

**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.”*



**Dinner and Fellowship**

**Wednesday, January 27 at 4:45 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center**  
 Join us for a presentation by Dena and Tom Yohe, founders of *Hope for Hurting Parents*. Hear how to protect your marriage in times of trouble or crisis. Put your marriage first to weather any storm.

- **Menu:** Chicken Tortilla Soup, Southwest Tossed Salad with Corn & Black Beans, Steak Fajitas with Grilled Peppers, Onions, Guacamole & Salsa, Sweet Baked Corn Tomalito, and Sugared Peach Empanadas.
- **Reservations are required:** Please enter the number attending in the “WOW” column of the attendance pad, or call the church office by noon on Monday. If you need to cancel, please notify the office as soon as possible.



**Altar Flowers**

Today’s flowers are provided by Evelyn Davidson in memory of David Davidson, the son of Evelyn and husband of Andi; and Terry Nottage in memory of Anthony Nottage.



**Performing Arts Program**

**Summerhill Campus**  
 PEAR Performing Arts after-school program began Tuesday, January 12 and will continue to run each week for the remainder of the school year. There is still time for children to sign up.

This program is for elementary and middle school children with an interest in the performing arts, specifically acting and singing, and will conclude with a production in May.

Registration is currently open. The cost is \$30 per month. If you are interested in registering a child or using your talent as a volunteer for this program, please contact Jessica Istre at 750-4529 or [jistre@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jistre@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



**Volunteers Needed for Youth Ministry**

We are looking for positive and energetic volunteers to help out on Sunday nights and Wednesday afternoons. We meet every Sunday from 6-8 p.m. and every Wednesday (ROOTS after-school program) from 3:30-5:30 p.m. Youth Ministry is also looking for one to two adult male volunteers to accompany the middle and high school groups on their 2016 mission trips this summer.

If you’re interested, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Coordinator of Youth Ministries, at [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**Your Scripture for this Week**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 24	Exodus 19-21	Genesis 35-37	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 24
January 25	Exodus 22-24	Genesis 38-40	Matthew 15	Matthew 25
January 26	Exodus 25-27	Genesis 41-42	Matthew 16	Matthew 26
January 27	Exodus 28-29	Genesis 43-45	Matthew 17:1-21	Matthew 27
January 28	Exodus 30-32	Genesis 46-47	Matthew 17:22-18:14	Matthew 28
January 29	Exodus 33-35	Genesis 48-50	Matthew 18:15-35	Mark 1
January 30	Exodus 36-38	Exodus 1-3	Matthew 19	Mark 2
January 31	Exodus 39-40	Exodus 4-6	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 3

*“Where there is no vision the people perish.” (Proverbs 29:18)*

*Lord,* if we can’t see what you are doing, we stumble all over ourselves. But when we attend to what You reveal, we are most blessed. Keep us focused on your vision that keeps us all from division. 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	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Chapel
9 a.m.	Disciple II	Into the Word Into the World	Classroom 3
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages birth to 5 years old	Nursery
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Claiming Our Scriptural Ancestors	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Faith As Wesley Lived It	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Four Weddings and A Funeral	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Respecting Other Religions	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Book of James — Developing a Faith that Works	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Faith As Wesley Lived It	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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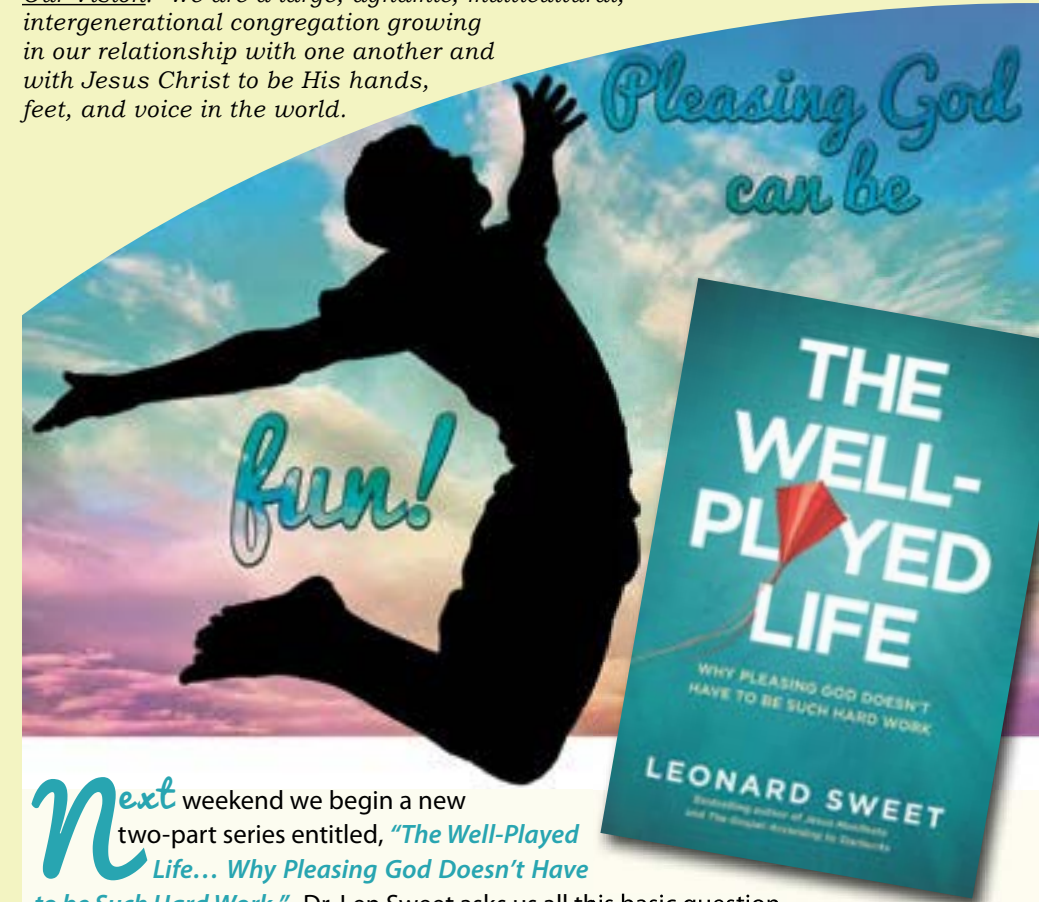
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 A Place to Call Home

Worship attendance for last week: 2,596  
 (BEACH) 52 • (Celebrate Recovery) 87 • (Youth) 19 • (Orchard Worship) 21  
 (Saturday Contemporary) 291 • (Sunday) 7:45-253 • 9:15-864 • 10:45-643  
 (Lake Deaton) 8:30-172 • 10:00-194



*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.



**Next** weekend we begin a new two-part series entitled, *“The Well-Played Life... Why Pleasing God Doesn’t Have to Be Such Hard Work.”* Dr. Len Sweet asks us all this basic question,

“Do you secretly think that the harder you work, the more God is pleased with you?” We can spend a great deal of time “working” at our jobs, our golf game, our volunteering, or our church responsibilities. We talk about working at our relationships, striving to improve our lives, and pushing ourselves to live a more God-filled mission. We feel especially proud of everything we’re doing to try to please God — while we’re slowly exhausting every ounce of our energy.

*Would you like to hear more of Dr. Sweet’s message? Please join us Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the Summerhill CLC for a special service.*

In this new series, we will explore what it means to experience the fullness of joy that comes from being in deep with the divine; how to “walk with God in the Garden” in every age of our lives — and why knowing how to play well can turn a life of work into a life filled with God-pleasing richness, fruitfulness, and creativity.

We will explore the things in your life that give God pleasure are the same things that give you the most joy. Life is not something you have to work at. All creativity is play. Jesus is the most creative person who ever lived — that 30 years old in the first century is the equivalent of 60 years old today — and the Third Age (60-90) is when we can be most creative and playful. When Jesus turned 60 (for his day), He said, “Now is the time to save the world.” Bring a friend to worship!

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



The Word of God is alive and active! Hebrews 4:12

# Bible Studies Ministries

**Journey Bible Study — Summerhill Campus**  
*The Armor of God*, a Priscilla Shirer study, will be offered Tuesdays, February 2–March 15 from 1:30–3:30 p.m. **OR** 6–8 p.m. These classes are open to anyone looking to deepen their relationship with Jesus.

For more information or to sign up, visit the kiosk in the Narthex this weekend. If you have any questions, please call Susan House at 350-0689.

## Member Path Classes

These classes, developed as a part of the membership path, are open to those who are already members and also for anyone who is interested in finding out more about our foundational beliefs and faith enrichment.

Please visit the Connectional Ministries kiosk this weekend, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

Class/Facilitator	Dates/Time	Description
"Creed" with Pastor Gary Cantrell	Tuesdays, February 9 – March 15 10–11:30 a.m.	The Apostles' Creed for Today
"A Disciple's Path" with Pastor Marilyn Anell	Tuesdays, March 15–April 26 5–6:15 p.m.	Deepening Your Relationship with Christ and the Church
"Invitation" with Ellen Pollock	Wednesdays, February 17 – April 27 6–7:30 p.m.	A study of the Old and New Testaments
"Network" with Pastor Gary Cantrell	Tuesdays, February 9 – March 15 3–4:30 p.m.	Discover your God-given gifts and passions for serving Christ
"Our Methodist Heritage" Pastor Harold Hendren	Wednesdays, February 3, 17, 24 5:45–7 p.m. (following WOW)	An overview of the origins of Methodism and the life of John Wesley

## Connections

Interested in becoming a member, connecting to serving in a ministry or finding out more about how New Covenant may serve you? Stop at the Connections kiosk in the Narthex. We have the answers!!!

## Next New Member Classes

Our membership path consists of one "gateway" class offered four times a year. In this gateway class, you will hear about our vision of membership at New Covenant. After completing this class, you may join New Covenant and then choose enrichment classes throughout the year.

**Summerhill Campus:** Monday, January 25 from 6–8 p.m.

Did you know there are different types of church membership? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership at New Covenant. Please pick up a New Member registration at the Welcome Center in both Narthexes, or contact Kathy Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

## Safety Around the Church

For the safety of our congregates and staff, please obey the traffic flow and directional arrows around the church.



# Outreach Ministry

**The Florida United Methodist Children's Home**  
*Fifth Sunday Weekend is Next Weekend, January 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.

## Helping Hands Pancake Breakfast

*Sat., February 20 from 7:30–10 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center*  
 The annual Helping Hands All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast tickets will be on sale next weekend, January 30/31, for \$7 per person. Please visit the kiosk in the Narthex.

## Bargains and Blessings

*Spring Cleaning, Remodeling, or Getting New Furniture?*  
 Please don't forget to send your donations to Bargains & Blessings, we would love to use your items to help others! Please let your neighbors know, too. If you need items picked up, call us at (352) 330-3333.

# TidBits

## Travel Opportunities for 2016 and 2017

*Tuesday, January 26 at 4 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel*  
 Two travel opportunities have been planned for 2016 and 2017. To learn more about these trips, please attend this upcoming meeting. For more information or to register, please contact Dale Newland at 751-4283 or [dnewland101@comcast.net](mailto:dnewland101@comcast.net).

- September 25–October 1, 2016: A seven-day bus trip to Lancaster, PA to see the production of *Samson* at the Sight and Sound Theater. Included will be guided tours of the Amish countryside and some additional shows.
- February 18–28, 2017: A 10-day Panama Canal cruise on the Princess Cruise Line

## Table Talk

We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for January through April. These are groups of eight who gather once a month for four months in homes or restaurants to enjoy a meal and fellowship. If you would like to participate, stop by the Welcome Center, fill out a form, and drop it in the designated box.

Please contact Patty Halstead at [patty.charlie@comcast.net](mailto:patty.charlie@comcast.net) or 633-2470 with questions.



## 2016 Offering Envelopes

Envelopes for your giving are available at the Welcome Center or in the attendance pads.

## 2015 Contribution Statements

The 2015 Contribution Statements were mailed this past week.

# Pastoral Care

**Winter Health Series**  
*January 25 from 5–7:15 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel*

There is no registration fee. Participants may choose to attend one or both lectures. For more information, call Barbara Hays at 753-8877.

- 5–6 pm: Karen Lambert Hughes presents, *Namaste: Yoga For Health*
- 6–6:15 pm: Healthy snacks served between sessions
- 6:15–7:15 pm: Jackie Damron presents, *When and How Do We Choose a Health Facility?*

## PrimeTime

*Thursday, Feb. 11 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Summerhill Worship Center*  
 Singing, fellowship, inspiration, encouragement and lunch. Music with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos.

- Program: 10–11:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Program is followed by lunch for \$5 payable at the door. To make a reservation, call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, February 8 and indicate if you need transportation.

## Sharpen the Mind: It Matters!

*Tuesday, February 9 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Classroom 3*  
 Join us for fun and engaging activities to increase brain stimulation!

## Reachin', Preachin', Teachin' Hands Puppet Ministry

*Tuesdays from 1–3 p.m. — Summerhill Classrooms 6/7*  
 Learn how you can lend a hand to join in the fun — script writers, props, music and sound, stage manager, scenery construction, costumes, lighting, puppeteers, persons with skills in humor, magic, etc.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Linda Underhill at 259-5669 or [wunderhill@embarqmail.com](mailto:wunderhill@embarqmail.com).

## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for Clara and Linda Myslinski, mother and daughter. Clara (89) fell and is homebound. Linda has early onset dementia. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

## Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Janey & David Berry on the loss of their son Dave and Gladys Korner on the loss of her husband Jack.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org).

This Week's Prayer Concerns:					
Nancy Barry	Rich Barry	Michael Betancourt	Janet Bozarth	Darryl Bruno	Susan Carruthers
Christopher Diamond	Joe Kelly	Lew Gregory	Ekkehard Lulek	Lisa Moeler	Katherine Reid
Helen Rugg	William Satterfield	Shawn Tobin	Kyle	Bill J.	Laverne's Family
Members of Oxford UMC					



### **The Villages Wind Ensemble**

*Sunday, January 24 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center*

“Music for a Sunday Afternoon.” Enjoy memorable music — from movies and musicals to concert band originals and marches. Under the direction of Jill Van Syckle, this small concert band will provide a delightful afternoon of music.

Tickets are available on our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)), or at the ticket kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant’s Music Ministry. General Admission: \$15.



### **Greater Vision Concert**

*Thursday, February 4 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center*

For a quarter-century, Greater Vision has inspired audiences with their rich vocal blend and their ability to communicate the gospel. They have established a firm place at the pinnacle of Christian music, and have become the most awarded trio in the history of Gospel music.

Tickets are available on our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)), at the ticket kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex, and at The Villages Box Office. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant’s Worship Ministry. Artist Circle: \$15 • General: \$12



### **Toast of Tampa Show Chorus**

*Sunday, February 21 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center*

Enjoy premier *a cappella* harmonies in the barbershop style of the dynamic Toast of Tampa Show Chorus. Toast of Tampa’s 130 female singers and dancers are current 2016 International bronze champions. Joining them are very special guests, men’s award-winning barbershop chorus, Heralds of Harmony, also from Tampa.

Tickets may be purchased at The Villages Box Office. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant’s Men’s Ministry. Artist Circle: \$20 • General: \$15



### **Women’s Retreat with Betsy Kniffin**

*Thursday, February 18, 10 a.m.–3 p.m. — Summerhill Worship Center*

Betsy Kniffin, workshop leader, and vocalist, will bring you encouragement through humor, music, and the Good News of Jesus.

Tickets are available on our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)), or at the ticket kiosk in the Summerhill West Narthex. Net proceeds benefit New Covenant Women’s Ministry. A lunch prepared by our own Chef John Kellar is included for \$15.



### **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](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org) and click on the calendar icon. You will also find a list of upcoming Memorial Services.