Around the World
In the wake of recent disasters in the United States and internationally, UMCOR is working to meet unmet food, clean water, temporary shelter, hygiene supplies, and non-food supplies. While UMCOR is not a first-response organization, it stands ready to accompany communities in need of long-term recovery.

Partner with UMCOR in responding to the needs of communities and individuals impacted. To support U.S. Disaster Response, give to Advance #901670. To support to non-U.S. territories and international disaster response, donate to Advance #982450. You may make a donation online at www.umcor.org or send a check by mail to Advance GCFA, P.O. Box 9068, New York, NY 10087-9068. If you are giving to U.S. Disaster Response, please note in the memo line: U.S. Disaster Response Advance 901670. If you are giving to International Disaster Response, please note in the memo line: International Disaster Response Advance #982450.



Wildwood Food Pantry
The Wildwood Food Pantry would like to thank all who donated food or money in an effort to replenish their shelves. It is happy to report that their shelves are back to their normal levels.

The Food Pantry was able to provide food to help with the shelter that was opened in the Sumter County Fairgrounds. The food chests in the East and West Narthex are always available to receive your ongoing donations of non-perishable foods.



Lions Club International "Recycle for Sight"
Make a positive difference. Donate your usable eyeglasses and help someone see better. New Covenant now has a donation box in the Resource Room to place your old glasses.

Making connections



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.



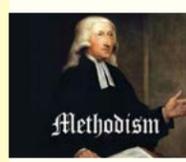
Discover New Covenant
October 14/15, following each Worship Service — Worship Center
We meet once a month following Worship Services. Visitors, nonmembers, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant. Get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, 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 Facilitator Training
Monday, October 16 (Part 1) and Wednesday, October 25 (Part 2)
From 1:30-3:30 p.m. — Conference Room
Facilitators are needed for all Connect Small Groups! If you enjoy connecting with others and engaging them in a conversation around God's word and how they personally can live out the principles in their real life journey, facilitating a group may be a great opportunity for you! Training will be done in two sessions.

Connect Groups care, share, pray, serve, and play together as they journey in study, discussion, and application of Christ-Centered lessons. For more information or to register for the Facilitator Training Workshop, 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.

To sign up, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



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



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!!
Thursday, October 12 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Worship Center
New Covenant members, attendees, and friends, please join us on the second Thursday for a time of music, devotion by Stephen Wright, Associate Director of Congregational Care, and fitness/exercise.

Our program this month will be an Autumn Wreath Project and will be followed by a time of fellowship and lunch. Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, October 9 and indicate if you need transportation.



Congregational Health Team
We need additional team members for this proactive group that sponsors our Health Education Speaker series, walking and biking groups, Yoga, and other exciting opportunities to improve our health and take care of the temple God has given us.

If this interests you, please call the Congregational Care office (352) 750-4529.



Angels & Amigos
We are in need of more volunteers to assist with transportation to medical appointments in The Villages area on a regular or occasional basis. We also need people for transportation the second Thursday of each month for our Prime Time program.

If this is something that you can help with, please call the Congregational Care office (352) 750-4529.

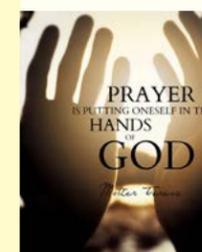


Grief Share
Mondays from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Chapel
If learning to live through grief is difficult, you can receive support from others who understand. It isn't too late to join our fall session.

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



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: Margaret Marino who fell and broke a vertebrae; Andre Martens who lost a 24-year-old daughter; Debbie Longton who has stage-3 breast cancer; Caroline Ballanger who has cancer; Paula DeLuca who had hip replacement surgery; and Vivian Peacock who has cancer. Please pray for peace, strength, comfort, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
Walt Hoffmann, family and friends on the passing of his wife Lorraine.

New Concerns
Penny Carroll, Judy Carls, Serena Clark, Janet Cragg, Linda Dollar, Mike Drew, Bill & Kay Gent, Debbie Gentry, Joyce Graham, Ed Guinup, Barbara Israel, Ralph Karabec, George Makrauer, Jess Miller, Rod Miller, Anne Poling, Deb Ryan, Frank Salzone, Nancy Seiler, Sandra Shehorn, Barbara Stettler, Jim Van Ness, Patty Motto-Watts