

TIDBITS



Palm Crosses

Please pick up a palm cross as you leave Worship Service today.



Easter Floral Cross

The Guild Committee will have a wire cross at the West Entrance on Easter weekend. Carnations will be available below the cross for you to place in the wire in memory or honor of a loved one.



A Walk Through Holy Week... Supplies Needed!

During Holy Week, families come to gather and visit from all over. This Easter Sunday, we will have a walk-through experience of Holy Week. To make this event as special as it can be, we need supplies!

These items may be something you have in your home.

- Artificial potted flowers
- Ceramic jar with lid
- Chalices/goblets (12)
- Crates
- Glass bottles of various sizes
- Large- and medium-sized greenery
- Rooster
- Sword or spears

If you are able to loan supplies, please contact Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister, at (352) 750-4529, or drop off supplies outside of the Children's Room. Please attach your name and phone number to your supplies. They can be picked up in Classroom 1 after Easter.



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.



The Lake Deaton Wish List

The Lake Deaton building project is proceeding on schedule. We have distributed to the Lake Deaton congregation a "Wish List" to help furnish and accent the building. One of the items on that list is 1,000 chairs at a cost of \$40 per chair. If you would like to contribute to this "Chair Fund," cards and envelopes may be found at the Welcome Center in the East and West Narthexes.

Please place your completed card, with your donation, in the envelope provided and return it to the Administration Office. If you would like to see the entire "Wish List," copies are also available at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.



Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides

"In the Garden" — Lenten Sermon Series

A "Week 5" "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide was not provided last week. If you would like "Week 6," 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.

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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
March 25	Judges 19-21	Joshua 9-11	Sunday: No Reading	John 16
March 26	Ruth	Joshua 12-15	Luke 1:57–80	John 17
March 27	1 Samuel 1-3	Joshua 16-18	Luke 2:1–20	John 18
March 28	1 Samuel 4-8	Joshua 19-21	Luke 2:21–52	John 19
March 29	1 Samuel 9-12	Joshua 22-24	Luke 3:1–20	John 20
March 30	1 Samuel 13-14	Judges 1-2	Luke 3:21–38	John 21
March 31	1 Samuel 15-17	Judges 3-5	Luke 4:1–30	Acts 1:1-14
April 1	1 Samuel 18-20	Judges 6-7	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 1

Now there was a garden in the place where he was crucified, and in the garden there was a new tomb in which no one had ever been laid. And so, because it was the Jewish day of Preparation, and the tomb was nearby, they laid Jesus there. (John 19:41-42)

Lord, as we prepare for this Passion Week, let us be mindful of your passion for us, poured out on a cross for our redemption. Thank you, Lord, for your gracious forgiveness and showing us the way toward salvation. 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	Tech Addiction	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: **3,215**

(BEACH) 50 • (Roots) 19 • (Grounded Youth Group) 25

(Celebrate Recovery) 78 • (Fresh Expressions) 25

(Saturday Contemporary) 321 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–255 • 9:15–1,002 • 10:45–941

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–168 • 9:45–221 • 11:00–110

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

MARCH 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



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

Guest soloists Stuart Neill and Rachel Kramer will be joined by the New Covenant Choir and Orchestra in presenting this musical which portrays a magnificent account of the majesty of the everlasting King.

First presented over 35 years ago, writers such as Dottie Rambo, Bill and Gloria Gaither, Dallas Holm, Phyliss Johnson and others, composed some of the most moving Easter songs ever written. The work includes songs such 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.*

"In Their Sandals" (An Easter Prayer Experience) Thursday, March 29 from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. (details inside)

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

A worship experience, including Holy Communion, 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.

"In Their Sandals" (An Easter Prayer Experience) Friday, March 30 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Good Friday Worship Service Friday, March 30 at 12 p.m.

Contemporary Worship Service Saturday, March 31 at 5 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Worship Service Sunday, April 1 at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Children & Family Program Sunday, April 1 — "A Walk through Holy Week"

An interactive walk through the experience of Holy Week. You may attend before or after the 9:15 or 10:45 Worship Service. A "go-at-your-own-pace" event, especially crafted with families in mind. The "walk" ends with a celebration, light refreshments, and a craft.

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

* Nursery will be available for children newborn to five years old.

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Making connections



Potluck Dinner

Saturday, March 24 following Worship Service — Fellowship Center
Immediately following our Saturday Worship Service, everyone is invited to join us for our Potluck Dinner. Get connected with your fellow congregants.



Table Talk Dinner Groups

Openings Now Available for April–June

Table Talk is a fun way to meet new people in a small group setting. Six people will meet once a month for dinner for three months. It can be in the home, at a restaurant, or a combination. If you are interested, please complete a form located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex, and drop it in the box.

Please contact Patty Halstead at patty.charlie@comcast.net or 633-2470 with questions.



Abba Art

Tuesdays from 1–4 p.m. — Classrooms 1 & 3

Abba Art — which focuses on learning and creating art, as well as increasing spiritual growth — is in need of an artist who can assist in the development of these goals.

All art mediums are explored, and everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Cindy O’Lear at (810) 919-4370.



Walk to Emmaus for Women

Thursday–Sunday, April 5-8 — Fruitland Park

Ladies, if you are interested in participating in the upcoming Women’s “Walk to Emmaus” at the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp, please contact Nancy Casto at nancasto@gmail.com or (352) 633-3288.

Save the Dates! Additional 2018 Emmaus Weekends

- Men’s Walk: October 4-7
- Women’s Walk: October 11-14



Connect Small Groups

Are you interested in connecting with a group of five to twelve others who meet for the common purposes of: **C**onnection, **C**aring, and **C**ommunity, all with a **C**hrist-centered focus?

Groups enjoy fellowship, encouragement, prayer, care, and support for one another. They can also share opportunities to be the “hands, feet, and voice of Jesus.” **Love God! Love Others — Together IS Better!** Groups are available for men, women, couples and singles. To get “connected,” please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call (352) 750-4529.



Volunteers Needed for College Connection!

We are searching for volunteers to write a monthly note or card, and/or send our college students an occasional “care package.”

We want to let them know we are supporting and thinking about them during the school year. It does not need to be fancy or expensive, just an occasional reminder that they are still connected with New Covenant.

For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org. Be creative, caring, and connecting!

Outreach Ministry



Spring Food Drive for the Wildwood Food Pantry

Thank you for returning your filled food bags for the Wildwood Food Pantry. If you forgot your bag of food items this weekend, you may bring it to the church by Thursday at noon and put it in one of the Food Pantry bins located in the East or West Narthexes. If you would like to make a donation, you may write a check to “The Wildwood Food Pantry” and take it to the Administration Office.



Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings Volunteers Needed

The Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop currently needs at least three volunteers to assist with scheduling donation pickups. The volunteers need to be efficient in Google systems (i.e. Calendar, Sheets, Maps).

This position may be done from a home computer or in the store. This is an important part of our donation process and we greatly appreciate any support you can provide. If you are able to help us in this area, please contact Ryan Armstrong at (352) 330-3333 or ramstrong@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up

Saturday & Sunday, April 7–8 — West Parking Lot

The B & B truck will **NOT** be here the first weekend in April due to the Easter holiday. The truck will be in the church parking lot the following weekend to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.



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.

To register, please contact John Kelley at (352) 259-6380.



Early Response/Disaster Relief Team Training

Monday & Tuesday, April 23 & 24

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the New Covenant Early Response/Disaster Relief Team is invited to attend a one and a half day workshop. Monday will be a full-day class (7:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.) of training at New Covenant and Tuesday will be a half-day class (8 a.m.–12 p.m.) of hands-on activities at Camp Willis in Fruitland Park.

There is no cost for the class — all expenses are covered by the Early Response Team. To enroll in class, go to www.flumc.org/training_schedule. The registration deadline is April 1. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Watson at (352) 205-8553.



Going North for the Summer or on Vacation?

Let church volunteers secure your home in the event of a disaster. Simply complete the “Homeowner Release of Liability” form found on the church website. Select the “Resources” button and click on “Forms.” Complete the form and return it to the church.

These forms are also available in the Administration Office for your convenience. In the event of an emergency, repairs will be made to your home to keep it safe. If you have any questions, please call Larry Frum at (352) 638-0533.

Because We Care Congregational Care Ministries



“In Their Sandals” (An Easter Prayer Experience)

Thursday, March 29 from 8 a.m.–8 p.m. — Chapel

Friday, March 30 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. — Chapel

On Holy Thursday and Good Friday, you will have the opportunity to participate in prayer stations, as you did for the National Day of Prayer.

The prayer stations for the Easter season are designed so you can “put yourself in the sandals” of some of the individuals, including Jesus, who played a part in His journey to the cross. You will have time to reflect on the relationship they had with Jesus, and then, take time to pray about how that particular part of Jesus’ journey has meaning for you.

Those who attended the prayer stations last May found them powerful and meaningful. We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors to come and have time to reflect and meditate as we pray and walk with Judas, Peter, Jesus, and more.



Learn How to Pray Out Loud

Wednesday, April 11 from 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. — Chapel

This workshop offered by Rev. Marilyn Anell is always well attended, and it is back by popular demand! There is no cost or reservation needed. If you want to learn how to pray out loud for someone, and get rid of the fear and anxiety about it, Pastor Marilyn can help you!



Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry Needs Volunteers

Can You Sew?

If so, you have a unique opportunity to be the “Hands, Feet, and Voice of Jesus” to those in special need of prayer. You can help people who are in urgent need of prayer by being a part of the Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry! Your help is needed to keep up with the increasing number of requests for prayer quilts.

Can You Pray?

Please say a prayer and tie a knot in each quilt whenever you see them on the prayer rail. Your prayers are needed to help bring comfort and strength to those going through a very difficult situation.

For the guidelines or more information on how you can help, please contact Diane Placek at (352) 633-9495 or Debra Campanella at (352) 348-5762.



“Come Just as You Are” — Prayer and Anointing

Wednesday, March 28 from 8:30–9 a.m. — Chapel

Please feel free to stop by and join Pastor Harold this week for individual prayer on Wednesday morning.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Ray & Gerry Banyas on the loss of their daughter; Sherry Champlin who has breast cancer; Manuel Betancourt who has liver disease; and Michael Duguay who was in a motorcycle accident and is on life support. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Bill Freeland, family and friends on the passing of his wife Sarah (Sally).

Alex, Robin Aiken, Patrick Antrim, Bob, Jim Brown, Dottie Browning, Gladys Choura, Dixie Clark, Bob Collinson Family, Dick & Carol, Luke Filkins, Marilyn Hagmaier, Marilyn Hall, Jarrod James, Tony James, Abasse Kouda’s Mother, Alma Lamb, Elizabeth Lillie, Juawana McLure, Bill Moran, Jimmy Nelson, Karen Nelson, Paula Nicholas, Martin Nicholson, Sean and Katie Pierce, Oliver Pighee, Kate Panches, Barbara Robertson, Lee Roncarati, Barbara Rosario, Doug Spivey, Alicia Velez, Tony Villa, Frank Wallace Family, Kim Wilson, Pat Wisniewski, Phyllis Yagle