

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."



Women's Gathering: "May's Flowers – God's Flowers"
 Thursday, May 19 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
 Flowers, Family, and "Forget-Me-Nots"

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.



Trio Classique
 Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center
 Trio Classique, violinist Sheryl Genco, cellist Ellen Shertzer and pianist Sean Pollock will perform works by Beethoven, Op. 1, No. 2 and Brahms, Op 87.

Joining Trio Classique is clarinetist Howard Shertzer performing *Suite for Violin, Clarinet and Piano* by Darius Milhaud.

This chamber music concert will benefit The Bertha Fund which was established to provide financial assistance to persons requiring Christian counseling services as offered by New Covenant UMC. A suggested donation of \$15 is requested.

Ivan Parker: 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. The concert will feature a special time of Memorial Day Commemoration led by Pastor Marilyn Anell.
 A Love Offering will be accepted.

Our Altar Flowers are Provided by....
 Ron & Joanne Webb in celebration of their 55th anniversary; Irene Manahan in memory of her husband Fred; and Dave Murray in memory of his wife Helen.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
May 8	1 Chronicles 22-24	Psalms 25/29/33/36/39	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 10
May 9	1 Chronicles 25-27	2 Samuel 8-9; 1 Chronicles 18	Luke 22:47-71	Luke 11
May 10	1 Chronicles 28-2 Chronicles 1	Psalms 50/53/60/75	Luke 23:1-25	Luke 12
May 11	2 Chronicles 2-5	2 Samuel 10; 1 Chronicles 19; Psalms 20	Luke 23:26-56	Luke 13
May 12	2 Chronicles 6-8	Psalms 65-67/69-70	Luke 24:1-32	Luke 14
May 13	2 Chronicles 9-12	2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Chronicles 20	Luke 24:33-53	Luke 15
May 14	2 Chronicles 13-17	Psalms 32/51/86/122	John 1:1-28	Luke 16
May 15	2 Chronicles 18-20	2 Samuel 13-15	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 17

"Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it."
 (Luke 18:17)

Loving Lord, life can make us cynical, bitter, guarded, and even resentful. Bring us to a place where we can experience life with "child-like" innocence and faith. Help us to have hearts as big as life itself. A heart as big as a child's. Let us see through eyes of wonder, mystery, and love — "child-like" big love. 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	Fullness of 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

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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 New Covenant United Methodist Church ~
 A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last week: 2,404
 (BEACH) 50 • (Celebrate Recovery) 108 • (Youth) 24 • (Orchard Worship) 33
 (Saturday Contemporary) 267 • (Sunday) 7:45-232 • 9:15-761 • 10:45-594
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30-166 • 10:00-169



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.

"... Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these" (Luke 18:16)



Gentle **HARDWORKING**
 Strong loves to cuddle
 Teacher **BEST FRIEND**
MOTHER
 Simply the Best **PATIENT**
 Generous **Thoughtful**
 UNCONDITIONAL **Caring**
NURTURING
KIND *Wise*
 Compassionate



Happy Mother's Day

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

Bible Studies Ministries

WOW Dinner
Wednesday, May 11 at 4:45 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
Please join us for dinner followed by part five of a five-week Bible study based on the movie, *War Room*.

You are welcome to join us to watch the DVD portion of the study and stay for discussion. A study guide is available for \$9 if you would like to purchase one. Cash or checks are accepted.

- **Menu:** Tuscan Chard & Cannellini Bean Soup, Antipasto Salad, Scalloped Diced Potatoes with Onions, Garlic Cheddar Chicken Breast, Key Largo Vegetables, Rolls, and Apple Crisp.
- **Price:** \$7 per adult, \$3 per child under 12, and \$15 per household (three or more people residing in the same house) — payable at the door.
- **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.

Table Talk
We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for May. These are groups of eight who gather once a month for four months in homes or restaurants to enjoy a meal and fellowship.

If you would like to participate, stop by the Welcome Center, fill out a form, and drop it in the designated box in the Summerhill East Narthex.

If you have any questions, please contact Patty Halstead at patty.charlie@comcast.net or (352) 633-2470.

Women Unlimited
"We ask ourselves, 'Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented and fabulous?' Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God."
—Marianne Williamson, author (1952-)

The Library is celebrating all women throughout May. You can find material on Old and New Testament women, famous and not-so-famous Christian women, fictional women, strong women — women, women, women! Read such authors as: Judy Jacobs, Sheila Walsh, Alice Mathews, Marci Alborghetti, Lois Henderson, Wanda Brunstetter, Beverly Lewis, and many others. Great reading on these warm spring days!

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.

Please join us for our next C3 Caller Training on Tuesday, May 24 from 6:30–8 p.m. in Summerhill Classroom 11.

Upcoming 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.

TidBits

Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors

Graduating from The Villages Charter School

- **Amy Marisa Breslin** (daughter of Vicki & Chuck Breslin) College of Central Florida
- **Bridget Bryant** (daughter of Cristina & Roger Bryant) University of Central Florida
- **Marion Lee Evans, Jr.** (son of Aarie & Marion Evans, Sr.) Jacksonville University
- **Julianna Marie Goldberg** (daughter of Elisa & David Goldberg) Florida Institute of Technology
- **Cassandra Mead** (daughter of Alexandra & Stuart Mead) University of Florida
- **Corey Austin Reeder** (son of Miranda & Randy Reeder) Florida Atlantic University
- **Emily Vial** (daughter of Kim & Anthony Vial) Florida Atlantic University
- **Baylee Elizabeth Young** (daughter of Kristyne & Toby Young) University of Central Florida



Graduating from South Sumter High School

- **Olivia Bonham Collins** (daughter of Anne & Steven Hill, and David Collins) Santa Fe College



Please Welcome Two New Staff Members

- Star Ciccio, Staff Accountant, joined us on May 2. She is full-time and Dianne Letch has transitioned to part-time.
- Dawn Chadwick, Technology Support Coordinator, joined us on April 25. She is full-time and is replacing Debbie Zuccola.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Debbie Zuccola for her support and dedication over the past five years, especially during the Arena system implementation over the last year. **Congratulations and best wishes on her retirement!**

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
Women's Ministry with Betsy Kniffin	Women's Ministry	\$955
Helping Hands Pancake Breakfast	Helping Hands Outreach Ministry	\$6,479
Choralettes Concert	Helping Hands Outreach Ministry	\$1,293

The American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life"
We hosted the "Relay for Life" event at the Summerhill Campus on Friday, April 1. The monies raised equaled \$54,423 and counting. We would like to thank everyone who donated their time, talents, dollars, support, or participation.

Pastoral Care

Sharpen the Mind
Tuesday, May 10 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.

PrimeTime
Thursday, May 12 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
Music with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, devotion by Ellen Pollock, program about Sozo Kids (Children in Ocala Forest) by David Houch, and exercise with Sylvia Wagner.
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, May 9 and indicate if you need transportation.

Word of the Day
Hope for Hurting Parents
Thursday, May 12 from 2–3:30 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14
Monday, May 16 from 6–7:30 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 1

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.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
Linda Spatz, family and friends on the loss of her husband John.
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:
Dorothy Adcock, Kathleen Bradwell, Cancer Victims, Nicey Cilenti, Dawn Herman, John Hinkle, Peggy Huckabee, LouAnne, William Mueller, Jim Nickerson, Wanda Petlock, Linda Powell, Helen Rugg, Ed Scheffler, Sid Sidlauskas, Elaine Suttell, Charles Trask, June Vogt, Alexandria Webb, John Ziarko

Outreach Ministry

LEAD LIKE JESUS
Bishop's Offering
At next week's Worship Services, we will have a special Bishop's Offering in support of this year's Annual Conference theme of "Leading Like Jesus." A Special Offering envelope will be in your bulletin.

Nickels for Knowledge = Books for Bombita
Many of our congregation are sponsors of students in the village of Bombita, Dominican Republic. To help with books and school supplies, Nickels for Knowledge assists with funds for educational needs.
On the shelf in our Library, we have a jar for monetary donations for these educational supplies for over 400 children. Please visit the Church Library (the jar is just to the left of the door) and help this cause. Any contribution is appreciated.