

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.”

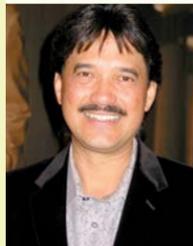


Chamber Music Concert to benefit the Bertha Fund
 Sunday, May 22 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center
 Enjoy **Trio Classique** in their concert premiere. Artists Sean Pollock (pianist), Sheryl Genco (violinist) and Ellen Shertzer (cellist) will perform works by Beethoven and Brahms.

Special guest artist, Howard Shertzer (clarinetist) joins the group in performing *Suite for Violin, Clarinet and Piano* by Darius Milhaud.

The Bertha Fund, a ministry of New Covenant, was established to provide financial assistance to those requiring Christian counseling as provided by New Covenant. It will benefit from the proceeds of this concert.

Doors open at 2:30 p.m. 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 include a special time of Memorial Day Commemoration led by Pastor Marilyn Anell.

A Love Offering will be accepted.



The Lullaby of Broadway
 Friday, July 8 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center
 New Covenant’s own Angie Wiswesser and Sean Pollock join forces in presenting a concert of Broadway songs with special guests Maestro Bill Doherty, Pat Smith, and Brian Maderos. This program will include solos, duets, and trios. Net proceeds benefit “Backpack for Kids.”

General Admission Tickets: \$20

Tickets will be available May 26 on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, at the Ticket Kiosk between Worship Services, and at the door the night of the event.



New Covenant UMC Events Calendar
Reminder! All the events, meetings, and classes can be found on our website. Just log onto www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and click on the calendar icon.



Our Altar Flowers are Provided by...
 Connie & Jack Tarburton in celebration of their granddaughter Amy Breslin’s Villages High School graduation; and Darlyne Jorgensen in celebration of her 80th birthday.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
May 22	Ezra 4-7	Psalms 95/97-99	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 24
May 23	Ezra 8-10	2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalms 30	John 5:10-35	Mark 1
May 24	Nehemiah 1-3	Psalms 108-110	John 5:36-6:14	Mark 2
May 25	Nehemiah 4-6	1 Chronicles 23-25	John 6:15-59	Mark 3
May 26	Nehemiah 7	Psalms 131/138-139/143-145	John 6:60-71	Mark 4
May 27	Nehemiah 8-9	1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalms 127	John 7:1-24	Mark 5
May 28	Nehemiah 10-11	Psalms 111-118	John 7:25-44	Mark 6
May 29	Nehemiah 12-13	1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37/71/94	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 7

“But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain.”
 (1 Corinthians 15:10)

Lord, because of you, I live. Your resurrection paved the road toward the gateway that leads to my eternity. Let me cherish the gift of your grace, mercy, and salvation for what you have given to me was not in vain. I believe! 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

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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: 2,147
 (BEACH) 50 • (Celebrate Recovery) 92 • (Youth) 30 • (Orchard Worship) 22
 (Saturday Contemporary) 268 • (Sunday) 7:45-269 • 9:15-638 • 10:45-482
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30-146 • 10:00-150



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.



LOVE JESUS.
 BE DIFFERENT.

New Covenant’s Youth Ministry Goes Wild This Summer!

There will be plenty of events and activities going on, such as lock-ins, water days, local outreach opportunities, and more. Along with the Student Activity Center being open for the kids to come and hang out, we will also be hosting two Teachers’ Kids Camps, a Performing Arts Camp, Basketball Camp, and Cave Quest VBS!

Youth Ministry will take two mission trips during the summer. The high school students will head to Tennessee in June, and the middle school group will travel to Georgia in July. This summer is going to be a blast! As always, if you would like to volunteer and help with any of the activities and camps mentioned above, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Coordinator of Youth Ministry at 750-4529.

If you aren’t able to volunteer, but still want to help, we have an opportunity for you!
 We need encouragers! We would like to send personal words of encouragement to each student and chaperon participating in our two mission trips this summer. Each evening of the mission trip, the students gather in a circle and read a letter of thanks and encouragement from one of our members — this is one of the highlights of the trip! Students hang onto these letters and treasure them throughout the year.

- Letters might include:**
- Letting them know that they are a blessing to others and that God will bless them
 - Encouraging them in their relationship with God as they strive to be His hands, feet, and voice in the world
 - Thanking them for choosing to spend part of their summer serving His people
- We would like each of the 36 participants attending the trips to receive six letters — one for each night they are away — so that’s a lot of letters! If you would like to write a letter (or more!) to participants going on these mission trips, please do the following:
- Contact Anne Foote Hill at 750-4529 or email (afotehill@newcovenantumc-fl.org) and she will give you the name(s) of participants who need letters written
 - Write (or type) the letter! Please put the letter in the envelope and write the attendee’s name on the envelope
 - Return the envelopes to the Administration Office by Friday, June 10

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

The Next New Member Class is Almost Here!
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.



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.



Table Talk

We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for May–August. 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.



2016 Confirmation Class

Please join us in congratulating this year's confirmation class! After taking eight weeks of classes, and learning more about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the following four teens have made the decision to become confirmed in the United Methodist Church. They have also made the next step in their faith by being baptized.

Congratulations to these girls, and to their families for all of their support!

- Megan Miller, Cylie Reeder, Mallory Stevens, Leigha Verzaal

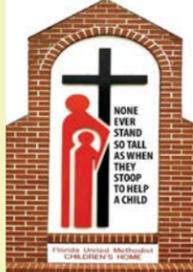


Lost & Found

Are you missing something? Please check our Lost & Found as there are several items that have been left behind.

Lost & Found is located in the Resource Room (in the hallway between the West Narthex and the Chapel). There is also a box at the Welcome Center with some of the smaller items.

Outreach Ministry



The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Fifth Sunday Weekend is Next Weekend, May 28/29

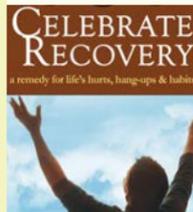
The Children's Home includes residential living, therapeutic care, and foster and emergency shelter. On average, about 75 percent of its total funding comes from private sources, such as individual church support. Your "Fifth Sunday" offering enables the programs of the Children's Home to maintain its ministry as a significant Christian outreach committed to the well-being of children, youth, and their families.



Welcome Home Initiative

This program is for military veterans who have served their country in combat and may be suffering in varying degrees of post-traumatic stress or a moral/soul injury. A **FREE** retreat for veterans and their spouses is being offered June 2-4 at St. George Episcopal Church in The Villages.

It will be led by Rev. Nigel Mumford, a retired Royal Marine, founder of "By His Wounds, Inc." For more information, please contact Paul Kramer at (352) 259-8748.



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



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.

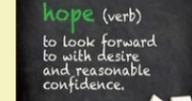


Finance Update

The Summerhill Campus budget for 2016 had a five percent increase to accommodate our ministries, mortgage payments, and increase in general operating costs. Based on last year's general giving and the increase in attendance, we were confident we would achieve that goal.

However, up to this point in 2016, there has been a decrease per week in general giving from 2015, so we are now \$61,000 short of our goal. Because we have been able to keep our expenses down, the church continues to operate in the positive. Prayerfully consider your giving as we move forward in 2016.

Pastoral Care

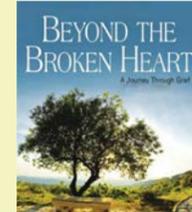


Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursday, May 26 from 2–3:30 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14

Monday, June 6 from 6–7:30 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.



Beyond the Broken Heart

Begins Monday, June 6 at 10 a.m. — Summerhill Classroom 3

Care Ministry realizes that grief does not know time or seasons. *Beyond the Broken Heart* is an eight-week program, facilitated by Karen Cleveland, Jim Law, Betty Mullon, Cindy O'Lear, and Barb Prindle, that helps and supports those who are struggling with grief and loss.

This program is open to anyone. The book is \$10 and scholarships are available as needed. Contact Barb Prindle in the Care Office at 750-4529 or bprindle@newcovenantumc-fl.org to let us know that you wish to attend, so that we have an adequate amount of books.



Volunteer Needs in Care Ministries

- **Congregational Health:** Serve on churchwide committee to help discern what health-related events/items are beneficial
- **Flower Ministry Deliveries:** Break down the Sunday altar flowers and deliver them to someone hospitalized, homebound, or in a rehab facility

- **Helen's Helpers:** Receive training to sit with a loved one while the primary caregiver gets a break
- **Toby's Encouragers:** Develop a relationship with a person living in an assisted living or nursing facility that may not receive any other visitors

Contact Care Ministry at 750-4529 for more information on these opportunities and other ways you can serve!



Hospital Visits

Please let our Care Ministry know when you have a procedure, hospital stay, or surgery — we want to pray for you. You may designate a family member or neighbor to call, but please be sure they have your full legal name because we often cannot find you from hospital reception.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Bishop Ken Carter who injured his leg at General Conference; Darrell who suffers back pain and dementia; and Jean McMichael who has breast cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

The Hegenbart family on the loss of their father Richard; and Ann & Jim Heilbron on the loss of their son Brett.

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

Sharon Acton, Bev, Giovanni Boyer, Marty Boswell, Bishop Ken Carter, Darrel & Nick, Laverne Dawe, Harold Ely, Faustino, Colin Foster, John Hinkle, Hughes Family, Natalie Isherwood, Kim Johns, (June, Kim, John, Linda) Lucille, Mary Lou Hopson, Dell Scarlett, Shawn & Tobin, Duane Sharp, Colby Stevenson, Elaine Suttell, Alexandria Webb