

TidBits



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.



Today's Altar Flowers are Provided by...

Dick & Carol Clark in celebration of their 53rd anniversary, Judy Stuart in celebration of Charles Stuart's 75th birthday, Lee Garrard & family and Bill Firman in memory of Shelly Garrard Macy, and Amy Huckaby in memory of her parents, Alice & Philip Graef.



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 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.

Future Home of the Lake Deaton Campus

Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. — Pastors Harold & Jim



NEW COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LAKE DEATON CAMPUS
DICKERSON ARCHITECTS, INC.

Lake Deaton New Construction Update

So far we have received \$1,354,194 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
November 27	Romans 11-13	1/2 Thessalonians	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 17
November 28	Romans 14-16	Acts 18:19-19:41	James 4	Luke 18
November 29	1 Corinthians 1-4	1 Corinthians 1-4	James 5	Luke 19
November 30	1 Corinthians 5-8	1 Corinthians 5-8	1 Peter 1:1–2:10	Luke 20
December 1	1 Corinthians 9-11	1 Corinthians 9-11	1 Peter 2:11–3:17	Luke 21
December 2	1 Corinthians 12-14	1 Corinthians 12-14	1 Peter 3:18–5:14	Luke 22
December 3	1 Corinthians 15-16	1 Corinthians 15-16	2 Peter 1:1–2:11	Luke 23
December 4	2 Corinthians 1-4	2 Corinthians 1-4	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 24

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

Father, during the hurry and haste of this season help us make time for the true meaning of this season. May Advent grant us the peace and serenity to truly reflect on your coming and the meaning of the Christ child. In Jesus' 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	Robots, Technology, and Jobs	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: 2,479

(BEACH) 63 • (Roots) 17 • (Orchard Worship) 11 • (Teen Twilight) 27

(Fresh Expressions) 15 • (Celebrate Recovery) 70 • (Saturday Contemporary) 276

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–215 • 9:15–825 • 10:45–621

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–149 • 10:00–190

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

NOVEMBER 26 & 27, 2016



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

Christmas at New Covenant

Summerhill Campus

New Covenant Choir Concert "Home for Christmas"

Thursday, December 8 at 2 p.m. • 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.

FREE! However, tickets are required and are available on the church website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and at the kiosk in the East Narthex.

Christmas Eve Service • Saturday, December 24

4:30 and 7 p.m. • Christian Life Center

Christmas carols and candlelight with Chancel Choir and Brass Band

Jingle Jam: "Put a Bow On It"

4:30 p.m. • Worship Center

An interactive family worship experience, including candlelight

Communion & Silent Meditation

5:30–6:30 p.m. • Chapel

Christmas Day Service • Sunday, December 25

10 a.m. • Christian Life Center

Christmas carols with Chancel Choir and Brass Band

Lake Deaton Campus

Annual Lake Deaton Christmas Bonfire

Sunday, December 11 • Lake Deaton Property

3 p.m. Christmas Tree Trimming • 5 p.m. Christmas Caroling

From 4:30 until dusk, Santa will join us for "sleigh/hay" rides
Hot dogs, chips, drinks, and S'MORES! Bring a chair, flashlight, and a FRIEND!

Christmas Eve Service • Saturday, December 24

5:30 p.m. • Lake Deaton Property

Outdoor worship with carols, candlelight, message, and a living nativity

Christmas Day Service • Sunday, December 25

10 a.m. • Lake Deaton Property

A casual outdoor worship with a moving Christmas story

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



Stars Shine for an á Capella Christmas
 Sunday, December 4 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center
 Presenting music at its finest for this holiday concert. The Heart of Florida Chorus, under the direction of New Covenant's Scott Werner, welcomes award-winning guests The Tampa *Heralds of Harmony* and *Voctave*, an a Capella group from Central Florida who has performed worldwide.

Tickets are \$20 and \$25 and are available at The Villages Box Office (www.thevillagesentertainment.com), and may be available at the door the night of the concert.

 **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.

 **Choralettes Christmas Around the World**
 Tuesday, December 13 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Directed by New Covenant's Janie Berry, join the Choralettes as they "travel around the world" in this musical presentation. Special guest appearance by the PeAr KIDS.

A Love Offering will be accepted to benefit Helping Hands Ministry.

 **Women's Ministry Monthly Gathering**
 Thursday, December 15 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

"Do You Hear What I Hear?" Join us and hear the same jubilant message the angels announced on that Holy Night.

Lunch Tickets are \$6 (cash or check) or \$7.29 (credit card) and are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, or at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services. "FREE" tickets are available for the program only. **Tickets sales conclude Monday, December 12 at noon.** No tickets (including the FREE, program-only tickets) will be available after the cut-off date.

 **Coming to New Covenant UMC in January**
 Bach with a Beat

- January 12, 2017 at 6 p.m.
- Encore Performance Lullaby of Broadway**
- January 17, 2017 at 7 p.m.
- The Villages Wind Ensemble**
- January 22, 2017 at 6 p.m.

 **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...

Memorial Service Ushers & Greeters

Special Events Greeters

Sunday Ushers

Ticket Sales (email Candy Ginns at cginns@aol.com)



 **Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop Monthly Pick-up**
 Saturday/Sunday, December 3/4 — West Parking Lot

The first Saturday and Sunday of each month, the Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the church parking lot to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.

There are lots of great items in our shop, but we need your donations! Tell your friends and neighbors, too! If you are down-sizing, moving, or just want something new — don't forget to call Bargains & Blessings to pick up your gently-used furniture.

 **Giving in the Spirit — REMINDER**

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. Then place the envelope in the collection plate during Worship Services. The deadline to return your form is December 3/4.

If you did not receive a booklet, you can pick one up at the Welcome Center. If you have any questions, please call *Giving in the Spirit* Coordinators Mary and Henry Goldberg at (352) 751-7687.

 **Attention Congregants — CORRECTION!**

- You can update your email with the church in one of two ways...*
- Email the church at 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).



 **Wonderful Wednesday Takes a Break**
 We will not have a dinner or presentation on November 30. Please join us for a special Christmas presentation by the SoZo Kids 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."

 **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.

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.



 **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.

 **PrimeTime**
 Thursday, December 8 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

Join us for a PrimeTime Christmas program. We will enjoy outstanding music, worship, and an inspirational a devotional by Pastor Jim Divine. A luncheon will follow as our gift to you, however, reservations are required.

To make a reservation, call the office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, December 5 and indicate if you need transportation.

 **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.

 **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 George Talley who took a bad fall and needs surgery; and Bill Norman who is ill and very frail. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
 Keith & Pat Webster, family and friends on the passing of his mother Essie Salome Webster.

This Week's Prayer Concerns
 Vivian Braddock, Roni Crowder, Madison Davey, Ron Di Iorio, Becky Freet, Ruth Gibson, Mary Kay Giebelhaus, Holly Hallett, Robert Isherwood, Sr., Cindy John, Peter Johnson, Peter Kinney, Charlie Moore, Margaret Moore, Debra Mounts, The Pope Family, Roby Raymond, Debra Sanders, Rocky and Colleen Simons, Charles Trask, Jim & Ruby Shoaf, Dominic Votta, Roberta Whitmore