

# Tidbits



## Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been provided by: Pat & Vern Phillips in celebration of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Sid & Stephanie Drain in memory of her parents George H. & Marjorie Hays and her brother Captain George B. Hays; and Gene Murray in memory of his wife Mary Alice.



## Communion this 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.

Everyone is welcome to take Communion! We serve by intinction and offer gluten-free bread and individual cups at stations located at the FRONT and BACK center serving sections.



## Yoga at New Covenant

**Mondays from 4–6 p.m. — Christian Life Center**

Join us on Mondays for Yoga. Bring your mat and plenty of water. A \$3 donation for Children's Ministry is appreciated.

- 4–5 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga
- 5–6 p.m. — Beginners Yoga

For more information, please email Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).



## Fifth Sunday Night Hymn Sing

**Sunday, April 29 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center**

Ken Wadley returns to join Sean Pollock for our Fifth Sunday Night Hymn Sing. Mark your calendar and invite a friend to this night of singing the great hymns of our faith.



## Thank You!

Thank you to all the volunteers who supported the Worship and Arts Ministry during Lent and Holy Week. Your commitment to the beautification of the facility and grounds, as well as supporting the multiple concerts and worship experiences, is greatly appreciated.



## Abba Art

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

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

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



## 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.

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 8	2 Samuel 13-15	1 Samuel 1-3	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 8
April 9	2 Samuel 16-18	1 Samuel 4-8	Luke 8:16–40	Matthew 9
April 10	2 Samuel 19-21	1 Samuel 9-12	Luke 8:41–9:11	Matthew 10
April 11	2 Samuel 22-24	1 Samuel 13-14	Luke 9:12–36	Matthew 11
April 12	1 Kings 1-2	1 Samuel 15-17	Luke 9:37–62	Matthew 12
April 13	1 Kings 3-5	1 Samuel 18-20; Psalms 11; 59	Luke 10:1–24	Matthew 13
April 14	1 Kings 6-7	1 Samuel 21-24	Luke 10:25–11:10	Matthew 14
April 15	1 Kings 8-9	Psalms 7; 27; 31; 34; 52	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 15

Looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:2)

*Gracious and loving Lord, you gave your all for each of us!*  
Teach us and lead us this week, as we want to be your hands, feet, and voice in all our ways and all our days.  
In the resurrection power of Jesus, 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	Easter and April Fools	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 Holy Week: 5,603**

(BEACH) 50 • (Roots) 21 • (Celebrate Recovery) 74 • (Fresh Expressions) 55  
(Holy Thursday) 569 • (Good Friday) 613 • (Saturday Contemporary) 483  
(Sunday Summerhill) 6:30–340 • 7:45–349 • 9:15–1,089 • 10:45–1,246  
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–259 • 9:45–186 • 11:00–269

## SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



## APRIL 7 & 8, 2018

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

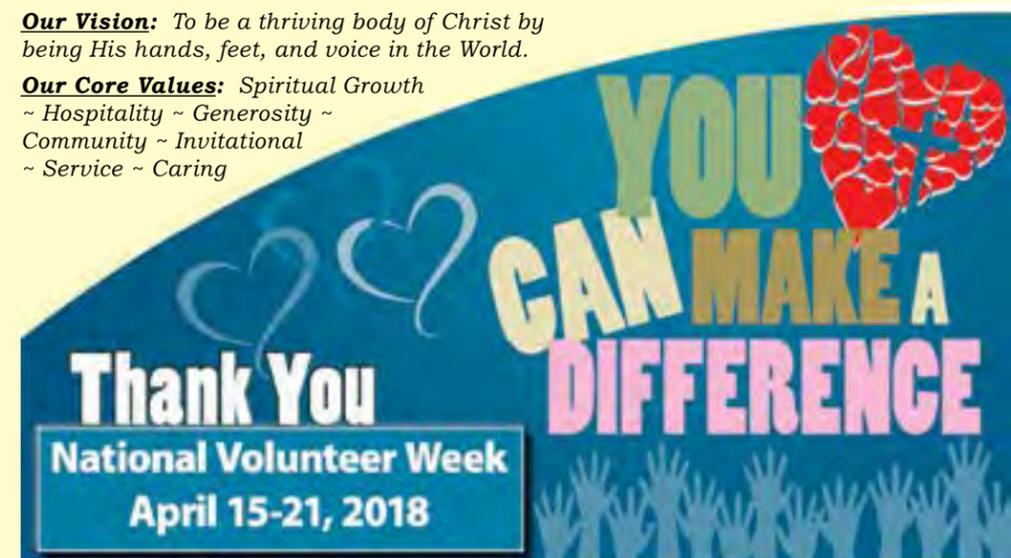
Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of  
Congregational Life

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



*We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. (2 Thessalonians 1:3)*

**This year, National Volunteer Week is April 15-21.** The week is an opportunity to recognize those who contribute to the community. Here at New Covenant, it's a time of year when we honor our volunteers for their selfless contributions, and recognize the irreplaceable impact of their year-round time, energy and caring. We are blessed to have so very many volunteers that serve in our leadership team and in our ministries. In addition to those volunteers, we have many others who serve behind the scenes.

In honor of National Volunteer Week, we would like to recognize each of our volunteers. We could not function, and have the family we do here at New Covenant, without our volunteers. Our family makes such a difference in our community. We could not be who we are without each and every one of our volunteers. Our heartfelt thanks, appreciation and love go out to each one of them for exemplifying our Core Values.

*"I am a little pencil in the hand of a writing God who is sending a love letter to the world."  
~Mother Teresa*

To continue the work of the Lord, we need more volunteers. If you feel the need and have the heart to serve — whether it is in leadership, one of our many ministries, or in a role "behind the scenes" in Administration or Finance — we need you! Help us to connect you to the community by getting involved and — volunteering! Please see the weekly bulletin for volunteer opportunities.

We are so grateful for your faithful service to New Covenant United Methodist Church!

Thank you for being His hands, feet, and voice in the world.

# Making connections



## 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](mailto:patty.charlie@comcast.net) or 633-2470 with questions.



## Solo Flight Singles Monthly Gathering

Friday, April 20 from 4-6 p.m. — Chapel

All singles are invited to attend! There will be a discussion on “What is a ministry and where do we go from here?” Our “Summer Breakfast and Lunch Groups” sign-ups will also be available.

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



## Connect Small Groups — Facilitators Needed!

Facilitators are needed for Connect Small Groups! If this is an area where you would like to serve, you will not have to figure it out on your own. Support, coaching, materials, networking with other facilitators, and training workshops are available. These tools will help you develop or improve your skills in engaging others in discussions with a Christ-Centered focus. Groups also enjoy connecting, caring, and community.

If you have an interest in being a facilitator, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or call (352) 750-4529.



## Discover New Covenant

Saturdays at 4–4:45 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Sundays from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Learn more about New Covenant and get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible Studies, Connect Small Groups, and Membership. For more information, contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## 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.

You may register for either class on our website. Click the “Registrations” tab at the top of the homepage, then select any of the “Open Registrations” buttons. You may also fill out a Registration form available at the Welcome Centers in the East or West Narthexes.

For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

SUMMER CAMPS FOR KIDS	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](mailto:bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org)

# Outreach Ministry



## Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings Volunteers Needed

The Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop currently needs 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. We also have store and intake volunteer openings. For more information, please call Volunteer Coordinator Betty Montgomery (352) 751-6798 or Jane Sirek (352) 817-1896 for more information.



## 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. The registration deadline is Monday, April 9.

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



## 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](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org). Be creative, caring, and connecting!



## 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.



## New Sermon Series

Next weekend we begin a new sermon series entitled: “How Christianity was Won... Peter, a Trailblazer for Faith.” Peter was a committed disciple of Jesus, but like all of us he too had his flaws. Over the next five weeks, we are going to take a deeper look at the one who fished the depths of the Sea of Galilee.

From fisherman to a follower of Christ, Peter is one of the original “trailblazers” of the Christian faith. There is much for us to learn from his life experiences and the direction he pointed.

April 14/15: *The Call of Simon the Fisherman*

April 21/22: *Walking with Jesus in the Storm*

April 28/29: *Bedrock or Stumbling Block*

May 5/6: *From Cowardice to Courage*

May 12/13: *The Rest of the Story*

Coming in the Fall, we will explore the Apostle Paul and walk in his footsteps.

# Because We Care Congregational Care Ministries



## 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 lives 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.



## Health Education Speaker Series

Monday, April 16 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Please join us for Carol Fortune, area licensed counselor, to discuss depression in senior adults. This is an important topic, and we are glad to welcome Carol! This will be our last speaker until fall. This is a free event and open to the public.



## Toby’s Encouragers

Toby’s Encouragers is looking for a few men and women to visit shut-ins in area assisted living, nursing homes, and memory care facilities that may not receive a visit otherwise. This team sees the same person each time and develops a relationship with that person.

For more information about Toby’s Encouragers, contact Carolyn Merryman at (352) 753-7778 or [ckmjem@comcast.net](mailto:ckmjem@comcast.net).



## 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.

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.



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Roger McGloin who has cancer and has discontinued treatment. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

## Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Elaine Winderweedle Howell, family and friends on the passing of her mother Libby Winderweedle; and Granville & Jane Alpha, family and friends on the passing of their son-in-law Tim Landry.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please visit our website.

Helen & Paul Brown, Steve Dunn, Bonnie Fisher, Paul Guertin, Marcella Kayia, Neal Leimbach, Dana Lyon, Suzanne McCandless, Mike, Rita Moberly, Ruth Morris, Diana Richards, Pat Rivet