

Lake Deaton
information is available at the
Welcome Center each week.

“Lord Jesus, I believe you are the Son of God. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. Please forgive my sins and give me the gift of eternal life. I ask you into my life and heart to be my Lord and Savior. I want to serve you always.”



Our Altar Flowers are Provided by...

Gene Murray in memory of Mary Bishop Murray; Allan & Janet Cragg in celebration of their anniversary; and Pat Harrison in memory of her husband Ed on his birthday.



April Women's Gathering — "Tea-riffic"

Thursday, April 21 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
 Come for "coffee/tea — you and me!" The lunch will be "tast-TEA" and as usual, a program with fun, inspiration, and praise to the "Almighty-TEA." The luncheon will follow our program. Tickets are \$5.

Luncheon tickets are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



Women's Ministry Small Groups

Making a Big Church Small... Caring and Connecting!

Over 10 years ago, a small group of six women called *Joyful Noise* met and evolved from a home-based Bible study to breakfast fellowship, always sharing and caring for each other.

Would you like to be a part of a small group and become connected and cared for also? If so, contact Roberta Hays at (410) 836-5215 or rkhays@comcast.net to learn more.



Fresh Expressions Evangelism

Tuesday, April 12 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. — Summerhill Chapel

Are you afraid of the "E" word? You know "EVANGELISM" is a word that often sends shivers down the spines of most Christians! What does it really mean? Fresh Expressions is a new evangelistic movement reaching people for Christ in a post-Christian world.

We are currently recruiting leaders for our Evangelism Committee. To learn more about Evangelism, "Fresh Expressions," and how you can be involved with our church in leading the movement, come to our interactive training session with Rev. Michael Beck. For more information, please contact Jill Beck at 750-4529.

Volunteers Needed

Kitchen Helpers: We need extra hands to help in the kitchen during WOW dinners and other special events: food prep, servers, clean-up, and dish-washers. If you are interested in training for any of these areas, please contact John Kellar at 750-4529 or jkellar@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 3	1 Samuel 25-27	Judges 10-12	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 3
April 4	1 Samuel 28-31	Judges 13-15	Luke 6:1-26	Matthew 4
April 5	2 Samuel 1-3	Judges 16-18	Luke 6:27-49	Matthew 5
April 6	2 Samuel 4-7	Judges 19-21	Luke 7:1-30	Matthew 6
April 7	2 Samuel 8-12	Ruth	Luke 7:31-8:15	Matthew 7
April 8	2 Samuel 13-15	1 Samuel 1-3	Luke 8:16-40	Matthew 8
April 9	2 Samuel 16-18	1 Samuel 4-8	Luke 8:41-9:11	Matthew 9
April 10	2 Samuel 19-21	1 Samuel 9-12	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 10

"Jesus said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish." (John 21:6)

Lord, give us the faith to cast our net where you tell us to fish. Give us the courage to share your Gospel wherever and whenever the fish are running. Make us good fishermen like those from Galilee. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday Christian Education Classes

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

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Esther and the Sovereignty of God	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Christianity and World Religions	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Restorative Faith	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	The Risen Christ	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Christianity and World Religions	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.

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.

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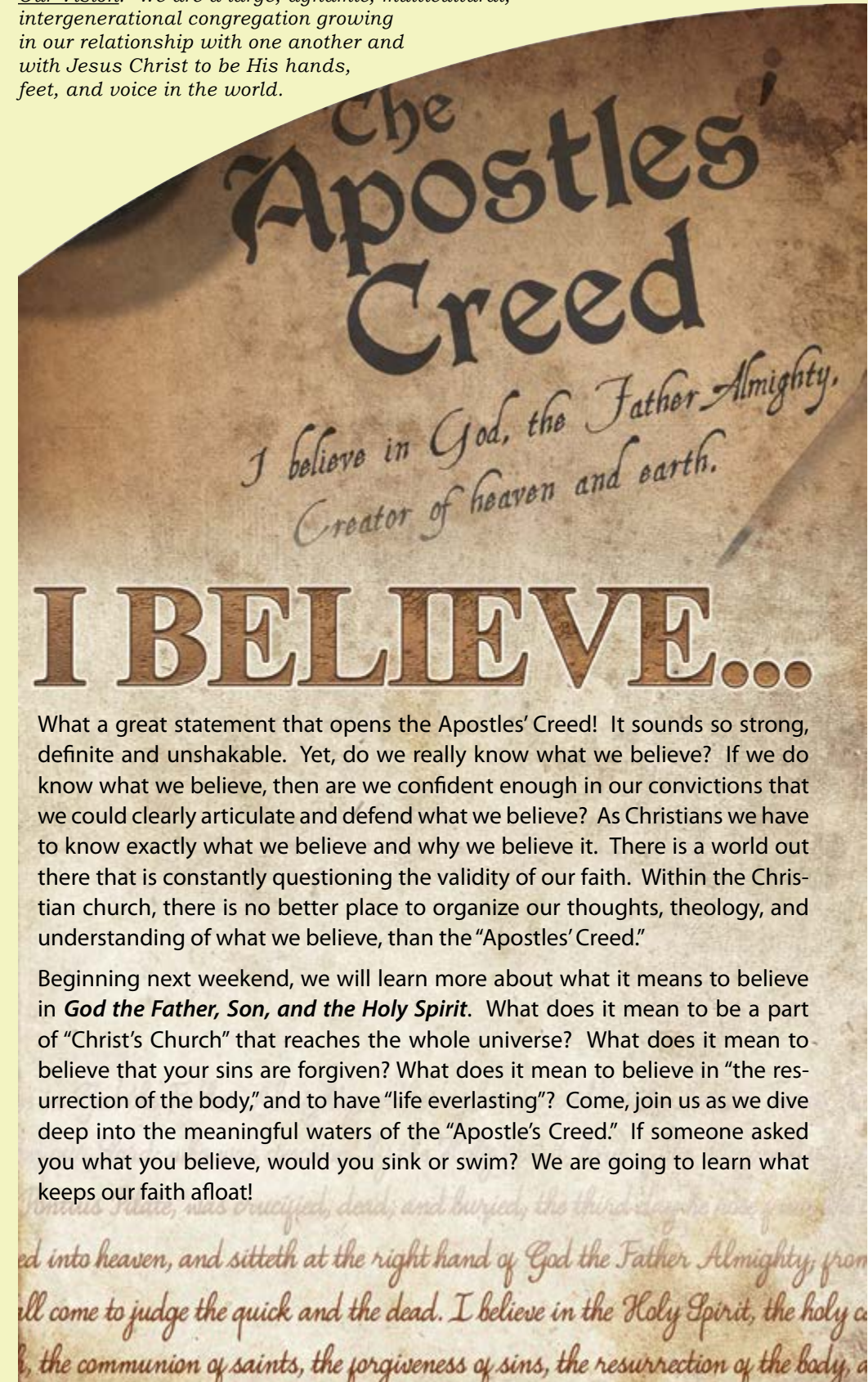
Worship attendance for last week: 5,887

(BEACH) 46 • (Celebrate Recovery) 96 • (Youth) 0 • (Orchard Worship) 52
 (Holy Thursday) 520 • (Good Friday) 870 • (Sunrise) 327
 (Saturday Contemporary) 432 • (Sunday) 7:45-428 • 9:15-1,351 • 10:45-1,261
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30-214 • 10:00-290



Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Care 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.



What a great statement that opens the Apostles' Creed! It sounds so strong, definite and unshakable. Yet, do we really know what we believe? If we do know what we believe, then are we confident enough in our convictions that we could clearly articulate and defend what we believe? As Christians we have to know exactly what we believe and why we believe it. There is a world out there that is constantly questioning the validity of our faith. Within the Christian church, there is no better place to organize our thoughts, theology, and understanding of what we believe, than the "Apostles' Creed."

Beginning next weekend, we will learn more about what it means to believe in *God the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit*. What does it mean to be a part of "Christ's Church" that reaches the whole universe? What does it mean to believe that your sins are forgiven? What does it mean to believe in "the resurrection of the body," and to have "life everlasting"? Come, join us as we dive deep into the meaningful waters of the "Apostle's Creed." If someone asked you what you believe, would you sink or swim? We are going to learn what keeps our faith afloat!

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

The Word of **God** is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12

Bible Studies Ministries



Anthony Raye Hinton Comes to New Covenant...

Mr. Hinton was released from jail after spending 30 years on death row for a crime he did not commit. "I just never believed that God would allow me to die for something that I didn't do. I didn't know how he was going to work it out, but I believed that he would work it out."

Join us at all four Worship Services at the Summerhill Campus on April 16/17 to hear from Mr. Hinton.



Upcoming 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.

June New Member Classes:

- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, June 12 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, June 13 from 6–8 p.m. (coffee & cookies provided)

Please pick up a New Member Registration form at the Welcome Center in the Narthex, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



Connectional Ministry

Discover New Covenant! Whether you are new to our congregation or a long-time member, visit the Connectional Ministry kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex and find out how to get involved and connected — to a caring community, to service, or to membership.

Learn more about "C3" (Caring for our Covenant Community), our new five-minute ministry. Please join us for our next C3 Caller Training on Tuesday, April 5 from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. in Summerhill Classroom 11.



WOW Dinner

Wednesday, April 6 at 4:45 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Please join us for dinner followed by the movie "War Room."

April 13–May 11: Following the movie, please join us for a five-week small group study on the movie. Even if you have already seen *War Room*, take the message of the movie to a deeper personal experience. We will meet as a large group for a video portion, then break into discussion groups for the study.

- **Menu:** Cream of Mushroom Soup, Fresh Spinach Salad w/Pineapple, Cranberries, and Pecans, Roasted Turkey w/Herb dressing, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy, Buttered Corn, Dinner Rolls, and Cream Pie.
- **Reservations are required:** Please enter the number attending in the "WOW" column of the attendance pad, or call the Church Office by noon on Monday. If you need to cancel, please notify the office as soon as possible.



Small Group Bible Study on the Movie "War Room"

Thursday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. (see the movie) — Summerhill Chapel

Then beginning on Thursday, April 14 at 2 p.m., continue with a small group study in Classroom 3. We will meet as a large group for the DVD portion and then break into discussion groups for the study.

For more information, call Kathy Hudak Yoakum at 750-4529.

Outreach Ministry



Water4 Well Project

During Lent, we collected sacrificial dollars to build wells in Africa. Our goal of \$30,000, or 20 wells, for *Water4 Well Project* was an overwhelming success. **As of Easter Sunday, we collected \$73,952.**

JAIL MINISTRY

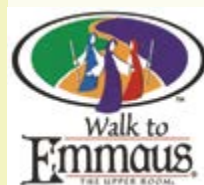


Residents Encounter Christ (REC) Jail Ministry

Thursday, April 7 from 6:30-8 p.m. — Fairway Christian Church

REC Ministry will hold a social gathering with desserts and beverages. REC is an inter-denomination ministry from over (60) churches. Together they bring a three-day program into our county jails.

This gathering is open to anyone who may be interested in the REC community or learning more about this ministry. If you would like to join us, please RSVP by Monday, April 4 to Carolyn Elkins at 751-5750 or carolynelkins6@yahoo.com.



Emmaus Gathering

Thursday, April 14 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

Anyone who has attended an Emmaus Walk, Cursillo, or Tres Dias is invited to the Tri-County Emmaus Gathering. Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, singing, and communion. Light refreshments will be served.

For more information, please contact Nancy Casto at 633-3288 or nancasto@gmail.com.



GO Conference

Saturday, April 23 at 8:30 a.m. — Summerhill Campus

The Mission Society will facilitate a GO Conference in our district that will support the continued expansion of our church's outreach and will ignite a passion for missional life and service among our congregation.

Continental breakfast and lunch will be provided. To register, please log on to their website at www.themissionsociety.org/goconferencencfl.



Helping Hands Sixth Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 23 — Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Del Webb

Your \$80 fee includes the tournament (golf cart included) and admission to the banquet (Sunday, April 24 from 5:30–8:30 p.m. at New Covenant Summerhill Campus), plus golf prizes, door prizes, a silent auction, and lots of fun. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant's Helping Hands Outreach Ministry.

Registration Deadline is April 9. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Center in the Summerhill East or West Narthex. For more information, please contact John Kelley at 259-6380 or kelleys67@aol.com.



Volunteers Needed at Bargains & Blessings

Bargains and Blessings needs volunteers for the donation intake division of the store. Over 20 positions will soon be vacant due to volunteers traveling north. If you can help, please stop by the kiosk this weekend or call Betty Montgomery at 352-751-6798.



Food Drive Thank You

A huge thank-you to the entire New Covenant community for your tremendous outpouring of donations of food and cash during the recent Spring Food Drive for the Wildwood Food Pantry.

Thanks to everyone who donated and to all the volunteers who helped put out grocery bags, and to those who helped receive, transport, and sort the donations.

Pastoral Care



Sharpen the Mind

Tuesday, April 12 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 3

If you want to increase your brain power while having lots of fun, this is for you! Enjoyable brain exercises and games will be at every session.



Prayer Service for Peace

Tuesday, April 12 at 6:30 p.m. — St. Timothy Catholic Church

1351 Paige Place, Lady Lake

Clergy from each religious community (Christian, Muslim, Jewish and Bahai) will join their voices as they lead prayer for peace and reconciliation in our troubled world. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact David O'Brien at 753-0989.



PrimeTime

Thursday, April 14 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Please join special guests from the Southeastern Guide Dog organization and their canine friends — plus singing, fellowship, and inspiration! 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 750-4529 by Monday, April 11 and indicate if you need transportation.



Together in Prayer

Monday, April 14 from 9 a.m.–3 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

The 2016 General Conference of The United Methodist Church will be held May 10-20 in Portland, Oregon. This is an important time for our church, as delegates from around the world will gather to consider proposed legislation and ministry for the next quadrennium.

The General Conference is the only body which may speak for the entire church. During this exciting and often challenging time, elected delegates discern global vision, mission and direction. The prayers of each United Methodist in preparing for General Conference are important. The Council of Bishops has called upon the church to be in a season of prayer in preparation for the General Conference. To encourage ongoing prayer the Council has issued a Call to Prayer and the Florida Conference has been asked to devote April 14 to prayer for the General Conference. Please join us and visit our prayer stations assembled with loving hands to lead you through prayers for the General Conference.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Dorothy & Ron Adcock, family and friends on the loss of their daughter; Betty Callahan, family and friends on the loss of her husband Paul; Winnie Bishop, family and friends on the loss of her husband Bob; and Sean & Ellen Pollock, family and friends on the loss of Sean's grandmother Etta Pratt.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please visit our website (www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and click the Calendar button.

This Week's Prayer Concerns:					
Delores Belski	Kathleen Bradwell	Tommie Hayes	Janis	Kathy & Bill	Ona Kozar's Family
Joy Christina Lamoreaux and Family	Linda McFarland	Daniel McDonald	Marilyn Murrie	Gary Ogle	
Peacock Family	John O'Reilly, Jr.	Stephen Schwarze	Vance	Bruce Wellnitz	William

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Your



special
EVENTS



Melody of Love (see time change)

Monday, April 11 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

Over 20 different acts, including singing, instrumentalists, and dancing, promise to provide a delightful evening of fun for all. All proceeds will be designated to Love INC (Love In the Name of Christ) for home repairs and necessities.

- General Admission Tickets: \$10

Tickets are available at Love INC Centsible Furnishings and between Worship Services at the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex. For tickets or more information, please call Paul Kramer at 259-8748 or Sylvia Gardner at 259-5941.



Youth Summer Mission Trip Fund Raiser

Friday, April 15 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

Support our youth summer mission trip by attending the Titanic Event featuring music, historical narrative, and video. The youth will transform the Worship Center into the "Captain's Dining Room" for Artist Circle Ticket Holders to enjoy a dessert reception and additional entertainment following the event. This is an evening you will not want to miss!

- Artist Circle Tickets: \$25 • General Admission Tickets: \$15

Tickets may be purchased at The West Narthex Ticket Kiosk, The Villages Box Office, and on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.



The Villages Wind Ensemble

Sunday, April 17 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Under the direction of Jill Van Syckle, The Villages Wind Ensemble will present their Spring concert. A portion of the net proceeds benefits New Covenant's Missions in Bombita, Dominican Republic.

- General Admission Tickets: \$15

Available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, or at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



The Choralettes

Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center

Join the Choralettes as they present "An American Journey."

A Love Offering to benefit New Covenant's Helping Hands ministry will be accepted.



The Villages Orchestra

Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

Under the direction of Kenneth Hay, The Villages Orchestra presents their annual Spring Concert with guest concert pianist Sean Pollock playing Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue*. Enjoy the orchestra playing Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Overture*, Copland's *Hoe-Down*, Handel's *Queen of Sheba* from Solomon, plus a variety of other favorites.

- Artist Circle Tickets: \$20 • General Admission Tickets: \$17

Tickets may be purchased at The Villages Box Office.



A New Covenant "Homecoming"

Sunday, May 29 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

Delight in music featuring Ivan Parker, former singer with the Gaither Homecoming Artists and the New Covenant Chancel Choir.

A Love Offering will be accepted.