



New Drawings of the Lake Deaton Campus
 We have a video presentation on our website of the architectural drawings from Dickerson Architects Inc. To see this presentation, and other important information, please log on to www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and click the "Planting Seeds..." banner on the home page.

Lake Deaton New Construction Update
So far we have received \$1,410,306 in pledges.
 Thank you for your support as we continue to grow our church and Christ's Kingdom!



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). "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.
 For more information, please contact:
 • Kathy Herrick: taklherrick@gmail.com or (616) 836-0675
 • Barbara Dougal: bkd@charter.net or (352) 751-2834



Today's Altar Flowers are Provided by...
 Mary & Henry Goldberg in celebration of their 46th anniversary and in memory of Millar and loved ones; Riley & Amy Huckaby in memory of their parents; Rick & Orinda Christoph and Vince & Linda Musgrove in honor of Tom & Bunny Christoph's 66th anniversary; and Winifred Bishop in memory of her husband Bob.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
December 25	2 John-Jude	2 Peter-Jude	Sunday: No Reading	John 21
December 26	Revelations 1-3	1 John	Revelations 15-16	Acts 1
December 27	Revelations 4-8	2/3 John	Revelations 17:1-18:8	Acts 2
December 28	Revelations 9-12	Revelations 1-5	Revelations 18:9-19:10	Acts 3
December 29	Revelations 13-16	Revelations 6-11	Revelations 19:11-20:15	Acts 4
December 30	Revelations 17-19	Revelations 12-18	Revelations 21	Acts 5
December 31	Revelations 20-22	Revelations 19-22	Revelations 22	Acts 6
January 1	Genesis 1-3	Genesis 1-3	Matthew 1	Matthew 1

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. (John 8:12)

During the Christmas season, we see lights all around us. Let us continue to see the true meaning of Christmas in each one of them. You tell us that you are the 'Light of the World', and that we are to be the light of the world. Use us to make your light, our light, shine so that you might be glorified.
 In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Thank You for Your Support of our Ministries
 Our fundraising events allow us to transform lives in our church and community.

Concert/Event	Ministry Supported	Proceeds
Gordon Mote	Worship Ministry	\$990
Celebration Brass Band	Worship Ministry	\$1,082
Cornerstone Chorale	Lake Deaton Building Project	\$1,203

We will NOT have The Wired Word on December 24 or 31, or Sunday School classes December 25 or January 1. Classes will resume on January 8.

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.

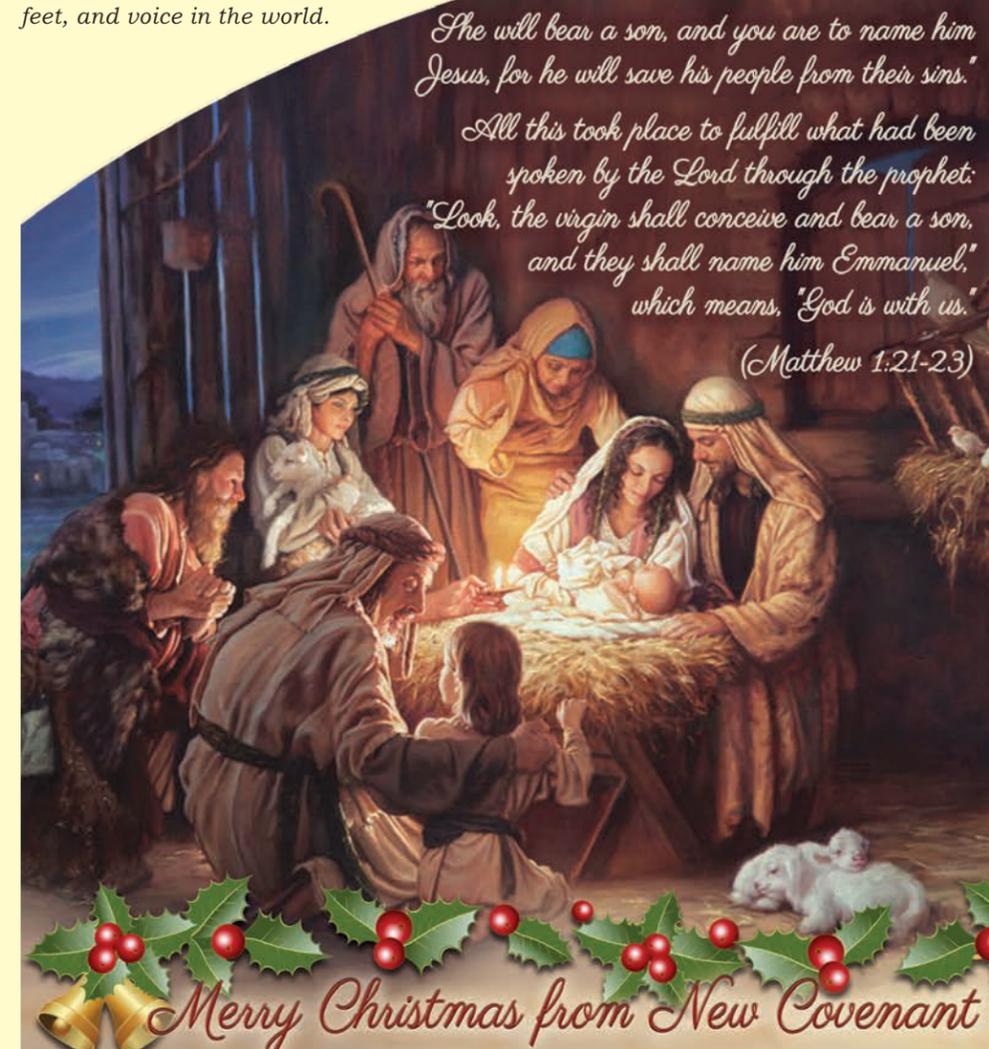
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Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,419
 (BEACH) 67 • (Roots) 19 • (Orchard Worship) 12 • (Teen Twilight) 28
 (Fresh Expressions) 37 • (Celebrate Recovery) 84 • (Saturday Contemporary) 245
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-224 • 9:15-740 • 10:45-631
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-138 • 10:00-194



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



Merry Christmas from New Covenant
 Christmas is the time of year that God shows His great love for us as we celebrate the birth of the Christ child, Jesus, into the world.

New Covenant celebrates this season with great generosity. This lists the gifts from our church to those in need locally and around the world.

Our Christmas Eve Love Offering will go towards a scholarship program for our Wildwood Middle High School Mentees. We currently have 44 eighth, ninth, and tenth graders in our program who work with 44 volunteer Mentors from New Covenant and Wildwood UMC. Our dream is that as our Mentees graduate, each will be given a scholarship of \$1,000 to be used towards continued education and training.

Please use the envelopes labeled "Christmas Offering" for this special gift.

- Wildwood Food Pantry: 1,500 bags of food
- Shoe Boxes: 1,120 boxes sent
- Wish Tree: 723 children served
- Giving in the Spirit: \$33,652
- Christmas Music Program Love Offering: \$12,336

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 is 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).**

*The Ticket Kiosk will be closed on December 24, December 25, December 31, and January 1. However, tickets may be purchased on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org/event-tickets (credit card fees will be applied).

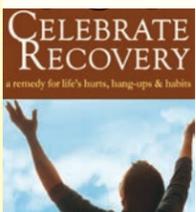
**Tickets are also available at The Villages Box Office (www.thevillagesentertainment.com/buy-tickets).

Outreach 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.



Celebrate Recovery

Celebrate Recovery is a ministry designed to help regular folks like you and me who are on a journey toward wholeness. CR is for anyone seeking recovery and celebrating God's healing from life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. We currently have two meetings in two locations to fit your schedule. 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.

For more information, please contact Jill Beck at (352) 750-4529, (352) 553-7489, or jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

The Word of God is alive and active!

Bible Studies

Small Groups

Hebrews 4:12



Wonderful Wednesday Takes a Break

Wonderful Wednesday is taking a winter break through January 11. Please plan to join us for a very special "Key West Dinner Theater" when we return 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.

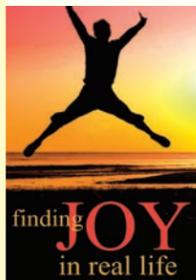
Monday, January 30 from 6-8 p.m. — Worship Center (coffee & cookies provided)

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 and at the Welcome Center, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



NO Men's Prayer Breakfast

The Summerhill Campus Men's Prayer Breakfast will not meet on December 27 or January 3, for the Christmas/New Year's holidays. Please join us again on Tuesday, January 10.



Finding Joy in Real Life – 5 Habits for Living Well

NEW Sermon Series begins January 21/22, 2017

Begin the New Year with our church-wide sermon series *Finding Joy in Real Life – 5 Habits for Living Well!* This five-week sermon series will look at the ways that God provides for joy in our lives. This sermon series will combine biblical foundations with everyday practices to help enrich your relationship with God and each other — to help us find the real joy intended for our lives.

Additionally, it is our hope that everyone has, or will find, a small group to follow this sermon series. If you are not currently in a small group, see below on how to get involved! If you are already in a small group that will participate in the sermon series, see below on how to obtain the materials.*



Connect with a Small Group

Tuesday, January 10 from 2-4 p.m. — Worship Center

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

Already Connected in a Small Group and want Participate in the New Sermon Series? Stop in at 4 p.m. to pick up your materials for the study.

*To assist you, we have created a small group booklet and DVD that will help lead your group through this series. There will be a small charge to cover the cost of materials.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



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 — Chapel

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.



Winter Health Series

Tuesday, January 24 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

We have revamped the Winter Health Series to bring some dynamic speakers and interesting topics about living this life well! Dr. Gabe Mirkin and his wife Diana will be our first guests for a healthy living discussion.

Dr. Mirkin is a sports medicine doctor, fitness guru, and long-time radio host. "Gabe Mirkin, M.D." brings you news and tips for a healthful lifestyle. A practicing physician for more than 50 years and a radio talk show host for 25 years, Dr. Mirkin is a graduate of Harvard University and Baylor University College of Medicine. He is one of very few doctors board-certified in four specialties: Sports Medicine, Allergy and Immunology, Pediatrics, and Pediatric Immunology.

For more information, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.



PrimeTime

Thursday, January 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Worship Center

- Program: 10-11:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The program is followed by lunch for \$5 payable at the door. To make a reservation, call the office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, January 9 and indicate if you need transportation.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Hazel Spotts who is in Sumter Place Memory Care.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Sue Ferriell, family and friends on the passing of her cousin.

New Concerns

Family of Jessica Bostwick, Jan Chappel and daughter Suzanne, Jamie Choban, Tom Collins, Randy & Sherry Cook, Jarrod James, Kevin McGowan, Debbie Miller, Randall Newsome, Anne Poling, David Potchak, Charles Trask