

"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."



Fresh Expressions

Fresh Expressions is a "fresh" way of doing church for our changing culture, by taking "the church" to different places. Now we are trying to bring the church to nursing homes, independent living facilities, and other places. There are about 27 nursing homes and 37 senior living communities in The Villages area.

We are looking for some volunteers to help with this exciting opportunity. For more information, please contact Christine Webb or Elaine McGowan in Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.



New Member Classes

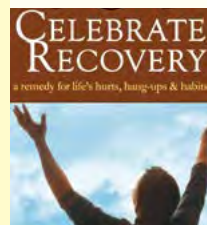
Would you like to know more about New Covenant? Come to a New Member class. After attending any New Member class, you may join the church at any upcoming New Member weekend.

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.

January New Member Classes:

- **Lake Deaton Campus:** Sunday, January 29 from 11:15 a.m.–1:15 p.m. (lunch provided)
- **Summerhill Campus:** Monday, January 30 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.



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.



Planned Giving

The Planned Giving Committee announces the completion and availability of their new Endowment Fund brochure. Please pick up a copy of this new information piece at the kiosk in the Summerhill Narthex.



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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
September 25	Micah 1-7	Ezra 7-10	Sunday: No Reading	John 20
September 26	Nahum 1-3	Nehemiah 1-5	2 Corinthians 10:1–11:4	John 21
September 27	Habakkuk-Zephaniah	Nehemiah 6-7	2 Corinthians 11:5–33	Acts 1:1-14
September 28	Haggai 1-2	Nehemiah 8-10	2 Corinthians 12–13	Matthew 1
September 29	Zechariah 1-7	Nehemiah 11-13; Psalms 126	Galatians 1:1–17	Matthew 2
September 30	Zechariah 8-14	Malachi 1-4	Galatians 1:18–2:10	Matthew 3
October 1	Malachi 1-4	Luke 1; John 1:1-14	Galatians 2:11–3:18	Matthew 4
October 2	Matthew 1-4	Matthew 1; Luke 2:1-38	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 5

*"...And who is my neighbor?... The one who showed mercy..." (Luke 10:29)
Jesus said, "Go and do likewise." (Luke 10:37)*

Lord, you are the embodiment of everything that is good, right, and holy. You have given us the example to live by. You have taught us the difference between right and wrong, good and evil, justice and injustice. Help us live a life that is full of YOU.... Your grace. Your mercy. Your 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
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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	A Study on the Book of James	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	Good and Dirty	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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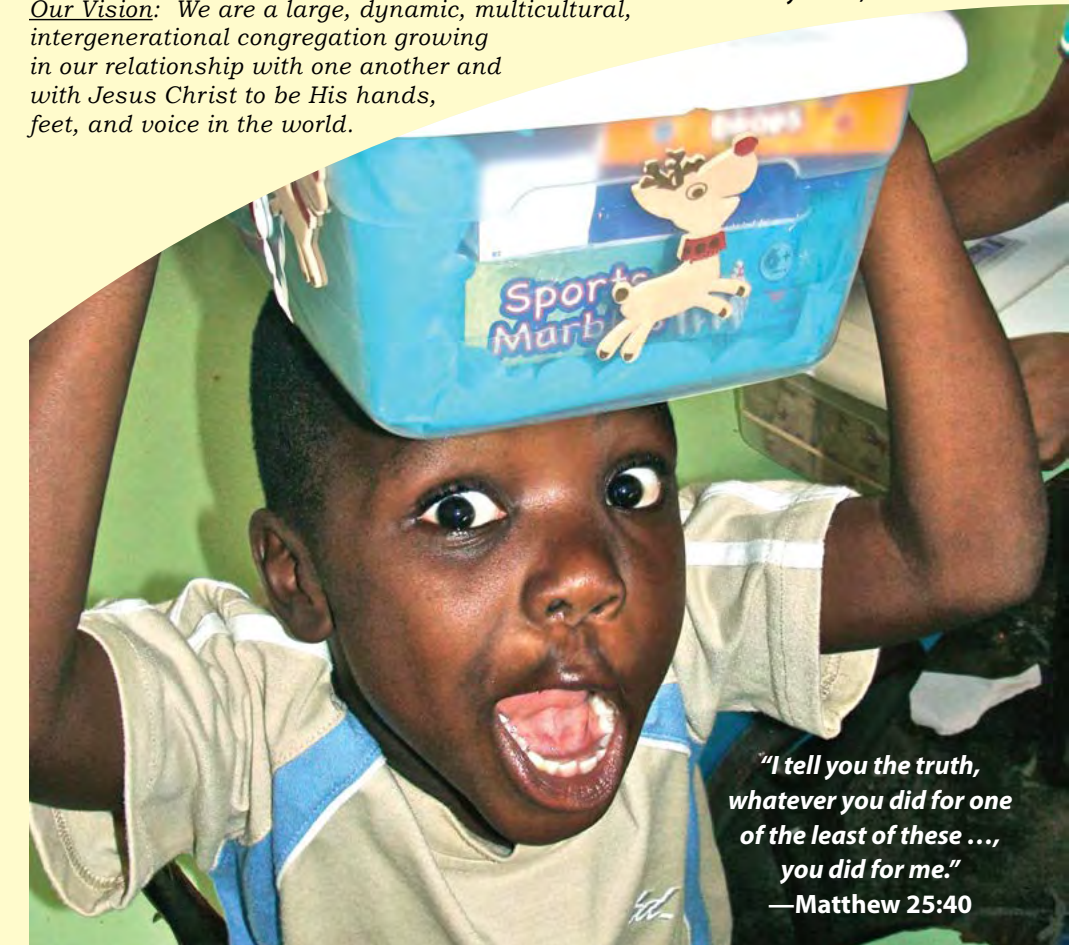
Worship attendance for last week: 2,074

(BEACH) 88 • (Roots) 22 • (Orchard Worship) 20 • (Youth) 35
(Celebrate Recovery) 60 • (Saturday Contemporary) 218
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–191 • 9:15–597 • 10:45–521
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–129 • 10:00–193



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



*"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these ..., you did for me."
—Matthew 25:40*

Operation Christmas Shoe Box 2016

It is that time of year again! Time for Operation Christmas Shoe Box.

Operation Christmas Shoe Box is an opportunity for you to make a difference in the life of a child at Christmas. Coordinated each year by our Ministry Team, you have the opportunity to provide a shoe box filled with special treats and, most importantly, a note letting them know that Jesus loves them.

We are hoping to fill a total of 1,400 shoe boxes this year. We will be sending the first 1,120 filled boxes to children in the Dominican Republic through Cooperative Partners (COPA) ministry. The balance will be sent to children worldwide through the Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse program.

Beginning on Saturday, October 1, shoe boxes will be available for you to purchase for \$1 in the Narthex between Worship Services. When you pick up your shoe box, it will contain complete instructions on how to fill and return your shoe box. You will be asked to include \$7 to cover the cost of shipping. You may return your shoe box(es) any weekend before or after Worship Services throughout October. All boxes must be returned by October 30. The Ministry Team thanks you for being His hands, feet, and voice in the world. If you have any questions, please call Larry Taylor at (352) 750-9092.

The best boxes have a balance between toys, creative presents, school supplies, etc.

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



Women's Ministry Monthly Gathering

Thursday, October 20 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Worship Center

This month we will be talking about three wonderful women. Join us for the fun as we celebrate the love of *Mary, Martha, and Marilyn*.

A luncheon will follow our program for \$5 (cash or check) or \$6.24 (credit card). Tickets for "lunch only" are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and at the Ticket Kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex between Worship Services. Ticket sales conclude on Monday, October 17 at noon.

MENU: Pasta Fresco with Turkey Sausage, Antipasto Side Salad, Tiramisu, and Beverages. Gluten free lunch also available.



Steve Green Concert

Thursday, October 20 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

The 2016–2017 Concert Series opens with an award-winning artist in the genre of Sandi Patty. Steve will be joined by the NCUMC Choir and the PeAr Kids for a worship-filled evening of music.

Tickets are available between Worship Services at the Ticket kiosk in the West Narthex and on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Artist Circle \$25; General Admission \$20, and Groups of 10 or more \$15 (credit fees will be added to the ticket price).



Cornerstone Chorale and Brass

Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

This widely-acclaimed professional touring ensemble of vocalists and brass quintet will present their new production *They Shall Mount Up with Wings*. Angie Wiswesser, former tour narrator with this ensemble, will be the guest narrator for this program of hope and reconciliation.

A Love Offering will be accepted with proceeds benefiting the Lake Deaton Pre-Build Campaign.



MOAMI Homecoming

November 3 at 10 a.m. — Worship Center

Tickets are \$15 cash or check (\$16.74 credit card) and are available between Worship Services at the Ticket kiosk in the Summerhill Campus Narthex, and on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

For more information, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex.



You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet

Monday, November 7 from 1–4 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Men's Ministry presents a baseball-inspired program of music and motivational speakers. This promises to be a "home run" for everyone. Keynote speaker Bobby Richardson, legendary New York Yankees Second Baseman, will be joined by guest music artist Dave Boyer.

Tickets are \$10 (\$11.49 credit card) and are available between Worship Services at the Ticket kiosk in the West Narthex, at Men's Prayer Breakfast, and on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner

Wednesday, October 5 at 4:45 p.m. — Worship Center

Please join us for dinner followed by a program from our Youth Ministry about their summer mission trip. Doors open at 4:30 p.m.

- **Tickets:** Wonderful Wednesday meals this year will be \$8 cash or check (\$9.39 credit card) per person, with special pricing for families of three or more. You will need to purchase a ticket by noon on the Monday before each dinner that you choose to attend. Tickets are available between Worship Services at the Ticket kiosk in the West Narthex, at each Wonderful Wednesday dinner (for the following week), and on our website anytime before noon on Monday for that week.
- **Menu:** New England Clam Chowder, Fresh Spinach Salad with Cranberries and Almonds, Roast Turkey Breast on Cornbread Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Key Largo Veggies, and Cheesecake with Strawberry Topping.



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.



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 connected — to a caring community, to service, or to membership.

Check Out Our New Location!

We are located next to the large double doors in the Summerhill East Narthex (by the cookies!).



Volunteers Needed

Saturday Worship Services

We need Ushers and Greeters, plus Water Station, First-time Visitor, and Name Tag volunteers. Please contact Peggy Dresser at (352) 205-7909 or Lee Howe (352) 750-0390.

Sunday Worship Services

We need communion servers for all services, especially the 10:45. Please contact Lesan Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447.

Memorial Services

We need ushers to serve at memorial services. Please contact Ann McBain at (985) 373-5263 or amcbain@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Are You Creative or Artistic?

We are searching for volunteers with a knack for decorating who are interested in helping to decorate a Classroom. **Orchard Worship** will be moving to Classroom 1 beginning October 2 and we want to decorate this space according to our monthly theme. Our October theme is **Fear Inc.** with a focus on how God gives us the courage to be brave!

For more information, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Coordinator of Children and Family Ministries, at (352)750-4529 or bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Prayer Ministry

We are beginning some new initiatives in our Prayer Ministry. One is establishing a group of people who will pray over our campuses before the weekend Worship Services. This involves silent prayer and meditation to pray in our classrooms, worship areas, entryways, etc. Christine Webb is leading this effort.

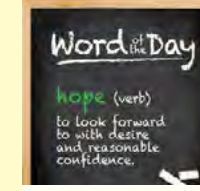
For more information, please contact Christine at (352) 750-4529 or cwebb@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Congregational Health

Volunteers are needed to be a part of the team. Responsibilities include working with different events, such as blood drives, Winter Health series, and developing new ideas to promote health and wellness in our community.

If you would like to join our team, please contact Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.



Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursday, September 29 at 2 p.m. — Classroom 14

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

We cannot solve the problems of your loved one, but we can assist you in how you respond to them. We are here to provide support for you, the parent or grandparent. For more information, please call the Care office at 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members.



PrimeTime

Thursday, October 13 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Worship Center

Prime Time wants to "Ring those Bells" with members of our Hand Bell Choir. We will enjoy outstanding music, worship, and inspirational stories. Bring a friend!

Program is followed by lunch for \$5 payable at the door. To make a reservation, call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, October 10 and indicate if you need transportation.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Don Huggins who is recovering from open-heart surgery, and Morgan Jones for unhealing wounds. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing. Please come to the prayer rail during prayer time, or between Worship Services, and offer a prayer.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Betsy, Brooks Argento, Ron Busser, Jan Elliott, Stacy Foster, Debbie Gentry, Don Huggins, Martin Foy, Don Johnson, Patti Klemath's Family, Nancy Lake, Linda Meehan, Judi Moore, Karen Nelson, Alisa Pace, Jeff Powell, Martha Scull, Kevin St Amant, JR Tabor, Alexandria Webb, Yoby Whipp, The Wood Family