

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.”



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, at the Summerhill Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services, and at the door prior to the concert.

The Choralettes
Tuesday, April 19 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
 Join the Choralettes as they present *A Sentimental Journey*. A Love Offering to benefit New Covenant’s Helping Hands ministry will be accepted.

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 “Almight-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.

If you would like to attend the program but not stay for lunch, FREE tickets are available on our website and at the Ticket Kiosk.

Christina Joy and Dustin Stoner
Thursday, April 21 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel
 Join Christina and Dustin in a return appearance at New Covenant as they sing, play, and perform Christian music — including their own compositions. A Love Offering will be accepted.

The Villages Orchestra
Thursday, April 28 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Worship 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*.

• Artist Circle Tickets: \$20 • General Admission Tickets: \$17
 Tickets may be purchased at The Villages Box Office.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 17	1 Kings 12-14	1 Samuel 25-27	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 17
April 18	1 Kings 15-17	Psalms 17/35/54/63	Luke 12:1–34	Matthew 18
April 19	1 Kings 18-20	1 Samuel 28-31; Ps18	Luke 12:35–59	Matthew 19
April 20	1 Kings 21-22	Psalms 121/123-125/128-130	Luke 13:1–21	Matthew 20
April 21	2 Kings 1-3	2 Samuel 1-4	Luke 13:22–14:14	Matthew 21
April 22	2 Kings 4-5	Psalms 6/8-10/14/16/19/21	Luke 14:15–35	Matthew 22
April 23	2 Kings 6-8	1 Chronicles 1-2	Luke 15	Matthew 23
April 24	2 Kings 9-11	Psalms 43-45/49/84-85/87	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 24

“Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

Loving Lord, teach us to forgive as you forgive. Teach us to love as you love. Teach us to have faith as you placed all your faith in Your Heavenly Father. 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
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	Did Jesus Say That?	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	Spiritual Direction	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

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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.

Worship attendance for last week: 2,678
 (BEACH) 45 • (Celebrate Recovery) 92 • (Youth) 38 • (Orchard Worship) 24
 (Saturday Contemporary) 317 • (Sunday) 7:45–242 • 9:15–858 • 10:45–655
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30–175 • 10:00–232



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. Marilyn Anell, Care Pastor



Volunteers are the roots of strong communities

“Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.” (John 12:26)

National Volunteer Week in the United States was first established via Presidential Proclamation in 1974. Since then, a National Volunteer Week new proclamation has been issued by the American President each year since the holiday’s inception. This is an opportunity to recognize those who contribute to community and country.

Here at New Covenant, we are blessed to have so very many volunteers that serve in our leadership team and outwardly in our ministries. In addition to these volunteers, we have so many who serve behind the scenes. In honor of National Volunteer Week, we would like to recognize each of our volunteers, some of whom wear “more than one hat!” We could not function and have the family that we do here at New Covenant, one that makes such a difference in our community, without each and every one of our volunteers. Our heartfelt thanks, appreciation and love goes out to each one of them!



To continue the work of the Lord, we need more volunteers. If you feel the need and have the heart to serve — whether it is in leadership, one of our many ministries, Connectional Ministries or in a role “behind the scenes” in Administration or Finance, we need you! Help us to connect you to the community by getting involved and volunteering! Please see the bulletin each week for volunteer opportunities.

To Get Connected, Please Call...
 • Summerhill Campus: Jim & Diane Hull at (269) 207-0777 or jimdiane2015@comcast.net
 • Lake Deaton Campus: Liz Willhoite at (352) 633-9399 or willhoite6@hotmail.com

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

Bible Studies Ministries

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.

WOW Dinner
Word on Wednesday Dinner & Discipleship
Wednesday, April 20 at 4:45 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
 Please join us for dinner followed by part two of a five-week Bible study based on the movie, *War Room*.

This DVD-driven study was developed from the movie and will be followed by group discussion. The cost of materials is \$9 per study guide (available that evening or in the Administration Office). Cash or checks are accepted.

- **Menu:** Minestrone Milanese Soup, Caesar Salad, Chicken Breast Puttanesca, Gnocchi Parmesan, Italian Green Beans, Garlic Bread Sticks, and Tiramisu.
- **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.

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)
- September New Member Classes:**
- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, Sept. 18 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
 - **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, Sept. 19 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.

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

Concert/Event	Ministry Supported	Proceeds
Toast of Tampa	Men's Ministry	\$6,951
Celebration Brass Band	Youth Ministry	\$608
Villages Flute Choir	Helping Hands Ministry	\$354
Melody of Love	Love INC	\$4,430

Our Altar Flowers are Provided by...
 Dr. Ruth Gibson in memory of her husband James; and Peggy Dresser in memory of her husband Dick on his birthday.

Outreach Ministry

JAIL MINISTRY REC Weekend
Residents Encounter Christ (REC) Jail Ministry Asks for Your Prayers!
 This weekend a team is at the Sumter County Jail, and many of our team members are from New Covenant. We ask that you join us in prayer for the residents, the jail staff, and REC team throughout our weekend.

REC is an interdenominational ministry of over 60 churches whose purpose is to bring the Good News of God's Grace to the "residents" of jails throughout Florida.

GO Conference
Saturday, April 23 from 8:30 a.m.–3 p.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.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY 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 do 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 or jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



Volunteers Needed
Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop: Bargains & Blessings needs volunteers for the donation intake division of the store. If you can help, please call Betty Montgomery at 751-6798.

Coffee Ministry: We need a few folks willing to help serve coffee and cookies on Sunday mornings between Worship Services. Please contact Howard Bond at 753-0356 or hdbond77@gmail.com.

Communion Servers: All services, especially at 10:45
 Please contact Jill or Lesan Van Syckle at 751-7447 and we will contact the Communion Steward for your requested service.

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

Pastoral Care

Word of Day
Hope for Hurting Parents
Monday, April 18 from 6–7:30 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 1
Thursday, April 28 from 2–3:30 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14

This group is for parents (and grandparents) of children who struggle with addiction, incarceration, mental health challenges, and other life-altering events. There is no shame in asking for help and support. Please come be a part of this welcoming group that offers encouragement and love.

WAKE UP AMERICA
Special Prayer Service
Thursday, May 5 from 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
 The theme for this National Day of Prayer is *Wake Up America*. The New Covenant Summerhill Campus Choir will be singing.
 For more information, please visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org

Life Inventories Available
 A Life Inventory Form helps your church and your family with any final plans you wish to have for your memorial service. They are kept on file in the Care Office, so this handy reference is available to help with your requests. New Members receive these in their information packets.

Completing a Life Inventory Form early allows you the opportunity to prayerfully and thoughtfully consider the aspects you want in your memorial service. Please stop by the Care Office and pick up one at any time.

Helen's Helpers
 Our respite care ministry needs YOU! We need more volunteers to aid in this important ministry that helps primary caregivers receive a short break by staying with their loved ones. This ministry is not a substitute for professional, in-home care, but is designed to assist in giving a 1-3 hour break for the caregiver.

This is completely run and managed by volunteers. We will provide training to prepare you for your respite care. Contact the Care Office at 750-4529 to learn more.

Our Prayers
The Prayer Quilts on the Altar Rail are for...
 Megan Caton who had a serious surgery; Wayne Hart who has incurable cancer; Simon Rohaly, a two-year-old with brain cancer; and Jack Rollins, a five-year-old with neuroblastoma. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
 John Sunday, family and friends on the passing of his wife Sally.

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:

Al	Mallory & unborn Baby Akin	Patrick Antrim	Patricia Doren	Ed Garza	Vickie Gongwer
Holly Hallett	Norman Hamilton	Robert Isherwood, Sr.	Ellen Liebert	Colleen Marchese	Harriett Oakley
Jack Reusser	Leslie Rienstra	Debra Sanders	Dolores Sinen	Sue Stephenson	Carol Turek