July 30 & 31, 2016
Rev. Harold Henderson, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of Congregational Life
Rev. Marilyn Andrei, Visitation 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.

In August, we will celebrate gospel music at New Covenant Summerhill Campus with special guests in worship concerts, and fun events. Since the early 1900s, the heritage of the American churches has included the gospel hymns, spirituals, and convention songs. Great pioneers, such as James D. Vaughan, the Stamps Baxter Music Company, and Thomas Dorsey, helped to shape a singing culture of praise and adoration while giving a new voice through the gospel music genre. Join us for this great celebration!

Sunday, August 7
Our splendid New Covenant Chancel Choir kicks off our Gospel Jubilee.

Saturday and Sunday, August 13/14
Special Guest worship leader Jackie Goodman-Cook shares her traditional black gospel stylings as she leads us in praise and worship!

Saturday and Sunday, August 20/21
Ken Wadley shares his special gift as one of the most talented pianists in gospel music! As former pianist for the Dixie Melody Boys, he later established himself as a great arranger, producer, and recording engineer. Ken has earned a reputation as a world-class solo pianist and vocal accompanist.

Sunday, August 28
Great Day returns to New Covenant to lead us in praise and worship!

Old Fashioned “Cokesbury Hymn Sing”
Sunday, August 21 at 6 p.m. in the Summerhill Christian Life Center
Join Sean Pollock and Ken Wadley for a fun evening of worship singing the great hymns from the Methodist Cokesbury hymnal. Pick out your favorite hymn, and we will all sing together! Everyone is invited to an ice cream social in the Worship Center following the concert. Donations will be accepted.

Sunday, August 28 at 6 p.m. in the Summerhill Christian Life Center
Great Day is The Ferguson Family from Mount Dora. Great Day is a family ministry made up of husband and wife Bill & Brenda Ferguson and daughters Lisa Ann, Sara Lynn, and son Steven. It provides a wide range of music, from old quartet standards, to fresh new arrangements from some of gospel music’s most prolific writers.

The concert is free and open to the public. A love offering will be accepted.

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.”

Yoga at the Summerhill Campus
Join us Mondays for Yoga in the Summerhill Christian Life Center.

Volunteers Needed on Sundays
Volunteers are needed for Greeters, First-time Visitors Kiosk, Welcome Desk, and the Name Tags Kiosk. For more information, please contact Linda Fabing at linda@fabing.com or (352) 446-8371.

Coffee/Cookies Ministry: Volunteers are needed for both Sunday morning shifts. For more information, please email Karen Hughes at twofortytedesign@hotmail.com.

Sermon Series: “Olympic Faith … Faster, Higher, Stronger”

Over the next few weeks, elite athletes from all over world will be gathering in Rio to participate in the Olympic Games. The Olympics have a motto, which is: “Faster, Higher, Stronger.” In other words, Olympic athletes are committed to this constant quest to grow and get better. Notice the motto doesn’t say anything about winning. Very few athletes win a medal. More strive to be the best they can be. Similar to our Christian faith journey, we too are to be on this quest of growth and excellence. We are to be striving to be the best Christians God has created us to be. The focus isn’t on winning, but ultimately on “straining forward to what lies ahead — eternity with You!” In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

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Worship attendance for last week: 1,833
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Sunday, August 7
Isaiah 13-17
Isaiah 19-63
Sunday, No Reading
Mark 4

August 1
Isaiah 18-22
Isaiah 64-66
Acts 23:11-35
Mark 5

August 2
Isaiah 23-27
2 Kings 20-21
Acts 24
Mark 6

August 3
Isaiah 28-30
2 Chronicles 32-33
Acts 25
Mark 7

August 4
Isaiah 31-35
Nahum 1-3
Acts 26:1-18
Mark 8

August 5
Isaiah 36-41
2 Kings 22-23, 2 Chronicles 34-35
Acts 26:19-27
Mark 9

August 6
Isaiah 42-44
Zephaniah
Acts 27:9-38
Mark 10

August 7
Isaiah 45-48
Jeremiah 1-3
Sunday, No Reading
Mark 11

“Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.” (1 Corinthians 9:24)

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Make a Commitment: We want to hear your story and learn about how you can get involved in the life of the church. If you are new to the church, we want to get to know you better. If you have been part of the church family for some time, we want to understand how you fit into the congregation and the church’s life.

Do not hallucinate.
September 12, and meets each Monday from 3–5 p.m. at the Summerhill Campus. Classes begin on Monday, feature a 30-week course titled, "The Red Sea to the Jordan River" 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 meet each Monday from 3–5 p.m. at the Summerhill Campus.

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 meet 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 or (352) 750-4529.

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

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 or (352) 750-4529.

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. You will also find a list of upcoming Memorial Services.

October 2017 Calendar
- World Missions Sunday: October 8 at 10:00 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
- Sozo Kids Club: Tuesday, August 2 at 1 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
- Sozo Kids will begin holding their quarterly meetings at New Covenant. The purpose of the club is to provide information and help for the needs of the children in the Ocala National Forest. Please join us and help make a difference in the life of a child in need.

Wildwood Middle High School Mentors Still Needed
We are in need of five additional Mentors for this upcoming school year. We are looking for adults with a heart for teenagers and a desire to provide love, patience, guidance, and support over a five-year period as your Mentee journeys from eighth grade through graduation. A training session will be held in August. If you are being called to serve in the wonderful ministry, please contact Anne Foote Hill at afootehill@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529 for an application.

Operation Christmas Shoe Box
It's not too early to be planning for Operation Christmas Shoe Box. Back-to-school sales are the perfect time to buy things for your Christmas Shoe Boxes. Shoe boxes will be available to purchase in October!

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, hang-ups, and hang-overs. 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.

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. If you can give up one morning or more each month to help, please call Bob at (302) 242-5013.

Seventeen reservations have been filled for the summer "parking lot to accept your donations next weekend. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services."

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Flower Ministry
The Flower Ministry is looking for additional volunteers to assist with delivering a bouquet of cheer to those who are sick, homebound, or discouraged. For more information, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.

The Gift of Prayer
The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Sarah Stagg who has Stage-3 Breast Cancer, and three-year-old Von Schmiedeknecht who lost two fingers in a car accident. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, and healing.

This Week’s Prayer Concerns
- Duane Beach, Brianna, Elaine Buckley, Ann & Preston Bynum, Carla & Charles Brown, Randy & Holly Cowles, Nina Coziers, Joyce Groat, Holly Hallett, Jim Holbrook, Phil Lantz, Kelly Lawimore, Jovencio Mangahas, Brunies Manus, Linda Meehan, Morgan Northcutt, Jack Peters, Joe Peterson, Debbie Sanders, Kay Shaheen, Harley Ward

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Hope for Hurting Parents
Thursday, August 11 at 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center
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.