



Helping Hands Outreach Ministry
 Sunday, October 16 at 5 p.m. — Worship Center
 "Anniversary Banquet" celebrating ten years of home building
 and two years of Bargains & Blessings

All past and present **Helping Hands Outreach Ministry** volunteers (spouse/guest) are invited to this celebration banquet. Come and glorify what God has done for our ministry and for families in need.

Please RSVP your name and your guest's name no later than Tuesday, October 11 to Jill Beck at jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org. Reservations are required for our dinner headcount.



Operation Christmas Shoe Box
 Shoe boxes are available in the Narthex between Worship Services for a donation of \$1. When you pick up your shoe box, it will contain complete instructions on how to fill it and when/where to return it. You will be asked to include \$7 to cover the cost of shipping.

Your filled shoe boxes may be dropped off any weekend between Worship Services throughout October. All boxes must be returned by October 30.



Christmas Wish Tree Volunteers Needed
 Angels stand in front of the tree to make sure the people record their tags. Co-Chairs are there to answer questions and make sure things run smoothly. Christmas Blessings volunteers help parents and children to pick up and wrap their family gifts.

Please sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services in October.



Early Response Team (ERT) Training
 We will conduct certification classes for ERT training on Friday and Saturday, October 28/29 at Camp Warren Willis in Fruitland Park. We do not require participants to be a member of our church. All fees will be paid by the church from ERT funds.

In addition, we will conduct a re-certification class for present members who have a badge that has expired or will expire this year. The re-certification will be held at Camp Warren Willis on Saturday, October 29 from 9–11 a.m.

To register for training, please go to www.flumc.org/Disaster Recovery. For more information, please call Jim Watson at (352) 205-8553.



We Strive to be a Hospitable Church...
 When you arrive early, please consider scooting to the center chairs so that others can find a seat with ease and feel welcomed in doing so!

Annual Charge Conference
 Sunday, October 23 at 3 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Your Scripture for this Week				
	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
October 9	Matthew 18-19	Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 12
October 10	Matthew 20-21	Matthew 5-7	Ephesians 4:1-16	Matthew 13
October 11	Matthew 22-23	Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7	Ephesians 4:17-5:7	Matthew 14
October 12	Matthew 24-25	Matthew 11	Ephesians 5:8-33	Matthew 15
October 13	Matthew 26	Matthew 12:22-50	Ephesians 6	Matthew 16
October 14	Matthew 27-28	Matthew 13; Luke 8	Philippians 1:1-26	Matthew 17
October 15	Mark 1-3	Matthew 8:14-34; Mark 4-5	Philippians 1:27-2:18	Matthew 18
October 16	Mark 4-5	Matthew 9-10	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 19

Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions. (Luke 12:15)

Lord, help us to be mindful of your abundant blessings you have given to us. We didn't bring anything into this world and we don't take anything with us when we leave. Give us a heart to share what you have so graciously given in order that Your Kingdom may be moved forward. We desire to be 'rich toward you.' In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Saturday Christian Education Classes			
3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian group discussion based on current topics	Classroom 2

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	The Sovereignty of Jesus	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Scams and Seniors	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

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. (Classroom 1)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 8:30 • 10:00 a.m.

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Worship attendance for last week: 2,152
 (BEACH) 71 • (Roots) 27 • (Youth) 30 • (Orchard Worship) 14
 (Celebrate Recovery) 86 • (Saturday Contemporary) 252
 (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-218 • 9:15-634 • 10:45-532
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-127 • 10:00-161



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



In the Parables of Jesus, he made it clear that building the "Kingdom of God" was important. He encouraged us to pray about it, "Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." How do we grow the Kingdom both here on earth and in heaven? We cultivate Christians in order that God's Kingdom can flourish.

New Covenant's commitment to grow Christ's church is evident in developing our Lake Deaton Campus. Our church has been given a beautiful fifteen acre piece of property by the North Central District. Our pledge to the Florida Conference was to assemble, and build a church. Over the past two years, we have been successful in developing a committed congregation that loves the Lord and has a tremendous desire to serve him. The time has come for us to take another "leap of faith" for God's Kingdom. It's time for us to build!

Our Building Committee has worked diligently to have a site plan approved and architectural plans drafted. Between both campuses, our goal is to raise \$1.5 million dollars in pledges to be given over the next three years. Our church leadership is asking you to prayerfully consider making a pledge in order for us to grow God's Kingdom. Building a second site is a golden opportunity for us to expand what Christ has called this church to be and do. We are to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ.

Lake Deaton Building Project Town Hall Meetings
 Tuesday, October 11 at 9 a.m.
 Summerhill Christian Life Center

October 12 at 6 p.m.
 (Following Wonderful Wednesday Dinner)
 Summerhill Worship Center

In Jesus' day, the "first fruits" were gathered and presented to God as an offering. Next weekend, we will be collecting pledges and presenting them to God, just as Lake Deaton did last weekend. As The Villages community continues to rapidly grow, we too must be committed to expanding God's Kingdom. New Covenant will be the only church in The Villages that will have two worship sites. God has planted us in fertile soil. We are trusting the harvest is plentiful!

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 \$6 (cash or check) or \$7.29 (credit card). Tickets for "lunch only" are available on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org and at the Ticket Kiosk in the 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 in Concert

Thursday, October 20 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center
 More than a concert, this will be a worship-filled evening of music and praise. **Group discount tickets for 10 or more persons** are available to any small group (Bible study, SS class, golf team, neighborhood friends, etc.). Don't miss this opportunity to hear an award-winning artist in concert with the NCUMC Choir and the PeAr Kids.

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
 Professional chorale and brass quintet are joined by guest narrator Angie Wiswesser in a new production titled, *They Shall Mount Up With Wings*.

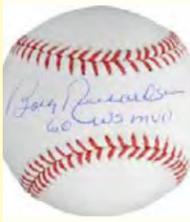
A Love Offering will be accepted with proceeds benefiting the Lake Deaton Pre-Build Campaign.



MOAMI Homecoming

November 3 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Worship Center
 Discover a spiritually-enriching program for all women! For more information, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex.

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



You Ain't Seen Nothing Yet

Monday, November 7 from 1–4 p.m. — Christian Life Center
 A baseball-themed afternoon of motivational speakers and music. Join NY Yankees legend Bobby Richardson, New Covenant All Stars, Harold Ray and Gary, and The Villages favorite Dave Boyer for this inspirational event guaranteed to be a "Grand Slam."

For information, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex. 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 & Ticket Info

Wednesday, October 12 at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center
 Please join us for an **Octoberfest** dinner, followed by our program about the Lake Deaton Building Campaign.

- Tickets:** Wonderful Wednesday meals this year are \$8 cash or check (\$9.39 credit card) per person, with special pricing for children. **You must 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:** Bavarian Lentil Soup w/Frankfurters, Dilled Sour Cream Cucumber Salad, Shredded Radish & Garden Greens Salad, Pickled Beet Salad, Braised Pork, Mustard Glazed Bratwurst, Chicken Schnitzel, Hot German Potato Salad, Sweet & Sour Red Cabbage, Crumb-topped Brussels Sprouts, German Chocolate Cake, and Peach Kuchen Crumble.



Second Bus to Azalea Festival & Military Tattoo

April 26–May 1, 2017 — Norfolk, VA
 The bus trip sponsored by Gary Cantrell's Sunday School classes now has one full bus, and due to a large waiting list, another bus has been added. Please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex for information and registration, or contact Dale and Virginia Newland at (352) 751-4283 or dnewland101@comcast.net.



Volunteers Needed

Helping Hands: We need volunteers to assist in providing lunch for those who will be working on the upcoming home. Please contact Anna Whipple at (951) 440 9531 or awhipple39.aw@gmail.com.

Flower Ministry: We need volunteers to break down the weekend Altar flowers and take them to our shut-ins. Please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.

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

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.

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

	Debt Elimination	Pre-Build	Total
Pledged*	\$3,622,390	\$462,440	\$4,084,830
Money received with no pledge	\$369,866	\$70,027	\$439,893
Estate contribution	\$20,000		\$20,000
Total	\$4,012,256	\$532,467	\$4,544,723
Money received	\$1,277,223	\$129,139	\$1,406,362

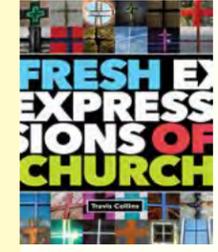
*Includes Bargains & Blessings Pledge
 (Debt Elimination = \$1,000,000) and (Pre-Build = \$200,000)



PrimeTime

Thursday, October 13 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Worship Center
 PrimeTime 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 (352) 750-4529 by Monday, October 10 and indicate if you need transportation.



North Central District Vision Day

Saturday, November 5 from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. — Worship Center
 You are invited to join with the Fresh Expressions US team for this incredible day of visioning and training! Fresh Expressions is a "fresh" way of doing church for our changing culture, by taking "the church" to different places. Vision Day is a great way to discover more about Fresh Expressions.

In an interactive format, you will have the chance to:

- Hear how Fresh Expressions is renewing the church
- Talk about the development of Fresh Expressions US
- Learn more about the Mission-Shaped Church
- Discover tools to start Fresh Expressions in your area
- Begin our relationship together

To register, go to www.freshexpressionsus.org/event/vision-day-villages-fl.



The "Care & Share" Workshop

Wednesday, November 9 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Worship Center
 Ever wonder what to say or do for others who are in crisis and hurting? Pastor Marilyn will bring some insights from Eva Piper's book, *A Walk Through the Darkness*, Stephen Ministry, and her own experiences.

You will be given pointers through teaching, skits, and videos (many laced with humor). Reading Eva's book will help, but isn't necessary. If you have her book, please bring it along. No tickets, no charge, just come! Sponsored by Care and Stephen Ministry. Coffee and snacks will be provided.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Donald Gilbert who has cancer of the larynx; David Svenson who had open heart surgery; Rose Berger who has lung cancer; and Ron Foster who has cancer tumors on his kidney and spine. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Rod & Sharon Layman Hannahs, family and friends on the passing of her mother Maxine Query; and Ken & Bev Middleton, family and friends on the passing of her brother John Payne.

This Week's Prayer Concerns
 Ron Adcock, Melissa Byers, Sandra (Ginger) Chambers, Jennifer Ericks, Judith Everitt, Ron Foster, Holly Hallett, Chloe Harding, Claudia Harrison, Joseph Ignat, Sean Kalinowski, Diann La Rosa, Doug Lloyd, Gay McCants, Karen & Don Menard, James Miller, Presley Musser, Carl Sarfert, Galen & Paige Spittler, John Stockberger, Trask Family, Joyce Trewartha, Yoby Whipp