

TidBits

Altar Flowers
The Altar flowers have been provided by: Christine Webb & Don Batchelder in celebration of their wedding.

Update Your Church Photo TODAY!
Saturday & Sunday following Worship Services — 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.

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.

Food Pantry Spring Food Drive Coming Soon!
Look for a grocery bag with a list of items to purchase on your car or golf cart the weekend of March 17/18. Please take your bag home, fill with items from the list, and bring back to church the following weekend, March 24/25. More information to come in the following weeks.

Running of the Squares
Saturday, March 31 at 8 a.m. — Spanish Springs
Spend a fun morning with our New Covenant community at the Running of the Squares. This is the third and final race of the Villages 2017-18 5K race series. Walk OR run — join "Team "New Covenant UMC." At 7:30 a.m. on race day, our team will meet in front of The Sharon for a group photo.

Register: <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/LadyLake/RunningtheSquaresSpanishSprings>

Entry Fees: (all fees are non-refundable)
\$25 through March 28 • \$30 after March 28. Your fee includes a t-shirt and registration packet. T-shirts available while supplies last.

Pre-Registered Packet Pick-up:
Friday, March 30 from 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m. at La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center (1200 Avenida Central, The Villages). Packets will also be available for pick-up at 7 a.m. on race day at the race site.

New Member Classes
Lake Deaton Campus: Sunday, June 10 from 12:15–1:45 p.m.
Summerhill Campus: Monday, June 11 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 and fill out a New Member Registration at the Welcome Center in the East or West Narthex. The completed forms may be left at the Connectional Ministry kiosk. For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
February 25	Numbers 33-34	Numbers 5-6	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 12
February 26	Numbers 35-36	Numbers 7	Mark 4:1–29	Luke 13
February 27	Deuteronomy 1-2	Numbers 8-10	Mark 4:30–5:20	Luke 14
February 28	Deuteronomy 3-4	Numbers 11-13	Mark 5:21–43	Luke 15
March 1	Deuteronomy 5-7	Numbers 14-15; Psalms 90	Mark 6:1–29	Luke 16
March 2	Deuteronomy 8-10	Numbers 16-17	Mark 6:30–56	Luke 17
March 3	Deuteronomy 11-13	Numbers 18-20	Mark 7:1–23	Luke 18
March 4	Deuteronomy 14-16	Numbers 21-22	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 19

The Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life. The Lord God planted a garden in Eden in the east and put there the human he had formed... (Genesis 2:7)

Lord, forgive us when we listen to the whisper of the serpent rather than adhere to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Lord, we have fallen, but thanks to your great mercy, grace and forgiveness, you pick us up, deliver us and assure us of redemption. Thank you, Lord. You are amazing. In Jesus Christ's Holy 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	Religious Satire	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 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162
Saturday 5:00 p.m. Phone: 352-750-4529

Summerhill Blended Worship Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.
Email: ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)
Website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org
Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

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Worship Attendance for last week: 3,529
(BEACH) 48 • (Roots) 14 • (Orchard Worship) 12 • (Grounded Youth Group) 26
(Celebrate Recovery) 41 • (Fresh Expressions) 42 • (Ash Wednesday) 370
(Saturday Contemporary) 343 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–280 • 9:15–1,014 • 10:45–799
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–201 • 9:45–219 • 11:00–120

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 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

Church Family Volunteer Opportunities!

Galatians 6:10 (CSB)
Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us work for the good of all, especially for those who belong to the household of faith.

THIS WEEKEND WE ARE
focusing our attention on
SERVING WITHIN the walls of
our **CHURCH**

When we were children, many of us had tasks to do at home. In a similar manner, there are certain responsibilities that need to be met in order for our church family to function smoothly.

Please stop by the Fellowship Center this weekend following Worship Services so you can find a volunteer opportunity to help serve your church family.

There are many areas in which you may volunteer...

- Worship (Communion Stewards & Servers, Ushers, Altar Guild)
- Connectional Ministries (Greeters, Welcome Desk Volunteers, First-time Visitors, Section Greeters, Parking Lot Greeters)
- Children's Ministry Volunteers
- Office Volunteers
- Youth Volunteers

Be the hands, feet, and voice by connecting yourself and others in living out our Core Values:

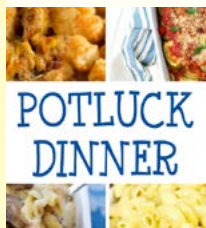
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Easter Flowers
The Chancel Guild will be placing live flowering plants on the Altar for the Easter Weekend Worship Services. If you would like to donate a plant in honor or memory of someone, you may sign up at a kiosk in the East Narthex beginning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



Potluck Dinner — Food, Fellowship & Fun!
Saturday, March 24, Following Worship — Fellowship Center
Enjoy meeting and connecting with your fellow worshipers at our first "Saturday Night Potluck Dinner." Volunteers will meet you as you arrive for Worship Service to place your dishes in the refrigerator or warmer, as needed. Beverages and all paper products will be provided.

Please bring a dish to share. Suggested menu requests are based on the beginning letter of your last name as follows: (A–H) Main Dish; (I–O) Salad/Vegetables/Fruit; (P–Z) Dessert

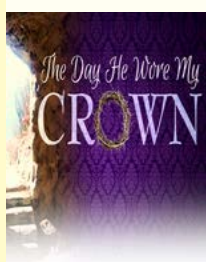


"Come Just as You Are" — Prayer and Anointing
Wednesdays, through March 28 from 8:30–9 a.m. — Chapel
Please feel free to stop by and join Pastor Harold for individual prayer each Wednesday morning during the Lenten season.



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.



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 are available beginning this weekend between Worship Services at a kiosk in the East Narthex.

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.

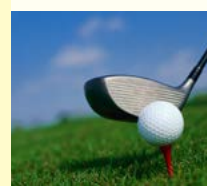


Florida Children's Home — "Day on Campus"
Saturday, March 17 — Enterprise, Florida
The Florida United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise has invited us to join their "Day on Campus."

The hospitality includes guided tours, a special program showcasing what God is doing through the ministries of the Children's Home, and lunch on the campus.

- Schedule of Events**
- 9 a.m. Gates Open, Campus Tour Begins
 - 11 a.m. Program in Gymnasium
 - 12 p.m. Picnic Lunch under the Big Tent; Campus Tours Resume

For more information, please contact Jocelyn Dunstan at (804) 339-0991 or joshdunstan925@gmail.com. Deadline to sign up is Thursday, March 1.



Helping Hands Annual Golf Tournament
Saturday, April 21 — Eagle Ridge Golf Club (Spruce Creek Del Webb)
The tournament fee is \$85 (golf cart included). The Banquet and Silent Auction will be Sunday, April 22 in the Fellowship Center. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased for \$25.

Registration begins next weekend at the kiosk in the East Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact John Kelley at (352) 259-6380.



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 a 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.



Connect with a Small Group
Get Connected in a "Community"!

In a church the size of New Covenant, it seems difficult to know everyone, but there is a way for you to get involved and "belong." Whether your need to connect in a small caring "community" of five to twelve others is more social in nature, about spiritual growth or about finding a place to serve God, Connect Small Groups is the ideal place for you.

The focus of Connect Small Groups is on growing your relationship with others and with God in a Christ-centered, Connected, Caring, Community. For information on how you can get "connected," please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



"Live Well to Finish Well" Health Fair
Friday, March 2 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Your Congregational Health Team has planned a very informative fair for you and your guests! We will also have tables set up with helpful information from SHINE, New Covenant Columbarium, and all of our speakers. In addition, there will be a drawing for a great door prize. We want to help you plan well to finish well!

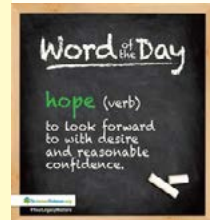
- Schedule of Speakers**
- 10:10–10:25 A representative from Milhorn Law Firm
 - 10:35–10:50 Tom Wilkinson, United Methodist Foundation
 - 11:00–11:15 Rev. Ken Pyles — *Leaving a Legacy*
 - 11:25–11:40 Desiree Coleman, Cornerstone Hospice
 - 11:50–12:05 Lisa High, Hiers Baxley
 - 12:15–12:30 Ellen Pollock, *Planning a Memorial*



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!!
Thursday, March 8 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Worship Center
We have an exciting program next month. We will have music and singing with Pat Smith & Brian Maderos; a devotional message and Communion with Ellen Pollock; moments with Sylvia Wagner; easy arts & crafts with Shirley Moore; and chair exercises with Pat Smith.

Our program will be followed by a time of fellowship and lunch. Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, March 5 and indicate if you need transportation.

Menu: Fried Chicken, Cole Slaw, Mashed Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, and Apple Pie.



Hope for Hurting Parents
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 Yohe's 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: Iris Clad who has breast cancer following ovarian cancer; Carolyn Fraser who has genetic breathing problems; and Steve Botts who has bladder cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
Rick Ogle, family and friends on the passing of his wife Joan; and Vicki Gernert, family and friends on the passing of her mother Gay Gernert.

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

New Concerns
Glenda Easton, Ann Eicker, Owen Fager, Brent Grocutt, Sue Latham, Jeff Morgan, Sydney Hamilton, Amber & Jade Muller, Dale King, Ashton Still Family, Phil Sturtz, Nicole Walsh, Judy & Don Wineland