

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by: Barbara & Bradley Dalton in memory of Donald Dalton; and Barbara & Pat O'Brien in celebration of their 50th anniversary.



AED/CPR Training

Tuesday, March 13 from 1-3:30 p.m. — Villages Fire Station 44, S.

Classes are limited to 25 people. The cost is \$25 per person (to be paid at class time). The Fire Station is located on Morse Boulevard.

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



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*)
- Register between Worship Services through 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. (Commuter option is available.)



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 (while supplies last) and registration packet.

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.



Bishop Ken Carter, Florida Annual Conference

"I call upon the followers of Jesus to speak for those whose voices are silenced, and to speak for our children and grandchildren. What if, across Florida and even our connection, we were able to collect and send 5000 letters?"

"5000 Letters" is a campaign by United Methodists in the Florida Annual Conference to contact state and federal government officials, urging them to seek legislation that will curb gun violence in this country. Join us in following Bishop Ken Carter's call to speak for those whose voices have been silenced, for the sake of our children and their futures. You may go to <https://5000letters.com>, and click the "Write Your Letter" button on the top of the page.

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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
March 4	Deuteronomy 14-16	Numbers 21-22	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 19
March 5	Deuteronomy 17-20	Numbers 23-25	Mark 7:24-8:10	Luke 20
March 6	Deuteronomy 21-23	Numbers 26-27	Mark 8:11-38	Luke 21
March 7	Deuteronomy 24-27	Numbers 28-30	Mark 9:1-29	Luke 22
March 8	Deuteronomy 28-29	Numbers 31-32	Mark 9:30-50	Luke 23
March 9	Deuteronomy 30-31	Numbers 33-34	Mark 10:1-22	Luke 24
March 10	Deuteronomy 32-34	Numbers 35-36	Mark 10:23-52	John 1
March 11	Joshua 1-4	Deuteronomy 1-2	Sunday: No Reading	John 2

The Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her ruins. He will make her desert like Eden and her wilderness like the Lord's garden. Happiness and joy will be found in her — thanks and the sound of singing. (Isaiah 51:3)

Lord, we continue to grapple between doing good and evil. We bounce back and forth desiring to do what is good and right, yet we often do the thing we really don't want to do. Forgive us, Lord, for stumbling, and keep us moving toward your Promised Land... the Kingdom of God. 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	Acknowledging God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Polling	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: 3,319

(BEACH) 49 • (Roots) 19 • (Orchard Worship) 11 • (Grounded Youth Group) 27

(Celebrate Recovery) 92 • (Fresh Expressions) 144

(Saturday Contemporary) 343 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-285 • 9:15-996 • 10:45-800

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-199 • 9:45-241 • 11:00-113

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

MARCH 3 & 4, 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



Helping Hands Eighth Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 21 • Eagle Ridge Golf Club
Spruce Creek Del Webb, Summerfield

It Started 11 Years Ago...

A small group of men and women in a Bible Study embarked to give something back to the community. With tools in hand, this group of 12 attempted to repair a house for a needy family in the area, but the home was beyond repair. Rather than simply giving up, they prayed, took a leap of faith, and "stepped out of the boat" to provide this family a NEW HOME. This is how the Helping Hands Outreach Ministry was born. Helping Hands has evolved and grown with hundreds of volunteers — and 27 families in new homes. Dozens of children have been given an opportunity to succeed in life as a result of being given a suitable place to live. Some have gone on to earn college degrees. We are being God's hands, feet, and voice in our community!

How Can You Help?

Support our Helping Hands Seventh Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser. Your participation — either by playing in the outing or by sponsoring a "Hole" — helps to provide the needed funding to continue our efforts. The Banquet and Silent Auction will take place on Sunday, April 22 in the Summerhill Fellowship Center.

Registration forms are available at a kiosk in the East Narthex. The tournament fee is \$85 (golf cart included) and is limited to 200 registrants. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased for \$25. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact John Kelley at (352) 259-6380 or Buddy Acton at (352) 425-4457.

Registration Deadline is Monday, April 9



Communion Sunday

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to live in peace with one another.

Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome! We serve by intinction (dipping the Bread into the Communion juice). We also offer gluten-free bread and individual cups at stations located at the FRONT and BACK center serving sections.



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 this weekend.



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 Service — Fellowship Center
Enjoy meeting and connecting with your fellow worshipers at our first "Saturday Night Potluck Dinner." Please bring a dish to share. Volunteers will meet you as you arrive for Worship Service to place your dish in the refrigerator or warmer, as needed. Beverages and all paper products will be provided.

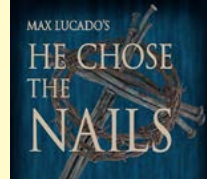


Suggested menu requests are based on the beginning letter of your last name, as follows: (A-H) Main Dish; (I-O) Salad/Vegetables/Fruit; (P-Z) Dessert

Max Lucado's "He Choose the Nails"

Holy Thursday, March 29 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

A worship experience led by Rev. Jim Divine. This performance features the Summerhill Praise Band, guest vocalist David Rowan, classical guitarist Jay Shepherd, and special guest Kim Hill.



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.



Connect Small Groups Two-day Facilitator Training

Wednesdays, March 14 & 21 from 1-3 p.m. — Conference Room

Have you ever thought you might like to facilitate a Connect Small Group but were not sure you had the confidence to do so? Do you have the ability to "connect" well with others?

You are invited to attend the Connect Small Group Facilitator Training Workshop where you will learn tips on how to facilitate a group, as well as learn about the importance of Connect Small Groups and the suggested format for groups. **Small Groups = Big Impact!**

To register for the upcoming workshop or for more information, please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call (352) 750-4529.



Solo Flight Singles Monthly Gathering

Friday, March 16 from 4-6 p.m. — Chapel

All singles are invited to attend! We will have two presenters, Marg Place and Peggy Sue Cesarec, who will share their experiences from travels to other countries — sharing the beauty and nature of God's wonderful creations, as well as the religious cultures and customs.

You are invited to an enjoyable time of friendship and hospitality. For more information, please contact Laura Tomich at la339@embarqmail.com or (352) 259-1200.



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.



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 Monday, March 5.



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 it with items from the list, and bring your bag back to church the following weekend, March 24/25.



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!!

Thursday, March 8 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We have an exciting program this 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 (352) 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 Hope for Hurting Parents curriculum, 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.



Health Education Speaker Series

Tuesday, March 20 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We welcome Dr. David Casper, locally renowned dermatologist and member of our community of faith. Dr. Casper will present on the topic of "Aging Skin" — its care and its concerns.

The Congregational Health Team works hard to put together interesting and informative events to keep us all in the best health we can be! Join us and invite a friend! This event is free and open to the public.



"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.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Margie Moore, an 88-year-old who had her leg amputated; Karl Loeper who had a massive stroke; and Lois Philbrick who had extensive spinal surgery. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Carol Bullmer, family and friends on the passing of her husband Gary Handy.

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

New Concerns

Richard & Kristyn Briggs, Mark Cruise, Carol Costello & Penny Kinney, Bruce Ferguson, Teeny Gregory, Zip Guthrie, Kathy Hebebstuiet, Bob Hilton, Bobby Hull, Katie & Matthew, Bill Koebel, Austin Leahy, Joyce Leimbach, Bill McClelland, Mary Moore's Grandson, Bill Musser & Family, Lois Philbrick, Pete, Al & Betty Ritsema, Paula Schmid, Jan Sentman, Kyra Sovine, Ashton Still, Alexandria Webb