

# TidBits



## Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by: Janice & Randall Brian in memory of Randy Brian on their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; and Susie Vanderburg in memory of her husband David on his birthday.



## Contribution Statements

The 2017 contribution statements were emailed or mailed last week. If you don't receive it by next week, please contact Dianne Letch in the Finance Office at (352) 750-4529 or [dletch@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:dletch@newcovenantumc-fl.org). Thank you for your financial support of New Covenant.



## New Covenant Mugs

The 2018 New Covenant Mugs will be available for purchase beginning next weekend, February 3 & 4, at a kiosk in the East Narthex. Check out the new style of mug for this year.

For a \$12 donation, you will receive your mug, while supporting the "Radical Hospitality" shown our First-time Visitors.



## Southern Caribbean Cruise

February 15-25, 2019

The Early Risers Sunday School class is sponsoring a 10-day cruise to the Southern Caribbean. To register, please visit the kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend.

For more information, please contact Dale Newland at [dnewland101@comcast.net](mailto:dnewland101@comcast.net) or (352) 751-4283.



## Abba Art

Tuesdays from 1-4 p.m. — Classrooms 1 & 2

Artists continue to meet. All artists are welcome regardless of level of experience.

## Poetry Corner

Beginning Tuesday, February 6 at 1 p.m. — Classroom 1

Abba Art is expanding to welcome all those who love to write poetry. Come and share your heart through poetry, and let your words be heard. For more information on the Poetry Corner, please contact Paula DeLuca at (352) 445-5028.



## Men's Chorus Rehearsals

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, and 20 at 9 a.m. — Classrooms 8/9

If you enjoy singing with other men, please join the New Covenant Men's Chorus. The Men's Chorus will lead worship on Sunday, February 25 for the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. services.

If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Fisher at [bonniefisher53@gmail.com](mailto:bonniefisher53@gmail.com) or (614) 565-0953.



## Table Talk Dinner Groups

Openings still available for January-March

Table Talk is a fun way to meet new people in a small group setting. Six people gather for dinner for three months. It can be in the home, at a restaurant, or a combination.

If you are interested in joining this session, please complete a form located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex. For more information, please email Patty Halstead at [patty.charlie@comcast.net](mailto:patty.charlie@comcast.net).

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
January 28	Exodus 30-32	Genesis 46-47	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 28
January 29	Exodus 33-35	Genesis 48-50	Matthew 17:22-18:14	Mark 1
January 30	Exodus 36-38	Exodus 1-3	Matthew 18:15-35	Mark 2
January 31	Exodus 39-40	Exodus 4-6	Matthew 19	Mark 3
February 1	Leviticus 1-4	Exodus 7-9	Matthew 20:1-28	Mark 4
February 2	Leviticus 5-7	Exodus 10-12	Matthew 20:29-21:17	Mark 5
February 3	Leviticus 8-10	Exodus 13-15	Matthew 21:18-46	Mark 6
February 4	Leviticus 11-13	Exodus 16-18	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 7

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." (Philippians 4:5-6)

O, Jesus, I surrender myself to you; take care of everything else and let me continue to find a deeper inner peace within my soul. Thank you for bringing that peace into my life. In your Holy Name, I pray. Amen.

**REMINDER: Please take your weekly bulletin home as you leave today. Use it as a prayer guide for the scheduled activities and the ministries of our church.**

Sunday Christian Education Classes			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Book of Jonah	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Joshua	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Faith in Action	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Cryptocurrencies	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Joshua	Classroom 11

## New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship  
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Summerhill Blended Worship  
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship  
Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)  
Sunday 8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00 a.m.

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Worship Attendance for last week: 3,117

(BEACH) 42 • (Roots) 18 • (Orchard Worship) 11 • (Grounded Youth Group) 21

(Celebrate Recovery) 79 • (Fresh Expressions) 62

(Saturday Contemporary) 303 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-236 • 9:15-974 • 10:45-945

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-197 • 9:45-180 • 11:00-128

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

JANUARY 27 & 28, 2018



**Our Mission:** To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

**Our Vision:** To be a thriving body of Christ by being His hands, feet, and voice in the World.

**Our Core Values:** Spiritual Growth  
~ Hospitality ~ Generosity ~  
Community ~ Invitational  
~ Service ~ Caring

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of  
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



## You've Asked — and They Are Back!

Join Angie Rose and Sean Pollock in a cabaret evening celebrating the greatest movie songs and soundtracks from the past eighty years. Enjoy moments from such classic films as *The Wizard of Oz*, *Casablanca*, *West Side Story*, and *Breakfast at Tiffanys*.

You'll reminisce the greatest singers, including Barbra Streisand, Bette Midler, Elvis Presley, and Gene Kelly. Solos, duets, and a few surprises will keep you captivated during this entertaining evening of song. This is sure to be an evening of great memories and wonderful music that you don't want to miss!

Net proceeds will benefit the "Jean Kelly Backpack for Kids" program. Please help the children of our community get the tools they need to succeed.

Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply), at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services, and at The Villages Box Office.

Tickets: \$25 (Artist Circle) • \$20 (General Admission)

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Jean Kelly "Backpack 4 Kids" provides backpacks filled with school supplies for children in the Wildwood Schools. This is the fourth year this ministry will provide school supplies to these children and we are continually blessed as we seek to reach the most innocent of our community in a very small way. The mission of this program is to live out this scripture by being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ in this community.

We need your help to provide the funds to reach each child in need. If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Katherine Poole at (352) 750-4529.



# Outreach Ministry

**Gleaning Ministry Productivity for 2017**  
 Here is a summary of our mission to “help feed the hungry” in 2017. This work was done by 269 volunteers sharing their time and talents to be the “hands, feet, and voice” for Jesus Christ on earth by going into the fields and groves to harvest the following:

• Oranges & Grapefruit	33,966 pounds	This bountiful harvest was shared by New Covenant with the Food Pantries and Soup Kitchens who distributed it to the needy of Lake, Sumter, and Marion counties.
• Sweet Corn	7,734 pounds	
• Cabbage	16,650 pounds	
• Mixed Produce	9,520 pounds	
• Tomatoes	6,048 pounds	
• Blueberries	192 pounds	Please Note: This is in addition to the food donated to the Wildwood Food Pantry.
<b>Total given to feed the hungry</b>	<b>74,110 pounds</b>	

**SoZo Kids Quarterly Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 6 from 1–3 p.m. — Fellowship Center**  
 Come and learn about the events and programs for the children and families in the Ocala Forest. As always, gift cards to WalMart are greatly appreciated, as they can be used for the children in a variety of ways.  
 For more information, please contact Joni Heriaud at (630) 853-9400 or [office@sozokid-sclub.com](mailto:office@sozokid-sclub.com).

**Compassion Experience**  
 Thank you to those who participated in the Compassion Experience last weekend. There were nearly 2,100 people that visited the trailer. Between those who visited the Compassion Experience and our Worship Services at both campuses, 146 children are being sponsored.  
 Thank you to all who volunteered to help make this an opportunity to serve as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.

**Celebrate Recovery**  
 Celebrate Recovery is not just for those who struggle with chemical dependency, such as drugs or alcohol. Celebrate Recovery is for **all** of life’s issues. We have two meetings and 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.**

You do not have to face life’s issues alone. For more information, please contact Jill Beck at [jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jbeck@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

**Helping Hands / Bargains & Blessings Volunteers**  
 Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop is just the place if you want to serve and get involved. We are currently looking for volunteers in every area, but more specifically for the following:

- **Drivers/Helpers** — You will either drive or help on Mon, Wed, or Fri between 9-12. This is a job that would require you to be able to lift at least 75 pounds.
- **Donation Scheduling Coordinating Team** — You would need to be tech savvy, specifically using Google Chrome, and would require you to dial in and listen to our voice messages and organize them on our Master Calling List and then our Google Calendar. This can be done from the comfort of your own home.
- To volunteer in one of these two areas, please contact Sondra Smolen at (315) 427-3580, or for inquires on other positions, please contact Betty Montgomery at (812) 480-3879 or Jane Sirek at (352) 817-1896.

# Making connections

**Connect Small Groups — Get “Connected” Today!**  
 Do you have worries or feel your world is chaotic? Everyone has or will experience “anxiety” at some time in their life. If you want to discuss and apply the key principles of Pastor Harold’s sermon series, *Anxious for Nothing* by Max Lucado, get connected in a small group.  
 For more information on this study or Connect Small Groups, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

**Discover New Covenant**  
**Saturdays at 4 p.m. — Fellowship Center**  
**Sundays following Worship Services — Fellowship Center**  
 Beginning the first weekend in February, we will be holding Discover New Covenant every weekend through peak season (Easter). **Note: February 4 will be in the Cardinal Alcove.**  
 Visitors, non-members, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant and get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible Study and Connect Small Groups and Membership.  
 If you would like more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

**Walk to Emmaus — De Colores!**  
**Thursday, February 15 at 6:30 p.m. — Hope Lutheran Church**  
 Hope Lutheran is sponsoring the first “Gathering” of the year with a Potluck Dinner. Please bring either a salad, main dish, or vegetable to share. We will have Holy Communion, lots of singing, and a Fourth Day speaker.  
 Please RSVP no later than Thursday, February 8 to Allen Arnwine at [aarnwine3505@gmail.com](mailto:aarnwine3505@gmail.com) or (352) 259-3866, or to Kathy Langley at [cklangley97@embarqmail.com](mailto:cklangley97@embarqmail.com) or (352) 753-8557.

Hope Lutheran Church is located at 250 Avenida Los Angelos in The Villages. The church is on the northeast corner of Morse Boulevard and CR 466 north of Lake Sumter Landing. The dinner will be in the Fellowship Hall.  
**Save the Dates — 2018 Emmaus Weekends**

- Men’s Walks: March 1-4; October 4-7
- Women’s Walk: March 8-11; April 5-8; October 11-14

Emmaus Walks are held at the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp in Fruitland Park.  
 For more information about the upcoming Emmaus Gathering or Emmaus Walk Weekends, please contact Nancy Casto at [nancasto@gmail.com](mailto:nancasto@gmail.com) or (352) 633-3288.

**New Member Classes**  
**Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, February 11 from 12:15–1:30 p.m.**  
**Summerhill Campus: Monday, February 12 from 6–8 p.m.**  
 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.  
 Please pick up a New Member Registration form at the Welcome kiosk, or contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

# Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries

**Alzheimer’s Family Support Walk**  
**Saturday, February 24 at 9 a.m. — The Villages Polo Field**  
 You may register online at [www.alzheimersfamily.org/walkvillages](http://www.alzheimersfamily.org/walkvillages), or between Worship Services at a kiosk in the East Narthex through February 18. Be a part of the NCUMC team! “We walk because we care.”

**Prayer Room**  
 Our Prayer Room is open and available for your use. Whenever the church is open, it a place of sanctuary for contemplation and prayer. We hope that you take advantage of this beautiful space.

**Your Church Wants to be Connected to You in Prayer!**  
 Please be sure to complete a prayer request card and place it in the new Prayer Request boxes at several spots on campus (entryways to the CLC, the Prayer Room, the Choir Room, and the Welcome/Information Centers), or drop in the offering plate or by the Care office.  
 In the pastor’s weekly eblast, we include a link to the current prayer request list. Let us share your concerns and joys!

**Yoga at New Covenant**  
**Mondays from 4–6 p.m. — Christian Life Center**

- 4–5 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga/ West Coast Pilates
- 5–6 p.m. — Beginners Yoga / Gentle Restorative

For more information, please email Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).

**Hospital News**  
 Please let us know when you have a procedure or surgery scheduled. We want to pray with you! It is our privilege to offer this, and we believe in the power of prayer. Have a designated neighbor or family member let us know if a sudden trip to the hospital occurs. One of our core values is caring for one another — so please help!

**The Gift of Prayer**  
 The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Jack Noble who has cardiac problems; Roger Hart who has Crohn’s disease; Bill Estes who is having surgery; and Suzanne Calfee who is having chemo for ovarian cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...**  
 David Terry, family and friends on the passing of his wife Lucille Jesaitis, who directed our Alzheimer’s Respite Care; and the family and friends of Tom Hansen.  
*For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org).*

**New Concerns**  
 Robin Aiken, Doug Bonebrake, Charles Carter, Jo Colona, Tammy Currier, Sue Latham, Cheri Laude, Austin Leahy, Linda Lewis, Natalie, Jack Noble, Terry Nottage, Alicia Velez