

**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...**  
 Susie Vanderburg in memory of her husband David; and Betty & Bud Olson in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**New Covenant United Methodist Church**

*Debt Elimination & Lake Deaton Pre-Build as of June 30, 2016*

	Debt Elimination	Pre-Build	Total
Pledged*	\$3,622,390	\$462,440	\$4,084,830
Money received with no pledge	\$327,644	\$55,937	\$383,581
Estate contribution	\$20,000		\$20,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,970,034</b>	<b>\$518,377</b>	<b>\$4,488,411</b>
Money received	\$1,186,046	\$110,879	\$1,296,925

\*Reflects Bargains & Blessings pledge (Debt Elimination of \$1,000,000 and Pre-Build of \$200,000)

**Lake Deaton Building Committee Update**

The Lake Deaton Building Committee has been busy. We have created several subcommittees (see below). Our first Town Hall was held at Lake Deaton on Sunday, July 17. We have given the “green light” to the architect and builder to proceed with plans, approvals, and permitting. You are important partners. Once we secure three-year pledges from the congregation and your approval of the plans, Mark Cook Construction will start building. Pressing forward, we covet your prayers and will keep you updated.

Did you know that you can now communicate directly with the Building Committee by email? Send your message to: [bdgcom@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:bdgcom@newcovenantumc-fl.org), or Randy Rimington at [rtrimington@yahoo.com](mailto:rtrimington@yahoo.com), or John Groff at [jcgroff13@outlook.com](mailto:jcgroff13@outlook.com).

*Following are sub-committees that will be collecting data for these areas:*

- Worship & Music: Chris Wile ([cbwile@earthlink.net](mailto:cbwile@earthlink.net))
- Recreation & Youth: Pastor Harold Hendren ([hhendren@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:hhendren@newcovenantumc-fl.org))
- Lighting & Sound: Larry Rowold ([larowold@gmail.com](mailto:larowold@gmail.com)) and Richard Edwards ([redwards1002@comcast.net](mailto:redwards1002@comcast.net))
- Furnishings & Décor: Karen Hughes ([twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com))
- Education (Classrooms): Chris Wile
- Administration/Outreach/Care: Meredith Yorkston ([mmYorkston@gmail.com](mailto:mmYorkston@gmail.com))
- Fellowship/Kitchen: Jerry Booth ([jerrybooth@aol.com](mailto:jerrybooth@aol.com))
- Mechanical (HVAC, Plumbing, etc.): Larry Rowold and Richard Edwards
- Parking/Landscaping: Bob Heit ([bisonman41@gmail.com](mailto:bisonman41@gmail.com))
- Publicity: Meredith Yorkston and Chris Wile
- Purchasing/Finance: Chris Wile

**In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshipers, please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.**

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
July 24	Ecclesiastes 1-4	Isaiah 35-36	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 25
July 25	Ecclesiastes 5-8	Isaiah 37-39; Psalms 76	Acts 19:1-20	Matthew 26
July 26	Ecclesiastes 9-12	Isaiah 40-43	Acts 19:21-20:12	Matthew 27
July 27	Solomon 1-8	Isaiah 44-48	Acts 20:13-38	Matthew 28
July 28	Isaiah 1-4	2 Kings 18:9-19:37; Psalms 46/80/135	Acts 21:1-25	Mark 1
July 29	Isaiah 5-8	Isaiah 49-53	Acts 21:26-22:21	Mark 2
July 30	Isaiah 9-12	Isaiah 54-58	Acts 22:22-23:10	Mark 3
July 31	Isaiah 13-17	Isaiah 59-63	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 4

*Jesus prayed... “I’ve given them the glory that you gave me so that they can be one just as we are one.” (John 17:22)*

*Holy Father,* watch over us in Your Name, the Name you gave Jesus, that we will be one just as you and Christ are one. In Your mighty name, we pray. Amen. (From John 17:11)

**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	1 Peter: Living God’s Way	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Genesis and The Ancient Myths	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Armor of God	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	1 Peter: Living God’s Way	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Romans: Man’s Wrongs to God’s Righteousness	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	House Church	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	1 Peter: Living God’s Way	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Armor of God	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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 A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last week: 2,056  
 (Celebrate Recovery) 82 • (Youth) 15 • (Orchard Worship) 49  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 238 • (Sunday) 7:45-165 • 9:15-692 • 10:45-503  
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30-123 • 10:00-189



*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



Prime Time, one of New Covenant’s ministries, is a special time to share love and care through fellowship and fun. It is a special opportunity for people to stay connected socially and spiritually with our church and with one another.

**All Seniors Are Invited**

Anyone in the “prime” of their lives is invited to join the activities on the second Thursday of each month (except July) from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Pat Smith and Brian Maderos lead the singing of favorite hymns and special songs related to the theme of the day. Following our musical entertainment is a devotion by one of our ministers, then readings by Sylvia Wagner that are both entertaining and educational.

Every month an interesting program is offered — for example, the JOY! Singers or a “fashion” show by Bargain & Blessings. Lunch concludes the day for a small charge. Transportation is provided upon request when calling the church with your reservation.

**P** prayer, program, projects  
**R** refreshments  
**I** inspiration  
**M** music  
**E** excitement  
**T** time with God  
**I** insightful  
**M** mingle with friends  
**E** entertaining, energizing

If you are interested in attending Prime Time, or know someone you think might enjoy the morning activities, please call the Church Office at 750-4529.

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



**Our Disciple Bible Ministry Needs Your Help!**  
**Tuesday, August, 2 from 9–11:30 a.m. — Summerhill Classroom 14**  
 If you have ever led a Disciple Bible Study (Disciple 1-4 or a short-term class) or would like to lead one, we need your help. With the growth of New Covenant, the need to provide more opportunities for our members to continue their faith is important.

We will be holding a planning meeting for those who wish to help in this important ministry. For more information on Disciple Bible Studies or this training class, please contact George de Jager at (352) 430-2738 or [georgedejager@comcast.net](mailto:georgedejager@comcast.net).

**Community Bible Study (CBS) Open House**  
**Monday, August 29 from 1–3 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 3**  
 Women's CBS will hold an Open House where you can meet some of the leaders, review course material and literature, and ask questions — as well as register for the 2016-17 class.

This CBS class is open to all women who are interested in learning more about the Bible and experience the joy of fellowship regardless of their age, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, education, church membership, or level of Bible knowledge. Our 2016-17 class will feature a 30-week course titled, *The Red Sea to the Jordan River*. Classes begin on Monday, September 12, and meets each Monday from 3–5 p.m. at the Summerhill Campus.

**The Next New Member Class**  
 Did you know there are different types of church memberships? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), a church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

- 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](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

**Small Groups - Small Groups - Small Groups**  
 If you are interested in becoming part of a small group or would like to start a small group, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

**Bishop Ken Carter's Reflection**  
 The United Methodist Church continues to struggle with the decision to ordain openly gay people. At the current time, the *Discipline* (the UMC Bi-laws) does not allow openly gay people to be ordained. Yet, recently Rev. Dr. Karen P. Oliveto, who is an openly gay pastor from the Western Jurisdiction, was elected Bishop.

Bishop Ken Carter, our Florida Bishop, has written a statement about this decision and comments on the road ahead. If you would like to read his article, go to the Florida Conference website at [www.FLUMC.org](http://www.FLUMC.org) and click on the banner link, "Resources for the Western Jurisdiction Election of Karen Oliveto — Bishop Carter offers a reflection and resources." You can also go to the link on our website, [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org).



**The Florida United Methodist Children's Home**  
**Fifth Sunday Weekend is July 30/31**  
 The Children's Home includes residential living, therapeutic care, and foster and emergency shelter. On average, about 75 percent of our 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. Look for the envelope in next week's bulletin.

**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](mailto:jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

**Helping Hands Ministry Needs Volunteers**  
**Ryan's "Movers & Shakers"**  
 We need a couple "guys" in the store each day to be available to load, unload, and arrange furniture. We also need help for customers and sales ladies with heavy purchases and donations. Ryan is strong and willing to do anything, but needs to be available to manage the store.

Can you help by volunteering just one shift per week to help with this important function? For more information, please call Ryan Armstrong at (786) 400-0741.

**Drivers and Donations Volunteers**  
 Bob Collison is doing a great job scheduling volunteers for picking up donations on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings, but he still needs more volunteers.

Can you give up one morning or more each month to help? Call Bob at (302) 242-5013.

**Yoga at the Summerhill Campus**  
 Join us Mondays for Yoga in the Summerhill Christian Life Center. Bring your mat and plenty of water. A \$3 donation for Children's Ministry is appreciated.

**There will be no yoga class on August 1 and August 8 as our teacher will be taking a "Sabbath rest."**

- 4–5 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga/ West Coast Pilates
  - 5–5:15 p.m. — Healthy Eating Talk
  - 5:15–5:45 p.m. — Beginners Yoga
- For more information, please email Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).



**Hope for Hurting Parents**  
**Thursday, July 28 at 2 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. We will not meet on Mondays during the summer. Please join our Thursday meeting.

**Home Communion**  
 We are looking for volunteers to serve communion on the first Sunday of the month to the homebound or persons in medical or long-term facilities. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Steve Dunn at (352) 205-8032.

**Angels and Amigos Ministry**  
**What is 'Angels & Amigos'?**

- Personal transportation to help with errands or to medical appointments, on an "as needed" basis, within The Villages area (15 miles).

**How does 'Angels & Amigos' Work?**

- Just call. We need at least 48-hours' notice to arrange for a volunteer. We will contact the coordinator to assign a driver. The driver will follow-up with a call to determine time and location.

**Who are 'Angels & Amigos'?**

- Anyone — whether you are a year-round member, a seasonal member, or attendee of New Covenant (A background check and a clear driver record are required). We are all 'Angels & Amigos' in training. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, please call Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.

**Special Prayer Request**  
 Please keep Rev. Donn Poole and his wife Katherine in your prayers as he goes through brain surgery and treatment. If you would like to send Donn and Katherine a card or note of encouragement, please bring it to the church and place it in the basket located at the Welcome Center between Worship Services and in the Church Office during the week.

**The Gift of Prayer**  
 The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Marsha Gibbs who has cancer, Sandy Rahall with many health issues, Sylvia Wagner who has heart issues, and Linda Mattison who has had 17 heart surgeries and is in the ICU. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, and healing.

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...**  
 Donna Scheffler, family and friends on the passing of her husband Rev. Dr. Ed Scheffler; and Teresa & Bill Hatfield, family and friends on the passing of Teresa's mother Elizabeth Renfroe.

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

**This Week's Prayer Concerns**  
 Bill & Fran Antonio, Donna Butterworth, Carol & Gail Carpenter, Tim Clayton, Jim Hall, Sue Hutchman, Ruby Layne, Gene Richardson, Giselle Sanchez, Lynn Shirey, Joan Wenker, Jon Ziarko