

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by: Sylvia & David Gardner in celebration of their 60th anniversary; and Annamay Baldwin in memory of her husband William's birthday.



"Anxious for Nothing" Bookmarks

If you did not pick up a bookmark last weekend with Max Lucado's prayer, please stop by the Welcome Center in either the East or West Narthex and pick up a couple — give one to a friend.



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

We would love to take your photo for our online Member Portal. If you haven't had your photo taken recently, please take a few minutes to have a new "individual" photo taken. Judy Fitzgerald will be in the Cardinal Alcove after each Worship Service.



Semi-Annual Youth Car Wash

Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. — West Parking Lot

Purchase your ticket now for the best car wash in town. Or, if you prefer, just drive up and pay cash.

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Tickets: \$5

Net proceeds will support our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



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.



Helping Hands Annual Golf Tournament

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

The banquet will follow on Sunday, April 22.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
February 18	Numbers 16-17	Leviticus 16-18	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 5
February 19	Numbers 18-20	Leviticus 19-21	Matthew 27:45-66	Luke 6
February 20	Numbers 21-22	Leviticus 22-23	Matthew 28	Luke 7
February 21	Numbers 23-25	Leviticus 24-25	Mark 1:1-28	Luke 8
February 22	Numbers 26-27	Leviticus 26-27	Mark 1:29-2:12	Luke 9
February 23	Numbers 28-30	Numbers 1-2	Mark 2:13-3:12	Luke 10
February 24	Numbers 31-32	Numbers 3-4	Mark 3:13-35	Luke 11
February 25	Numbers 33-34	Numbers 5-6	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 12

God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning... (Genesis 1:31)

Lord, as we begin this journey through Lent, help us to be mindful of your grand creation and how we fit into it. You spoke and stars appeared, water poured forth, trees sprouted, and light gained glory. Thank you for giving us life. Let us be grateful for the life you have granted and the world in which we live. 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	Prayer	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	Welcoming People with Disabilities	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: 3,172
(BEACH) 50 • (Roots) 18 • (Orchard Worship) 10 • (Grounded Youth Group) 26
(Celebrate Recovery) 102 • (Fresh Expressions) 25
(Saturday Contemporary) 338 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-282 • 9:15-969 • 10:45-794
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-175 • 9:45-206 • 11:00-153

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 17 & 18, 2018



Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

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



"CONNECTIONS" MAKE A LARGE CHURCH SEEM SMALLER

"Meet and Greet" Today!

Following Each Worship Service in the Fellowship Center
Light Refreshments will be Served

Learn about the benefits of participating in a Connect Small Group
Meet facilitators, ask questions, and request more information

Small Groups = Big Impact

Jesus was in a "small" group with twelve of his closest friends. God's plan is for us to be in a relationship with Him and others. The early church committed to Christian life and growth by connecting in small groups and they changed the world as a result.

Participating in a **Connect Small Group** at New Covenant offers a smaller "spiritual family" where:

- YOU will be closely **CONNECTED** with five to twelve others where you can experience authentic relationships with God and one another
- YOU will be able to establish **CARING** relationships in an environment where you will be accepted for who you are while at the same time be encouraged to reach your full potential in God
- YOU will be a part of a care-giving **COMMUNITY** within your group as well as being the Hands, Feet, and Voice of Jesus Christ by serving others
- YOU will grow spiritually from **CHRIST-CENTERED** studies as you discover how to apply learnings and see the Lord at work in yourself and others in the group

What have others said about the impact of a Connect Small Group in their lives?

"Over the last few years both my husband and I have had health issues. My Women's Connect Small Group has been there to provide encouragement, prayer support, and even brought meals to us during our recovery."

"My father once told me in my whole life I would only have two to three really good friends. Thanks to my Couples Connect Small Group, I now have five other men I count as true friends!"

If you would like to join a Connect Small Group, we're here to help you get connected. If you are interested in hosting or facilitating a Small Group, we have excellent training, support, and resources for you. For more information, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshippers,
please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.



Easter Flowers
The Chancel Guild will be placing live flowering plants on the Altar for the Easter weekend Worship Services. If you would like to donate a plant in honor or memory of someone, you may sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex beginning Saturday, March 3.

The cost for each plant is \$10 cash or check (payable to NCUMC) and will be accepted when you sign up. Plants you purchase will be available for you to take home following the 10:45 Worship Service on Easter Sunday, April 1.



Prayer and Anointing
Wednesdays, February 21–March 28 from 8:30–9 a.m. — Chapel
Please feel free to stop by and join Pastor Harold for individual prayer each Wednesday morning during the Lenten season.



Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, March 24 — Following Worship Service
Stay tuned — more information to come!



The Day He Wore My Crown
Sunday, March 25 at 3 and 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center
The New Covenant Choir, Orchestra, and guest soloists — including Rachel Kramer and Stuart Neill — portray a magnificent account of the majesty of the everlasting King. This work includes such songs as: *Behold the Lamb, It is Finished, If That Isn't Love, He Looked Beyond My Fault, Cornerstone, and The Day He Wore My Crown.*

Tickets: Free
"Free" tickets will be available beginning February 24 between Worship Services at the kiosk in the East Narthex.



Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides
"In the Garden" — Lenten Sermon Series
If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide, they are available at the Welcome Center; a kiosk; and a table in the East Narthex.

All weekly guides are also available on our website — just click the "Worship" button and select "Sermon Series." Choose whichever series you wish to download.

Holy Week Services at New Covenant

Palm Sunday, March 25 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
The Day He Wore My Crown — "The Passion Story through Song"

Holy Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m.
Max Lucado's, He Chose the Nails

Good Friday, March 30 at 12 p.m.

Holy Saturday, March 31 at 5 p.m.

Easter Sunrise, April 1 at 6:30 a.m. (East Parking Lot)

Easter Worship, April 1 at 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.



Discover New Covenant
Saturdays at 4 p.m. — Fellowship Center
Sundays from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center
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.



Men's Ministry Annual Retreat
March 19 & 20 — Life Enrichment Center, Fruitland Park
Rediscover the Bible with Pastor Gary Cantrell. Come away with us and learn how to appreciate "The Book" that changes hearts and lives through intriguing sessions.

- \$69 all-inclusive fee includes single room, five meals, ice cream social, popcorn and a movie (*Risen*)
 - Commuter option is available
 - Register between Worship Services February 24–March 11 at the kiosk in the East Narthex, or Tuesdays at Men's Prayer Breakfast
- For more information, please contact Don Buckey at (919) 662-6360 or don.buckey19@gmail.com.



Walk to Emmaus — De Colores!
2018 Emmaus Weekends

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

Please Note: If you have previously gone through an Emmaus Walk, please contact Nancy Casto at nancasto@gmail.com or (352) 633-3288, as she would like to get former participants together in the future.



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.



Congregational Health News
Monday, February 19 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center
Dr. Sheri Bisby, locally renown neurologist and member of our community of faith, is presenting *Is it a Tremor or Something Worse?*, an information session on Parkinson's Disease. This event is free and open to the public. We are pleased to welcome her back in our Health Education Series.

Friday, March 2 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Fellowship Center
Live Well to Finish Well — Featured speakers are representatives from Milhorn Law, Hiers Baxley, Cornerstone Hospice, the United Methodist Foundation, in addition to, our own Rev. Dr. Ken Pyles on leaving a legacy according to scripture, and Ellen Pollock on Everything you wanted to know about memorials but were too afraid to ask! We will also have some displays from many of these businesses and more.



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 noon on Thursday, February 22 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.



Hope for Hurting Parents — Save the Date
Thursday, March 8 at 2 p.m. — Fellowship Center
Tom and Dena Yohe, founders and authors of the curriculum Hope for Hurting Parents, will be here to share their journey and to speak on having hope during dark times in dealing with adult children who struggle with life altering events.

This is a free event. Please invite your friends. The Yohes have a wonderfully compelling story that can encourage us with the love of God.



The Gift of Prayer
The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Brice Beaver who has esophageal cancer; Fred Mackey who has leukemia; Michael Flynn who had quadruple bypass surgery; and Roy Wuest who has multiple blood clots. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
The family and friends of Joseph Marino on his passing.
For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

New Concerns
Pastor Marilyn Anell, Brice Beaver, John Bell, Larry Buckner, Charlie, Nancy & Frank Condon, Christine Connolly, Sharon Crawford, Charles & Sharon Crider, Mike Excell, Michael Flynn, Michael G., Lynne Grieve, Cameron Hendren, Jill, Joyce Leimbach, Bob Lynn, Diane Machande, Fred Mackey, Barbara Mastry, Stephen Meiklejohn, Grant Newman, Ed Nuernberg, Mike Nuzzo, Lisa Pence, Mariann Ross, Jane Sanderson, Audrey Schien, Doug Spivey, Brandon Wagner, Walters Family, Jayne & Chip Wochomarke, Kathy Wright, Stephen Wright, Rev. Phillip Wright