

Tidbits

Altar Flowers
The Altar flowers have been provided by: Susie Vanderburg in memory of her husband David; Jan Soukup in memory of her husband Roger; Janet & Allan Cragg in celebration of their anniversary; and Audrey Philips in praise of all blessings.

Easter Floral Cross
The Guild Committee has 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.

Potted Plants for Easter
If you ordered Easter Flowers for the altar, you may pick up a copy of the "Easter Flowers booklet" at the Welcome Center in the East or West Narthexes. You may take your flowers home after the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. As a reminder, the church will be closed on Monday, April 2 in observance of the Easter holiday.

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.

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.

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

Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides
"In the Garden" — Lenten Sermon Series
Weeks 6 & 7 are available at the Welcome Center, a kiosk, and a table in the East Narthex. **Note: There was no "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide for week 5.**

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.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 1	1 Samuel 18-20	Judges 6-7	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 1
April 2	1 Samuel 21-24	Judges 8-9	Luke 4:31-5:15	Matthew 2
April 3	1 Samuel 25-27	Judges 10-12	Luke 5:16-39	Matthew 3
April 4	1 Samuel 28-31	Judges 13-15	Luke 6:1-26	Matthew 4
April 5	2 Samuel 1-3	Judges 16-18	Luke 6:27-49	Matthew 5
April 6	2 Samuel 4-7	Judges 19-21	Luke 7:1-30	Matthew 6
April 7	2 Samuel 8-12	Ruth	Luke 7:31-8:15	Matthew 7
April 8	2 Samuel 13-15	1 Samuel 1-3	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 8

Then the angel showed me the river of life-giving water, shining like crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb through the middle of the city's main street. On each side of the river is the tree of life... The tree's leaves are for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse. (Revelation 22:1-3a)

Lord, we rejoice with you on this Easter that death has been defeated. Through your death and resurrection, life has new meaning. We thank you for being the source of life, and we cling to your promise of eternity with You. Hallelujah! 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		Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Prayer	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.		The Lord's Prayer: Connecting with God	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Prayer Angles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Joshua	Classroom 11

There are No classes this weekend

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m. 3470 Woodridge Dr. • The Villages, FL 32162
Phone: 352-750-4529

Summerhill Blended Worship
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m. Fax: 352-259-2971
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: 5,413
(Celebrate Recovery) 83 • (Fresh Expressions) 118 • (Grounded Youth) 20
(Orchard Worship) 22 • (Saturday Contemporary) 385 • Palm Sunday Concerts 1,951
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-287 • 9:15-1,038 • 10:45-879
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-214 • 9:45-278 • 11:00-138

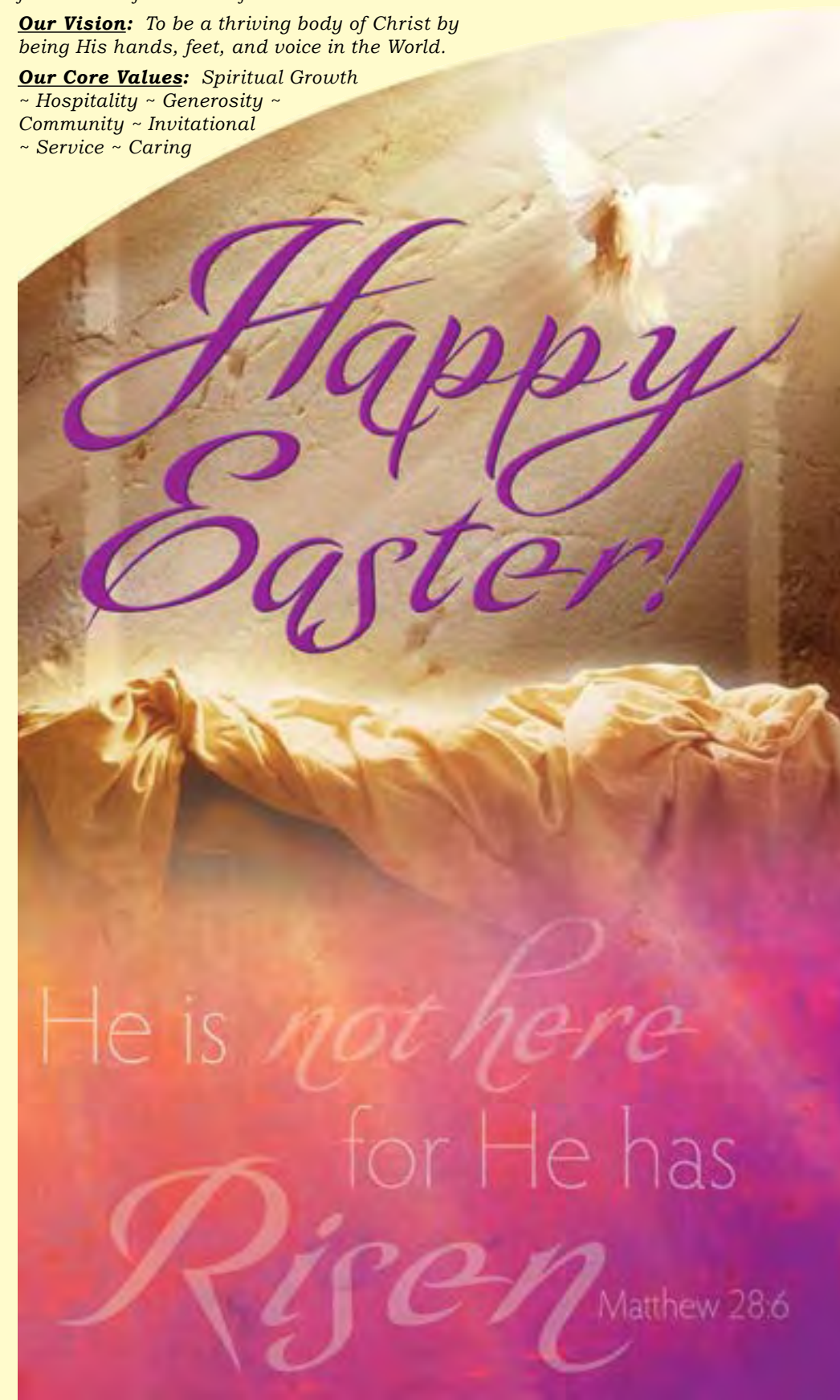


Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of Congregational Life
Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

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



Matthew 28:6

The Ticket Kiosk is Closed for Easter.

Unless otherwise noted, all tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply).

New Covenant provides multiple opportunities throughout the year to attend concerts, as well as other events benefiting the various ministries of our church.



The Choralettes present "Curtains Up"

Tuesday, April 3 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Spring concert under the direction of Janie Berry.

A Love Offering will be accepted.

Donations will be accepted to support our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



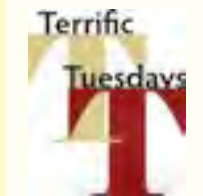
The Villages Wind Ensemble

Sunday, April 8 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Directed by New Covenant's Jill Van Syckle, travel through the music of a 17th century hymn tune, Israeli dance (*Fiddler on the Roof*), a stop in Ireland, and a mysterious "wonderworld."

Tickets: \$15

A portion of the net proceeds support the Wildwood Food Pantry.



Terrific Tuesday Dinner Dance

Tuesday, April 10 at 4:45pm — Fellowship Center

Come and dance at the "Spring Fling" with The Villages Swing Band. Back by popular demand, come and enjoy an evening of fellowship, fine dining, and dancing.

Menu: Bruschetta Appetizers; Romaine Lettuce Salad; Beef Tenderloin with Mushrooms; Scalloped Potatoes w/Caramelized Fennel; Honey-roasted Carrots; Cloverleaf Dinner Rolls; and Bavarian Cream Crepes.

\$15 General Admission (No Reserved Tables or Seating)

You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, April 9.



Women's Ministry Monthly Gathering

Thursday, April 19 from 10-11:30 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Butterflies are a symbol of the resurrection. At our gathering this month, we will compare our spiritual lives to the life stages of a butterfly. If you can, bring a children's book to donate to *Books to Keep*, this month's mission. Lunch is included and follows our program.

Menu: Red Cabbage Slaw, Crabmeat-Stuffed Butterflied Shrimp, Roasted Sweet Potato Fries, and an Ice Cream Sundae Bar.

Tickets: \$7

There are a limited number of tickets available. You must purchase your ticket by noon on Monday, April 16.



The Villages Concert Band and Villages High School Band

Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

This is the DEBUT performance of two great bands joining together in one concert, and is guaranteed to provide a fun evening of music.

New Covenant's Jean Butler, Director of The Villages Concert Band, will be joined by The Villages Charter High School Band Director, Linda Quinn, as the groups perform selections that will entertain and energize everyone in attendance.

Tickets: \$15

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit The Villages Charter High School Band, The Villages Concert Band, and the Music Ministries of New Covenant.



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 rrmstrong@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up

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

The B & B truck will be here next 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

Last chance to register! 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 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. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Watson at (352) 205-8553.



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!

Full-day Camp	TKC Session 1	May 29-June 6
Family Fun	Tech Talk/Water Day	June 16
Half-day Camp	Upward Basketball	June 18-22
Family Fun	Movie Night: The Star	July 13
Family Fun	Block Party: LEGOS	July 27
Full-day Camp	TKC Session 2	July 31-August 8

For more information, contact Brianna Jimenez at (352) 750-4529 or bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org



Yoga at New Covenant

We will not have Yoga classes on Monday, April 2. We will resume our regular class schedule on Monday, April 9. For more information, please email Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



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!

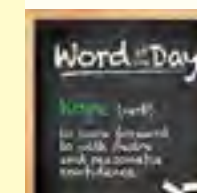


Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!!

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

All Seniors in the "prime" of their life are encouraged to join the Prime Timers. New Covenant's Puppet Ministry Team will provide the program, along with singing led by Pat Smith and Brian Maderos.

Come join the fun and bring a friend! Our program is followed by lunch for \$6 (payable at the door). To make a reservation, please call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, April 9 and indicate if you need transportation.



Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursdays at 2 p.m. — Classroom 14

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

For more information, please call the Care office at (352) 750-4529.



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.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Ann & Bob McBain, family and friends on the passing of Ann's Aunt Margie Moore.

New Concerns

Morine Armstrong, Chrys Bartolo, Amelia Bowser, Vivian Braddock, Linda Cannarella, Sherry Champlain, Sally Des Jardin, Chris Edwards, Claire Harman, Doug Herman, Eliza Jackson, Darryl Johnson, Patty Loeper & Family, Joshua Ray Martin, Kellie Mitchell, Brittany Modesitt, Rick Riccitelli, Robert Rixford, Gary Scavoni, Carol Smith, Alicia Velez, Lorraine Willoughby, Lillian Zdan