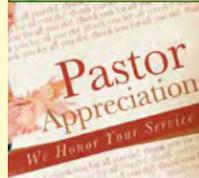


TidBits



Pastors' Appreciation Weekend

We will acknowledge our Pastors, Harold Hendren, Jim Divine, Kristyne Young, Marilyn Anell, and Gary Cantrell, this weekend with a reception in the East Narthex after each of our Worship Services. Cards and notes may be placed in the baskets that have been provided.

In addition, please acknowledge Marilyn on her retirement as a member of the United Methodist Clergy. We are pleased that she will continue to provide part-time assistance at New Covenant with congregational visitations.



Annual Charge Conference

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

At our Annual Charge Conference, church members will vote on the 2017 Leadership Team, Pastors' compensation, and removal of church members after a 3-year absence. Please join us.



Operation Christmas Shoe Box

All Shoe Boxes Must be Returned by October 30.

This is the last weekend that shoe boxes are available. You may get them in the Narthex between Worship Services for a donation of \$1. You will be asked to include a \$7 check to cover the cost of shipping.

Your shoe box will contain complete instructions on how to fill it and where to return it.



Youth Volunteer Sign-ups

Are you interested in volunteering, but are unsure which ministry area to choose? Well, we have a spot for you! If you would like to help out with New Covenant's Youth Ministry, or have any interest in working with teenagers, we would certainly love to have you join our team.

For more information, please visit Kayla McIntosh, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at the kiosk in the East Narthex. You may also contact her at (352) 750-4529 or kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



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.



SOZO Kids Club Meeting

Tuesday, November 1 at 1 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Come hear the Help Agency staff speak about education mentoring centers, food distribution, Camp SoZo, Back-to-School Bash, and the many activities designed to keep these children "off the streets."

The needs for this meeting are: Gift cards for Walmart (only), full-size body sprays, sports balls, teen hoodies, and headphones. For more information, please contact Jill Beck at (352) 750-4529 or jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Altar Flowers

Today's flowers are provided by Jim Law and family in loving memory of Martha.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
October 23	Luke 1	John 7-8	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 26
October 24	Luke 2-3	John 9:1-10:21	1 Thessalonians 1-2	Matthew 27
October 25	Luke 4-5	Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42	1 Thessalonians 3:1-4:8	Matthew 28
October 26	Luke 6-7	Luke 12-13	1 Thessalonians 4:9-5:28	Mark 1
October 27	Luke 8-9	Luke 14-15	2 Thessalonians 1-2	Mark 2
October 28	Luke 10-11	Luke 16-17:10	2 Thessalonians 3	Mark 3
October 29	Luke 12-13	John 11	1 Timothy 1	Mark 4
October 30	Luke 14-16	Luke 17:11-18:14	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 5

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)

Lord, life can challenge us, damage us, even break us. At times, we all face our own wilderness. Give us the courage, and fortitude to find our way out toward a life full of hope, and eternal promise. Give us Your assurance that you and only you can bring. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.



Hurricane Matthew Relief Efforts

Donations in response to Hurricane Matthew can be made to "NCUMC," and the money will be split between UMCOR's international and national relief funds. You may drop your donation in the offering plate. If you write a check, please notate "UMCOR" on the memo line.

You may also donate directly to UMCOR at www.umcor.org/UMCOR/Support.

Reminder

In order to welcome any visitors to our Worship Services, please remember to park in the East Parking Lot to allow our visitors to park in the West Parking Lot. Thank you.

Saturday Christian Education Classes

3:45 p.m.	Wired Word	Christian group discussion based on current topics	Classroom 2
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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 2
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	EpiPen Price Increase	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: 2,340

(BEACH) 70 • (Roots) 18 • (Orchard Worship) 21 • (Youth) 24
(Celebrate Recovery) 81 • (Saturday Contemporary) 242
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-207 • 9:15-715 • 10:45-630
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-134 • 10:00-198



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



A One-to-One, Completely Confidential Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of our congregation, with 50 hours of initial training to listen, care, encourage, and support people who are going through tough times. Congregations today are overwhelmed with needs for care — the needs of our own congregation and the community in which we live.

We live in a fast-paced and fragmented world. People suffer crises and tragedies, but they don't always have someone they can count on to walk with them through those times. Family and friends may be scattered, or you may not want to confide your deepest concerns with a friend. Who can you turn to? A Stephen Minister. We are here for...

- People who are hospitalized
- People who are grieving
- People and their families who are facing death
- People fighting cancer or other debilitating illnesses
- People providing long-term care for a loved one
- Those who are homebound or convalescing or rehabilitating
- Those experiencing loneliness or discouragement

Stephen Ministry is sponsoring the "Care & Share" Workshop on Wednesday, November 9 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Summerhill Worship Center.

Everyone faces periods of crisis, transition, or difficulty. During those times, a caring relationship with someone who will faithfully listen to, pray for, and encourage you with Christ's love can be a tremendous help. No one knows that you have a Stephen Minister unless you tell them.

If you think that a Stephen Minister would help you or a friend through one of life's difficult times, please call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 and ask about this caring ministry of our church.

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



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*. This program will combine vocals, brass instrumentalists, and spoken word in a dramatic setting.

New York critic Barrett Cobb wrote of their Carnegie Hall performance, "Part church service, part Passion Play, part concert, this program assumes a unique form... beautiful sounds, excellent intonation, and sincerity..."

A Love Offering will be accepted with net proceeds benefiting our Lake Deaton Building.



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

The Men's Ministry team presents a baseball-inspired program of music and motivational speakers, and promises to be a home run for everyone. (Yes, women, you are invited!) Keynote speaker Bobby Richardson, legendary New York Yankees second baseman, will be joined by guest music artist Dave Boyer.

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.



Gordon Mote, Gaither Homecoming Pianist in Concert

Sunday, November 13, at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Blind since birth, Gordon is one of today's most respected talents. He has toured with Lee Greenwood, Trisha Yearwood, Tanya Tucker, Porter Wagoner, the Gaither Vocal Band, and the long-running Gaither Homecoming Tour. He has earned two "Academy of Country Music Awards," as well as two *Music Row Magazine* "Instrumentalist of the Year Awards" (2009, 2011) for playing on the most top ten albums.

Tickets are available between Worship Services at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex, on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, and if available, at the door the night of the concert. Artist Circle \$20; General Admission \$15, and Groups of 10 or more \$10 (credit fees will be added to the ticket price).



Celebration Brass Concert

Sunday, November 20 at 6 p.m. — Worship Center

Under the direction of New Covenant's Jill Van Syckle, Celebration Brass returns for their fall concert.

Tickets are \$15 (\$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.

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit New Covenant's Music Ministry.



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Ticket Info

Wednesday, October 26 at 4:30 p.m. — Worship Center

Greg Savitt from Chosen People Ministries will lead our program. He was born and raised in a Jewish home and converted to Christianity as a young man. As Greg talks about the connection between Hanukkah and Christmas, we will learn something new about the Bible and how our Jewish "roots" connect to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

- **Tickets:** Wonderful Wednesday meals 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 at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org anytime before noon on Monday for that week.
- **Menu:** Chicken Escarole Soup, Pickled Red Cabbage Slaw, Braised Beef Brisket, Potato Vegetable Latkes, Honey-glazed Carrots, Challah Bread, and Blueberry Cheese Blintz.



Wonderful Wednesday — Gospel Country Dinner Theater

November 9: Dinner 4:30 p.m. / Show 5:45 p.m.

Dinner Theater tickets are available now. A wonderful dinner followed by an evening with Ennis Pruitt and "The Gospel Riders." A fun evening with Southern Gospel and Country Western music.

- **Tickets:** Dinner Theater tickets are \$12 cash or check (\$13.59 credit card) per person. You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, November 7. Tickets are available between Worship Services at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex, at each Wonderful Wednesday dinner, and on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Getting Connected — 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.

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



New Member Classes

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.

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)

You may join the church the following weekend, February 4 or 5.

Please pick up and fill out a New Member Registration form today. Forms may be found at the Connections Ministry Kiosk in the Narthex, at the Welcome Desk, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



Volunteers Needed for Sunday Communion Servers

If you would like to serve Communion at any of our Sunday Worship Services, please contact Lesan Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447.



Happy Hands Knitting & Crochet Group

Wednesday, October 26 from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Special Needs Rm

We will gather together to fellowship and make prayer shawls. No experience is necessary; just stop by to check us out.

For more information, please contact Anna Sivak at (908) 246-9711. Donations of yarn are always appreciated. You may drop off donations in the Care Office.



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. There is a \$20 registration fee and includes lunch.

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 a.m.–12 p.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 David Bonham who has stage-4 pancreatic and bladder cancer; and Sean Kalinowski who fell from 30 feet, was in a coma, and now cannot speak or feed himself. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Allan & Janet Cragg, family and friends on the passing of his sister Mary Duesenbary and his brother David Cragg; Janet Bastob, family and friends on the passing of her mother Claranna Schafle; and Ken & Carol Corey, family and friends on the passing of his brother Robert.

This Week's Prayer Concerns

Monna Aaron, Cheryl & Sylvia Alwang, Katharine & Emery Barker, Mary Barrows, David Bonham, Robert Burns, Evelyn Butterworth, Florence Corey Family, Pastor Derek, Steve Depinet, Harold Ely, Rick & Marti Lavis, Mildred Milligan, Irene Roche, Carl Sarfert, Billie Schneider, Tonia Schobl, Julie Simpson, Al Spillman