

# TidBits



## Volunteers: We Need Your Help!

Please visit the Connecting Ministry Kiosk in the East Narthex. Volunteers are needed for various jobs during the holidays, including, but not limited to...

- [Sunday Ushers](#)
- [Special Events Greeters](#)
- [Ticket Sales](#) (email Candy Ginns at [cginns@aol.com](mailto:cginns@aol.com))



## Attention Congregants!

In keeping with the policy of being good stewards of church finances, you can receive your 2016 Contribution Statement via email in January. Please make sure New Covenant has your current email address.

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

- Email the church at [ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org)
- Log into your account at [www.ncumcweb.myshelby.org](http://www.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).

Thank you for your faithful financial support.



## 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, at the Welcome Center, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.



## Ways to Make Charitable Contributions

Do you know that you can make your charitable contributions directly from your IRA's? By making it direct, you do not have to claim the income on your income tax return. Further, if you are over 70 1/2, the amount of the contribution counts toward your required minimum distribution.

The maximum amount you can give is \$100,000 per person per year. Contributing in this way avoids the 50% adjusted gross income limitation for itemized deductions. This is also a great way to give if you do not qualify for itemized deductions and are taking the standard deduction.

If you are interested in either of these opportunities for making contributions to New Covenant, please call Katherine Poole at (352) 750-4529.

*You should always consult your income tax professional to make sure these opportunities are appropriate for your situation.*

## Reminder

In order to welcome any visitors to our Worship Services, please remember to park in the East Parking Lot to allow our visitors to park in the West Parking Lot. Thank you.

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
November 20	Acts 18-20	Acts 11-12	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 10
November 21	Acts 21-23	Acts 13-14	Hebrews 11:13-40	Luke 11
November 22	Acts 24-26	James 1-5	Hebrews 12	Luke 12
November 23	Acts 27-28	Acts 15-16	Hebrews 13	Luke 13
November 24	Romans 1-3	Galatians 1-3	James 1	Luke 14
November 25	Romans 4-7	Galatians 4-6	James 2	Luke 15
November 26	Romans 8-10	Acts 17-18:18	James 3	Luke 16
November 27	Romans 11-13	1/2 Thessalonians	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 17

Give thanks to the Lord because he is good, because his faithful love lasts forever! (Psalm 107:1)

Lord, we have so much to be grateful for. Thank you for giving us so much, especially giving us part of you. His name is Jesus. In His name, we pray. Amen.

## Saturday Christian Education Classes

3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian group discussion based on current topics	Classroom 2
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## Sunday Christian Education Classes

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	1 Peter: Living God's Way	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Come Ye Thankful People, Come	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Reflections	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	1 Peter: Living God's Way	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Alpha and Omega	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Thanksgiving	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	1 Peter: Living God's Way	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Reflections	Classroom 11

### 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.

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New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last week: 2,744

(BEACH) 66 • (Roots) 18 • (Orchard Worship) 22 • (Teen Twilight) 34  
 (Fresh Expressions) 37 • (Celebrate Recovery) 91 • (Saturday Contemporary) 277  
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-222 • 9:15-926 • 10:45-657  
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-192 • 10:00-202



*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

*"Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison, and visit you?" And the King will tell them, "I assure you, when you did it for one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it for me!"*  
 —Matthew 25:37-40

*Giving in the Spirit* is a unique opportunity for us to give a very special gift at Christmas. The *Giving in the Spirit* catalog includes a list of items from our Outreach Ministries, from which you may choose to provide a monetary gift that touches your heart and benefits the poor and less fortunate. We are blessed with the ability to bring great joy to those who have so little. Your gifts can reach around the world and around the corner. Last year, the total contributions for all the Outreach Ministries in the *Giving in the Spirit* catalog were \$29,432.

Please complete the form on the inside back cover of the catalog and insert it, along with your donation, in the envelope provided in your book. You may return your envelope on November 19/20, November 26/27 and December 3/4. Please place your envelope in the collection plate during Worship Services.

This is also an opportunity to provide a meaningful gift in the name of that hard-to-shop-for friend or relative who "has everything." Share the joy of the gifts you select with your friend or relative by giving a gift in his or her name. Then, send your friend or relative a Gift Card to let them know about your gift! The Gift Cards are available at the Welcome Desk in the Summerhill East Narthex.

If you have any questions, please call Mary and Henry Goldberg, *Giving in the Spirit* Coordinators, at (352) 751-7687.



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



### Celebration Brass Concert

Sunday, November 20 at 6 p.m. — *Worship Center*

Under the direction of New Covenant's Jill Van Syckle, Celebration Brass Band's repertoire includes classical, pop, rock, jazz, traditional, and sacred, as well as music written specifically for brass band.

Tickets are \$15 (\$16.74 credit card) and are available on our website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit New Covenant's Music Ministry.



### Stars Shine for an á Capella Christmas

Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. — *Christian Life Center*

New Covenant's Scott Werner directs the Heart of Florida Barbershop Chorus in this Christmas extravaganza. Returning to New Covenant will be the Heralds of Harmony directed by Tony DeRosa. Making a New Covenant debut will be Voctave, a group sure to become a favorite.

Tickets are \$20 and \$25 and are available at The Villages Box Office ([www.thevillagesentertainment.com](http://www.thevillagesentertainment.com)).



### Christmas at New Covenant — Home for Christmas

Thursday, December 8 at 2 p.m. (matinée) — *Christian Life Center*

Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m. — *Christian Life Center*

Saturday, December 10 at 7 p.m. — *Christian Life Center*

Please join the New Covenant Choir, Orchestra, Praise Ringers, Performing Arts Kids, and guest soloists Amanda Boyd Quinn, soprano and Josh Quinn, baritone. You will hear Christmas carol favorites.

**FREE!** However, tickets are required and are available on the church website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and at the kiosk in the East Narthex.



### Tuba Christmas

Saturday, December 10 at 2 p.m. — *Worship Center*

Under the direction of New Covenant's Jean Butler, Tuba Christmas is a student outreach project of the "Bands of the Villages." A fun event for the family.

**FREE!** No ticket is required.



### Annual Lake Deaton Christmas Bonfire

Sunday, December 11 at 3 p.m. — *Lake Deaton Property*

Come One, Come All and BRING A FRIEND, a chair and a flashlight. Of course, what is a party without food? We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks, and S'MORES!

- 3 p.m. — Christmas Tree Decorating
- 4:30 to dusk — Santa arrives in his Florida "sleigh" for "sleigh/hay" rides
- 5 p.m. — Christmas Caroling



### Calling All Santas!

Are you a jolly fellow who looks like Saint Nick? If so, we need your help in December to serve the families in our church and community.

Please contact Brianna Jimenez at (352) 750-4529.



### Helping Hands Outreach Ministry

At the 2016 Faith Symposium, our very own Helping Hands was recognized for their exceptional leadership and dedication to service. Helping Hands received one of eight 2016 "Champions of Hope" Certificate of Appreciation awarded by Gov. Scott's Faith-Based Advisory Council!

On Monday, November 19, Helping Hands will also be recognized at the "Celebration of Giving—Sunshine Awards" sponsored by The Sumter Sunshine Foundation.

Congratulations to all who are involved in this outstanding ministry! For more information about the award, visit the Helping Hands website at [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/helping-hands](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/helping-hands).



### Wonderful Wednesday Takes a Break

We will not have a dinner or presentation on November 23 or 30. Please join us for a special Christmas presentation by the SoZo Kids when we return on December 7.

#### Plan Ahead for December 14

Our Wonderful Wednesday dinner will be followed by our Christmas tradition of "Christmas with New Covenant JOY! Singers."



### REVEAL Survey: It's Not Too Late!

Please complete your REVEAL Spiritual Life Survey by **Sunday, November 20 at midnight**. Just log onto this link into your browser... <https://www.research.net/r/RenovoSpiritualLifeInventory1010>

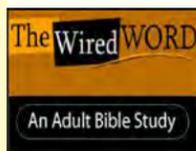
If you have not received an email or have any questions, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 in the church office or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



### Solo Flight Singles Ministry November Meeting

Friday, November 18 at 4:30 p.m. — *Chapel*

Please join us for fellowship and a special presentation about one of God's greatest gifts, our National Park System. We invite all singles to share in our monthly meetings on the third Friday of the month.



### Wired Word

Saturdays at 3:45 p.m. — *Classroom 2*

Wired Word is a class which discusses current events with Christian perspective. We meet before the Saturday Worship Service.

The material is sent to your home via email. The facilitators rotate and follow an "I believe" discussion. Scripture is assigned to each topic. The discussion is always informative and broadens our perspective about the events.

**Lake Deaton New Construction Update**  
So far we have received \$1,331,774 in pledges.  
Thank you for your support as we continue to grow our church and Christ's Kingdom!



### Hope for Hurting Parents — A Special Presentation

December 1 from 2-3:30 p.m. — *Chapel*

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

Pastor Michael Beck will present "Enabling," a perspective from both sides of the subject. This presentation will be followed by a Q & A.



### Fresh Expressions

**Hugs!** is a Fresh Expression to reach seniors who feel left out, alone and abandoned. We need volunteers with musical talents, those who love to sing and those who have a passion to reach out and love others, give a hug or a kind word. We are at The Willows at Wildwood, Buffalo Crossings and The Carriage House.

Already we've seen people come to know the love of Jesus in a powerful way! To learn how you can get involved with **Hugs!**, please contact Christine Webb at (352) 750-4529.



### Prayer Ministry

We are beginning some new initiatives in our Prayer Ministry. One is establishing a group of people who will pray over our campuses before the weekend Worship Services. This involves silent prayer and meditation to pray in our classrooms, worship areas, entryways, etc. Christine Webb is leading this effort.

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



### Stephen Ministry Is Here for You

If you have received training as a Stephen Minister at another church, and would like to consider serving in that capacity here, we would love to speak with you.

Our Stephen Ministry needs more trained, equipped volunteers to serve in this capacity. We follow the guidelines established by the Stephen Ministry headquarters. We meet with and vet each Stephen Minister. We also hope to offer Stephen Ministry training in 2017. Please contact the Congregational Care office at 750-4529.



### The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Pat Donelan, a caregiver facing many decisions for her husband who has Alzheimer's; and Will Coutere who had a heart attack and emergency triple bypass surgery. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Russell Murdoch, family and friends on the passing of his wife Sandra; and June Love, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dave.

#### *This Week's Prayer Concerns*

Jim Blink, Jennifer Burns, Marguerite Carpenter, Carol Curtiss, Bill Deal, Elizabeth Ernst, Ty Fuller, Lisa Harry, Billy & The Havens Family, Jamie, Lucille Jesaitis, Autumn Judd, Marilyn Marszalek and Robert Miller, Gay McCants, Arlene McNey, LouAnne Menee, Diane Miller, Lexie Negron, Dick Pence, Jill Pireau, Brayson & Meghan Price, Brittany Reynold, Dick Russell, Clarence & Diane Smith, George Talley, Our Country's Leadership, Brett Whetzel, Betty & Shane Woods