

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by: Don Pulsifer in memory of his wife Gail on her birthday; and Beverly Ludwig and family in memory of her husband Herb on his recent passing.



New Covenant Mugs

Saturdays & Sundays — East Narthex Kiosk

The 2018 New Covenant Mugs are available for purchase after each Worship Service this and next weekend. 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.



Update Your Church Photo!

Saturday & Sunday, February 24 & 25 — Cardinal Alcove

If you have been a part of our New Covenant church family for many years and have not recently had your photo taken for a New Member class or had your photo taken as a couple, please take a few minutes to have a new individual photo taken.

Judy Fitzgerald will be in the Cardinal Alcove after each Worship Service to take your photo for our Member Portal.



AED/CPR Training

Tuesday, March 13 — Villages Fire Station 44, S. Morse Boulevard

Two class times are available if you are interested in being trained in AED/CPR. Choose either: 9–11:30 a.m. or 1–3:30 p.m. Classes are limited to 25 people. The cost is \$25 per person (to be paid at class time).

If you would like to register, please call (352) 205-8280.



New Covenant Annual Men's Retreat

March 19-20, 2018 – Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park

\$69 per person — More information coming soon.

Helping Hands Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 21 — Eagle Ridge Golf Club (Spruce Creek Del Webb)

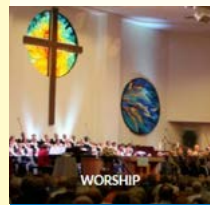
The banquet will follow on Sunday, April 22.



'Souper' Bowl of Caring

Last weekend, our Youth Ministry collected a total of **\$3,551** for the Wildwood Soup Kitchen through 'Souper' Bowl of Caring!

The winning team was the **Eagles** with \$2,117 collected. The **Patriots** came close with \$1,434 collected.



Pastors' Sermons are on Our Website

Just a Reminder: If you are unable to attend weekend Worship Services, you may still hear our pastor's weekly message on our website!

Log on to www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, hover over the "Worship" button, click on "Worship Services," and select the date you wish to watch.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
February 11	Numbers 1-2	Exodus 36-38	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 14
February 12	Numbers 3-4	Exodus 39-40	Matthew 25:14–46	Mark 15
February 13	Numbers 5-6	Leviticus 1-4	Matthew 26:1–25	Mark 16
February 14	Numbers 7	Leviticus 5-7	Matthew 26:26–46	Luke 1
February 15	Numbers 8-10	Leviticus 8-10	Matthew 26:47–75	Luke 2
February 16	Numbers 11-13	Leviticus 11-13	Matthew 27:1–25	Luke 3
February 17	Numbers 14-15	Leviticus 14-15	Matthew 27:26–44	Luke 4
February 18	Numbers 16-17	Leviticus 16-18	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 5

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things.

Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me — put it into practice.

And the God of peace will be with you." (Philippians 4:4-9)

Lord, help me live for today and not dwell on the past, and what could happen tomorrow. You taught us to look at and consider the lilies of the field. If you can take care of them, then you certainly can take care of us. Help us to blossom today, Lord, and cherish the day you have given us. In Jesus' name, we 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	2018 Winter Olympics	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: 2,956
(Orchard Worship) 8 • (Grounded Youth Group) 22
(Celebrate Recovery) 91 • (Fresh Expressions) 30
(Saturday Contemporary) 325 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–270 • 9:15–920 • 10:45–759
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–202 • 9:45–222 • 11:00–107



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.

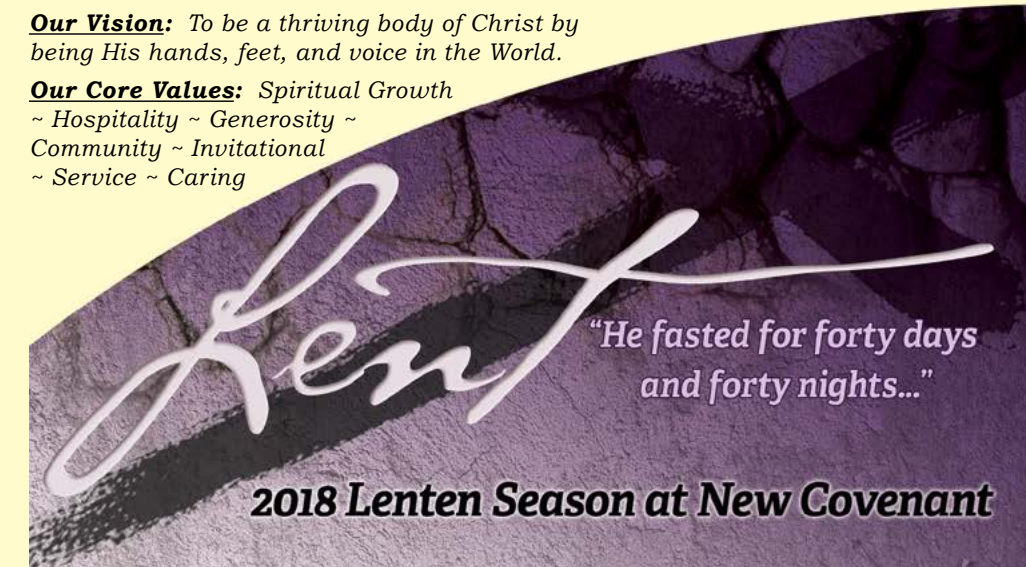
Our Core Values: Spiritual Growth
~ Hospitality ~ Generosity ~
Community ~ Invitational
~ Service ~ Caring

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



2018 Lenten Season at New Covenant

Ash Wednesday • February 14

Personal Meditation and Imposition of Ashes (feel free to drop in during these times)

- 8–9 a.m. — Lake Deaton Property Golf Cart Path (CR 44a)
- 9–10 a.m. — Summerhill Chapel

Worship with Imposition of Ashes

- 6–7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center
Meditation by Ellen Pollock, with the Chancel Choir

Lenten Sermon Series — In the Garden

- February 17/18: *In the Beginning: The Garden of Eden*
- February 24/25: *Paradise Lost: The Garden of Eden*
- March 3/4: *The Garden and the Promised Land*
- March 10/11: *The Kingdom of God and Gethsemane*
- March 17/18: *Digging Yourself in a Hole...Betrayal in the Garden*
- March 24/25: *The Garden of Redemption*
- March 31/April 1: *Reversing Eden, Restoring Paradise*

Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center
The Day He Wore My Crown: "The Passion Story through Song" — Featuring the New Covenant Choir and Orchestra, with special guests Rachel Kramer and Stuart Neill

For more information, please see the "Get Your Tickets" insert.

Maunday Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center
Max Lucado's, *He Chose the Nails* — A Worship Experience led by Rev. Jim Divine, featuring the Summerhill Praise Band, with special guest Kim Hill.

- **Good Friday, March 30 at 12 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**
- **Holy Saturday, March 31 at 5 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**
- **Easter Sunrise, April 1 at 6:30 a.m. — Summerhill East Parking Lot**
- **Easter at Summerhill at 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center**
- **Easter at Lake Deaton at 8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00 a.m. — Eisenhower Rec Center**

Outreach Ministry



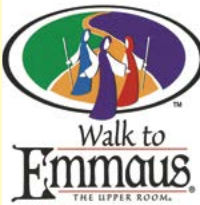
Helping Hands Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 17 from 7:30–10 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Tickets are still available between Worship Services at the kiosk in the East Narthex. If you were given tickets to sell, please turn your money into Clark Mosier as soon as possible. For more information, please contact Clark Mosier at (352) 751-5274.

Tickets: \$7

Net proceeds benefit the Helping Hands home renovation projects.



Walk to Emmaus — De Colores!

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 or (352) 633-3288.



Volunteers Needed for Kids Central

New Covenant partners with Kids Central, Inc. to help to create brighter futures for children and families in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Sumter counties, and Central Florida. The agency develops and manages a comprehensive, community-based, system-of-care for abused, neglected, and abandoned children and their families.

Kids Central is committed to promoting the welfare of expectant mothers, babies, children, families, and young adults through prevention services, in-home care, foster care, and adoption. Volunteers are needed at the corporate office in Wildwood (901 Industrial Drive, Suite 200, Wildwood; next to Russell Stovers Candy Shop) for the following positions:

- Education: Assist the Educational Liaison with follow-up on the education of school-aged children in care (3-4 hours a week or more, if desired)
- Resource Center: Sort incoming donations, organize Resource Center, fill resource requests (3-4 hours a week minimum or more, if desired)
- Front Desk: Answer phones, assist with mail (3-4 hours a week minimum or more, if desired)

For more information, please contact Shawanna Felton, Community Facilitator, at (352) 748-1354 or (352) 857-1358 or shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org.



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 or (352) 750-4529.

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.

Making connections



Discover New Covenant

Saturdays at 4 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Sundays from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We are holding Discover New Covenant every weekend through peak season (Easter).

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 Studies, 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.



New Member Classes — This Week!

Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, February 11 from 12:15–1:45 p.m.

Summerhill Campus: Monday, February 12 from 6–7:30 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 or (352) 750-4529.



Solo Flight Singles Ministry

Friday, February 16 from 4–6 p.m. — Chapel

All Singles are invited to join our program. Cindy Duncan will help the group explore a different way to increase your activity — and have fun also! If you have two wooden spoons, please bring them for our activity program.

The annual report for Solo Flight 2017 will also be reviewed. Come, join us, and present your ideas and suggestions for 2018. For more information, please contact Laura Tomich at (352) 259-1200.



Connect Small Groups — Get "Connected" Today!

Saturday & Sunday, February 17/18 — Fellowship Center

If you have not yet joined a Connect Small Group, **mark your calendar** for a "Meet and Greet" immediately following each Worship Service. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn the benefits of connecting in a group with five to twelve others, meet Facilitators of Men's, Women's, Couples, and Singles groups, and ask questions about the current small groups at New Covenant.

For more information about Connect Small Groups, please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



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.

It isn't too late to join 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.

Because We Care... Congregational Care Ministries



Health Education Speaker Series

Monday, February 19 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Dr. Sheri Bisby, area neurologist and New Covenant member, will present on the important topic of Parkinson's Disease. Join us and invite a friend! This event is free and open to the public.



Cancer Support Ministry

Friday, February 23 at 12 p.m. — Fellowship Center

If you are a survivor, currently battling, or a caregiver, you are welcome to attend our next luncheon.

To have a count for lunch, you must have a "free" ticket. Free tickets are available until Monday, February 19 on our website at www.newcovenantumc-fl.org or at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex following Worship Services.



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, 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."



"Live Well to Finish Well" Mini Fair

Friday, March 2 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Save the Date for our special guests speaking on various topics, such as planning for your future, leaving a lasting legacy, and more.

This event is free and open to the public.



Lenten Prayer Station

February 11–18 from 8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. — Prayer Room

You are invited to come to our special Lenten Prayer Station. The Prayer Room is located in the West Narthex next to the Fellowship Center.



Your Church Wants to be Connected to You in Prayer!

Prayer Request cards are available in the attendance registration pads, as well as at all Prayer Request box stations. Please use them to let us know what is going on in your life which we can pray about.

You can also submit prayer requests from our website (www.newcovenantumc-fl.org). Click on the "Prayer Requests" tab at the top of the page.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Karen Sosnowski who had back surgery; JB Belz who has stage-4 lung cancer; and Tim Landry who has stage-4 liver cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Beverly Ludwig, family and friends on the passing of her husband Herb; Bob & Amy Pointer, family & friends on the passing of their son William Pointer; and Janet Cranston, family and friends on the passing of her husband Harold.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

New Concerns

Nikki Beck, Joy Carnley, David Custer, Theo Gee, Cheryl Lewis, Jim McClure, Helen Pietrowski, Carolyn Poff, Marilyn R, Ricky Rodriguez, Jean Sadler, Bruce Spivey