



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), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services. "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.



MOAMI Class of 2017

Thursdays, January 19-March 16 at 1 p.m.

This is a faith-based program open to all women regardless of religious denomination or affiliation. You will make new Christian friends and learn more about moving through the changes and transitions of life.

To register, please visit the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex.

For more information, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex, or contact:

- Kathy Herrick: taklherrick@gmail.com or (616) 836-0675
- Barbara Dougal: bkd@charter.net or (352) 751-2834



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
- 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).

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.

Lake Deaton New Construction Update

So far we have received \$1,395,00 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 |
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| December 18 | Hebrews 1-6 | 1 Timothy | Sunday: No Reading | John 14 |
| December 19 | Hebrews 7-10 | Titus | Revelations 5-6 | John 15 |
| December 20 | Hebrews 11-13 | 1 Peter | Revelations 7-8 | John 16 |
| December 21 | James 1-5 | Hebrews 1-6 | Revelations 9 | John 17 |
| December 22 | 1 Peter 1-5 | Hebrews 7-10 | Revelations 10-11 | John 18 |
| December 23 | 2 Peter 1-3 | Hebrews 11-13 | Revelations 12:1-13:10 | John 19 |
| December 24 | 1 John 1-5 | 2 Timothy | Revelations 13:11-14:20 | John 20 |
| December 25 | 2 John-Jude | 2 Peter-Jude | Sunday: No Reading | John 21 |

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. (1 John 4:7-8)

Lord of Life, during this Christmas season, we celebrate your precious gifts wrapped up in hope, joy, peace, and love. We are grateful for how you taught us something important about each of these gifts. Move us, Jesus, toward living them out just as you have called us to do. Help us to be more like you every day. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday Christian Education Classes

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

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| 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 | Ecclesiastes, Meet Jesus | Classroom 2 |
| 9:15 a.m. | Pathfinders Class | Advent — The Whole Story | Classroom 11 |
| 9:15 a.m. | Faith Finders | 1 Peter: Living God's Way | Classrooms 6/7 |
| 9:15 a.m. | ANEW | The Savior Has Been Born | Chapel |
| 10:30 a.m. | FaithLink | A Passion for Justice | Classroom 14 |
| 10:30 a.m. | The Searchers | 1 Peter: Living God's Way | Classrooms 6/7 |
| 10:45 a.m. | Wesley Class | Advent — The Whole Story | Classroom 11 |

New Covenant United Methodist Church

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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A Place to Call Home

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 5,497

(BEACH) 67 • (Roots) 18 • (Orchard Worship) 13 • (Teen Twilight) 25
(Fresh Expressions) 30 • (Celebrate Recovery) 79 • (Saturday Contemporary) 269
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-246 • 9:15-777 • 10:45-510
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-162 • 10:00-181
(Christmas Choir Cantata) Thursday-850 • Friday-1,050 • Saturday-1,220



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



A Love Offering will be collected on Christmas Eve at all Worship Services that will go towards a scholarship program for our Wildwood Middle High School Mentees.

Created three years ago, we currently have 44 eighth, ninth, and tenth graders in our program — each assigned to one of our 44 Mentors from New Covenant and Wildwood United Methodist Churches. Our Mentors visit weekly with their Mentees to provide guidance, support, and encouragement in helping our Mentees. Additionally, we host gatherings throughout the school year, as well as a field trip to visit a local college in the spring semester.

Our dream is that as our Mentees graduate, each will be awarded a scholarship of \$1,000 to be paid towards their continued education and training. Your generosity will help seed these scholarships, so when our first class graduates in 2019, we have the funds to support their scholarships. Please use the envelopes labeled "Christmas Offering" for this special gift.



Lake Sumter State College — 2016 Field Trip

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

Mark Your Calendar **concerts** **EVENTS**



The Lullaby of Broadway Encore Performance

Tuesday, January 17 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center
Joining Sean Pollock and Angie Wiswesser will be Pat Smith, Brian Maderos, Janice Swartz and The Villages Maestro Bill Doherty. Proceeds will benefit the Jean Kelly "Backpack 4 Kids" Ministry.

*Tickets are \$20.**



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 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).**

*Tickets are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/event-tickets (credit card fees will be applied), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.

**Tickets are also available The Villages Box Office (www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets).

Summerhill Campus

Christmas Eve Service • Saturday, December 24
4:30 and 7 p.m. • Christian Life Center

Jingle Jam Family Worship: "Put a Bow On It"
4:30 p.m. • Worship Center

Communion & Silent Meditation
5:30-6:30 p.m. • Chapel

Christmas Day Service • Sunday, December 25
10 a.m. • Christian Life Center

Lake Deaton Campus

Christmas Eve Service • Saturday, December 24
5:30 p.m. • The Lake Deaton Property

Christmas Day Service • Sunday, December 25
10 a.m. • The Lake Deaton Property

The Lake Deaton Property is located on CR 44A — one mile east of Brownwood Paddock Square

Outreach Ministry



Christmas Wish Tree

Thank you for giving to this year's Christmas Wish Tree. Because of your generosity, we have helped 722 children have a merrier Christmas. We continue to be overwhelmed time and time again by your willingness to consider those less fortunate in our community.

Special thanks to Terri Ward and her volunteers for heading up this important ministry.



Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings Pick-up

December 31/January 1, 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.

The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12 Bible Studies Small Groups



NO "Sunday School" Classes During the Holidays

We will NOT have any Sunday School classes or Wired Word on Christmas or New Year's weekend. All classes will resume on January 7/8.



Wonderful Wednesday Takes a Break

Wonderful Wednesday is taking a winter break from December 21 through January 11. Please plan to join us for a very special "Key West Dinner Theater" 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, at the Welcome Center, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



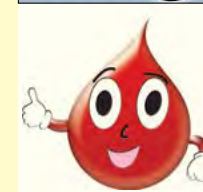
Connect with a Small Group

Tuesday, January 10 at 2 p.m. — Worship Center

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better! Are you interested in being part of a small group? New Covenant's Connect Small Group Team has the answer! You are invited to join us to find out more about our Connect Small Groups. Make a connection with others that are also looking to connect in small groups. We will help you find your Connect Small Group for our next sermon series, *Finding Joy in Real Life—5 Habits for Living Well*, beginning January 21/22.

Already connected in a small group? Stop in the Worship Center on Tuesday, January 10 at 4 p.m. to pick up your materials (for a minimal cost) for the study. You will be provided with everything you need for your group to follow this five-week sermon series. For more information, please call Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



Give the Life-Giving Gift of Blood

Monday, December 19 from 2-7 p.m. — West Narthex

We have a crisis need for blood donations. OneBlood will be in the West Narthex for registrations and the bus will be in the parking lot outside the entrance to the West Narthex.

You must be at least age 16 to donate. Persons 16 years old need permission from their parent or guardian (bring this to the registration area). All donors will receive a sub lunch, a free OneBlood fleece blanket, and a wellness checkup. All ALYX (double red cell) donors will receive a FREE movie ticket.

You may sign up for a specific time by going to www.oneblooddonor.org and use sponsor code 9890. You may also sign up by calling Barbara Hays at (352) 753-8877. Walk-in donors are also welcome.



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), which should be completed by the end of the year. 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.

Sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend. 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.



Yoga at the Summerhill Campus

We will NOT have class through the end of this year. Classes will resume on January 9. For more information, please email Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Ruth Anne Bisby who has terminal breast cancer; Mirah Nibarger who has glaucoma and cerebral palsy; Denise Torres who had a double mastectomy; Debbie Sloan who has pancreatic cancer; and Joyce Crenshaw who had a heart valve replaced. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Sharon Weimert, family and friends on the loss of her nephew Bill Ashcraft.

New Concerns

Marty Atkins, Taylor Campbell, Family of Ryan Estrada, Bonnie Fisher, Ken Gingrich, Havens Family, Robert Isherwood, Sr., Sushma Masemore, Mike McCabe, Christin McGowan, Linda McKenna, Debbie Miller, Brian Olsen, Barbara Robertson, George Talley, Jim Tennis, Jean Young