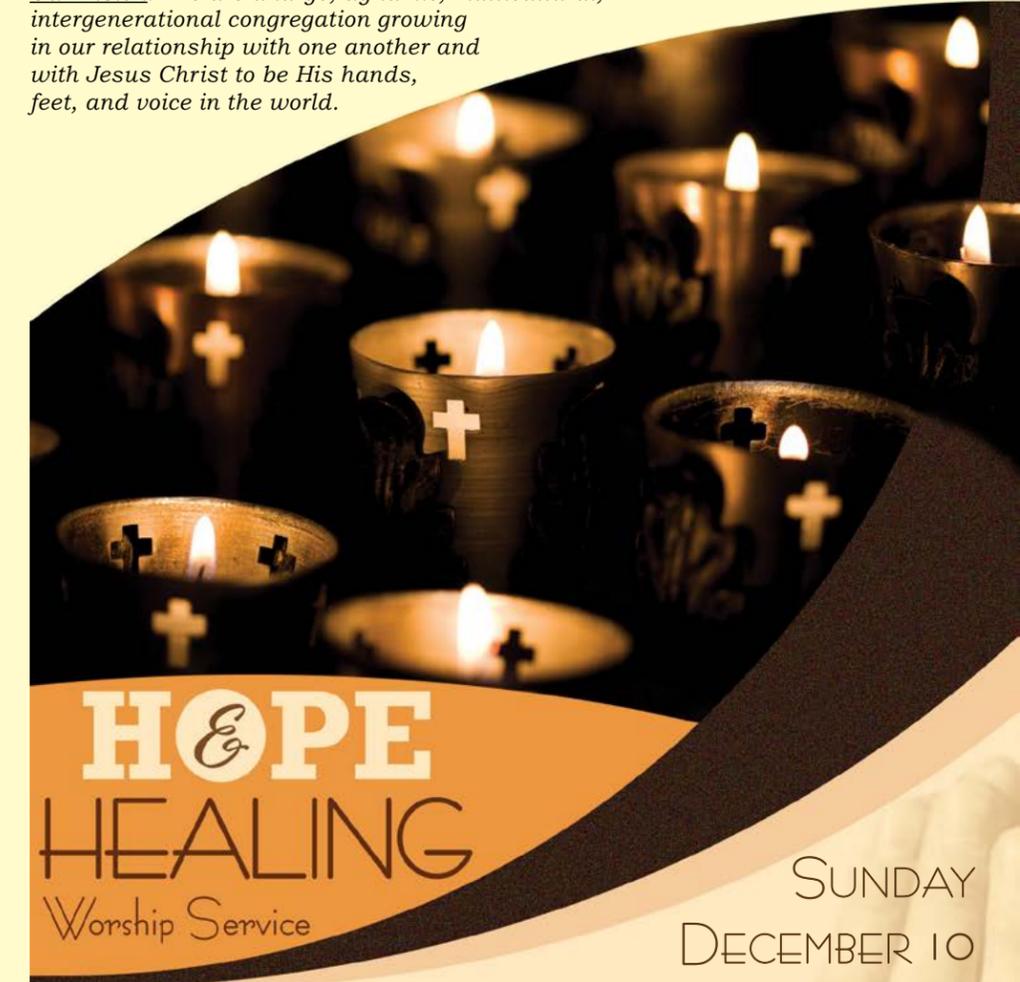




Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
 Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of Congregational Life
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

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.



SUNDAY
 DECEMBER 10
 5PM • CHAPEL

We are so grateful to serve a loving God who grieves with us, as we journey through the seasons of loss and pain.

Our Congregational Care Ministry designs this annual service to give those who recently experienced grief, a chance to reflect on their loved one, on God's goodness and grace, and the Christmas holiday.

We welcome you to this contemplative service and pray for God's peace to surround you and to comfort you. By combining special music, scripture, and a meaningful message from Dr. Ken Pyles, we hope that you will walk away feeling as though your loved one was honored and celebrated as God is glorified. There is also a time to recognize your loved one by name and light a candle in his or her memory. Prayer warriors will be available to pray with you. Please invite someone to come with you who has experienced a loss.

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

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
December 10	Ephesians 4-6	Romans 11-13	Sunday: No Reading	John 6
December 11	Philippians 1-4	Romans 14-16	1 John 4:12-5:21	John 7
December 12	Colossians 1-4	Acts 20:4-23:35	2 John	John 8
December 13	1 Thessalonians 1-5	Acts 24-26	3 John	John 9
December 14	2 Thessalonians 1-3	Acts 27-28	Jude	John 10
December 15	1 Timothy 1-6	Colossians; Philemon	Revelations 1:1-2:7	John 11
December 16	2 Timothy 1-4	Ephesians	Revelations 2:8-3:6	John 12
December 17	Titus; Philemon	Philippians 1-4	Sunday: No Reading	John 13

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ took place. When Mary his mother was engaged to Joseph, before they were married, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband was a righteous man. Because he didn't want to humiliate her, he decided to call off their engagement quietly. (Matthew 1:18-19)

Lord, on this second Sunday of Advent, we thank you for the beauty of the season and the hope we find in you, the Prince of Peace. May the peace, hope, love and joy we find in you continue to flow from us as we continue to be a beacon of light in your world. Lord, let your light shine. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

REMINDER: Please take your weekly bulletin home as you leave today. Use it as a prayer guide for the scheduled activities and the ministries of our church.

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	Joshua	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Faith in Action	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Called to Love	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	Joshua	Classroom 11

All Sunday school classes for Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve have been canceled.

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162
 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Phone: 352-750-4529

Summerhill Blended Worship Fax: 352-259-2971
 Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m. Email: ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship Website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org
 Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1) Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00 a.m.

♿ Accessible

Worship Attendance for last week: 3,060
 (BEACH) 58 • (Roots) 21 • (Grounded Youth Group) 28 • (Hanging of the Greens) 225
 (Celebrate Recovery) 84 • (Fresh Expressions) 50 • (Orchard Worship) 11
 (Saturday Contemporary) 265 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-272 • 9:15-916 • 10:45-695
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-172 • 9:45-176 • 11:00-87



Communion Assistance Needed

If you are available to assist with preparing the communion elements or serving communion on the first Sunday of each month, please contact Jill or Lesan Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447 for more details or to sign-up.



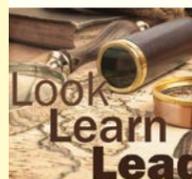
Christmas Ushers

If you are available to serve as an usher for the Christmas at New Covenant concerts on December 17 at 3 or 7 p.m. or at the Christmas Eve Services at 4:30 or 7 p.m., please contact Lou Emmert at jdemmert@embarqmail.com. Thank you for supporting this ministry.



Christmas at New Covenant — SOLD OUT

Doors will open 45 minutes before the start of each performance. Only ticket holders will be seated at that time. Please, do not hold seats for "late-comers." Fifteen minutes prior to the start of each performance, anyone in line will be allowed to enter and take any available seats.



Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides

Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph
 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, as well as on our website under the "Worship" button, "Sermon Series."



30 Hours of Famine

Saturday & Sunday, January 13 & 14 — East and West Narthexes
 New Covenant's Youth Ministry will be going hungry for a cause! For 30 hours straight, volunteers and youth group members will fast to fight world hunger. You can also play a proactive part in this weekend-long initiative by generously donating towards the famine. The youth will be accepting donations between weekend Worship Services.

World Vision, a Christian humanitarian organization, create this Christ-centered initiative, to teaming with youth, families, and communities to tackle the causes of poverty and world hunger. By participating in engaging activities, compelling discussion, and local outreach, the youth grow closer to Christ while raising funds to make a real difference. This New Year, help us to give back to those who need us most, and let's feed children across the world!



"SuperStart" for Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth Graders!

Friday & Saturday, January 26 & 27 — Orlando, Florida
 Get excited for the awesome overnight, high-energy event where pre-teens learn and grow in their relationships with friends, leaders, and most importantly, God. Registration is open, but availability is limited!

For cost and other trip details, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org or Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

TidBits



Donating Appreciated Stock: A Valuable Benefit

The stock market has done well and this might be a good time to donate APPRECIATED stock to the church. This allows you to give 100% of the value to the church, avoid long-term capital gains tax, and take a charitable tax deduction on the full amount.

Example, if you bought stock for \$2,500 and today it's worth \$5,000, by donating it you avoid a 15% capital gains tax of \$375. Additionally, if you itemize your taxes, you get a charitable tax deduction for \$5,000, which could lower your personal taxes by \$750 to \$1,000 if you are in the 15% to 20% federal tax bracket.

To make all this work, donated stock must be held longer than one year. If you are interested, talk to your accountant or preparer of your taxes, then call the church Finance Office.



Staff Appreciation Love Offering

Christmas is fast approaching. It is our custom at this time to show appreciation to our pastors and staff for all the fine work they do. Your Staff Parish Relations Team has placed a "Thank You" Love Offering envelope in your bulletin. Thank you for remembering those who work so lovingly for you all year long.

Please place your envelope in the offering plate or take to the office by Monday, December 11. A check may be made payable to NCUMC with "Staff Gift" on the memo line. The total amount received will be divided equally among all staff members.



AED/CPR Training

Tuesday, December 19 from 9-11:30 a.m. or 1-3:30 p.m.

If you are interested in being AED/CPR trained, training is available at The Villages Public Safety 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.



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is not just for those who struggle with chemical dependency, such as drugs or alcohol. Celebrate Recovery is for **all** of life's issues. We currently have two meetings in two locations to meet your needs and 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.

You do not have to face life's issues alone. For more information, please contact Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



Yoga

Monday, December 11 from 4-6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

NOTE: There will be no Yoga classes on December 18, 25, or January 1. Please join us again on January 8.

Support New Covenant when you shop!
Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at **amazon smile**

You shop. Amazon donates...
Please be sure to designate "New Covenant" as your charity.
0.5 percent of the price from your eligible [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) purchase.

Making connections



Discover New Covenant — This Weekend!

December 9 & 10 following each Worship Service — Fellowship 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 connecting to service opportunities, Bible studies, Connect Small Groups, and membership.

If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org. You may also stop at the Discover New Covenant Kiosk in the East Narthex any weekend to learn more about connecting into New Covenant.



New Covenant Mugs

Your last chance to purchase your very own coffee mug! This special 2017 series mug is the same mug given to our first-time visitors. For a \$10 donation, you will receive your mug. In addition, you will also be supporting the hospitality shown to our first-time visitors.

Visit the kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend to get your mug.



Connect with a Small Group

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!

Ladies, are you flying, "solo" as a "single"? Would you like to connect with 10-12 other ladies who are single and want to grow in relationship to each other and with God? Connect Small Groups focus on Connection, Caring, and Community all with a Christ-centered focus.

A new Connect Small Group, *Gather and Grow*, is forming for single ladies. If you are interested, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



New Member Classes

Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, February 11 from 12:15-1:45 p.m.

Summerhill Campus: Monday, February 12 from 6-7:30 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 Center or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.

Outreach Ministry



Christmas Yard Signs

It Took a Miracle — Jesus!

Christmas signs are available at a kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services this weekend for a suggested donation of \$5. They are also available in the Administration Office.

In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshipers, please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



GriefShare

Monday, January 8 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Chapel

A new session of GriefShare begins in January. If you are learning to live through grief, please allow others to walk alongside you in this new part of your journey.

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



Prayer Room

Our Prayer Room is a sacred space to spend time in prayer, meditation, and contemplation. Throughout the room, we offer: seating, along with a prayer quilt on which you can tie a knot while you pray; a prayer shawl and prayer beads that lead you as you pray; and for the times that words are difficult to come by, we have prayer cards covering different concerns that help guide you through your prayer.



Hospital News

Please let us know when you are in the hospital or are scheduled for a procedure. We want to be able to care for you well! If you are unable to contact us, please designate a neighbor to contact your church!



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Ed Sampson has metastasized cancer in multiple organs; and Robin Aiken who is receiving chemo for colon cancer. Prayers are requested for comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Bobbie Waddell, family and friends on the passing of her daughter Elizabeth Tracy Capuano.

New Concerns
Bob and Nancy Booz, Jason Bowers, Kristyn & Richard Briggs, Mike G, Audrey Hicks, Karen McDermette, The Musser Family, Anne Poling, Rick Schenck, Tracy Thompson, Johnathan Wherry



Christmas Eve Morning Worship
Summerhill Christian Life Center Sunday, December 24 at 8:30 & 10 a.m.
Lake Deaton (Eisenhower Rec Center) Sunday, December 24 at 8:30, 9:45 & 11 a.m.

Christmas Eve Communion & Silent Meditation
Summerhill Chapel
 Sunday, December 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Services
Summerhill Christian Life Center
 Sunday, December 24 at 4:30 and 7 p.m.
 Our traditional "Carols & Candlelight" with the Chancel Choir and Brass, featuring a special Christmas message by Rev. Harold Hendren

Christmas Eve for Children
Summerhill Campus
 8:30 a.m. • 10 a.m. • 4:30 p.m. • 7 p.m. — Childcare (Children under 5 years old)
 10 a.m. — Orchard Worship for elementary-age children