

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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.



PeAr Kids' Performance of Jonah's Druthers

Tuesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. — Christian Life Center

If you're into whales, tales, and a boot scootin' good time, please join us for this fun-filled adventure featuring Jonah!

Jonah, the prophet of Israel, is sent by the Living God to the "dirty, rotten, flea-bitten foreign city called Nineveh" to preach against it. Except, this prophet decides to go in a different direction instead! What happens after Jonah falls into a well, not a whale?

Please join us for this great opportunity to support our children who have worked so hard preparing for this performance.



Show Tunes with Sean, Angie, and Janice

Tuesday, May 8 at 4:45pm — Fellowship Center

Enjoy a cabaret evening with Angie Rose, Sean Pollock, and Janice Schwartz as they share old standards, Broadway hits, and fun new tunes at our last Terrific Tuesday of the season. This is sure to be an evening that you don't want to miss!

Menu: Manhattan Clam Chowder; Tossed Garden Salad w/Lemon-Mustard Vinaigrette; Roast New York Sirloin; Baked Potato; Baked Tomato Stuffed with Creamed Peas; Dinner Rolls; Pastry Cream & Fruit Tart.

\$12 General Admission (No Reserved Tables or Seating)

You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, May 7. Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



Women's May Gathering — "One Nation Under God"

Thursday, May 17 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Praising God as our real "Founding Father." As our last program until September, we will honor our country and those who serve with some very special guests.

Wear your red, white, and blue, and join in on our celebration! Bring a friend and encourage them to join us next year.

Menu: Potato Salad, Hamburgers or Hot Dogs with Condiments and Toppings, Baked Beans, Watermelon, and Chocolate & Blonde Brownies.

Tickets: \$7

You must purchase your ticket by noon on Monday, May 14. Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply), and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services.



The Collingsworth Family

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

Excitement, spiritual anointing, family-emphasis, and musical excellence are what you can expect to find when you join us for an evening of family worship and praise.

Tickets: \$15 General • \$20 Preferred • \$25 Artist Circle (Tickets on sale soon.)

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
April 22	2 Kings 4-5	Psalms 6; 8-10; 14; 16; 19; 21	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 22
April 23	2 Kings 6-8	1 Chronicles 1-2	Luke 14:15-35	Matthew 23
April 24	2 Kings 9-11	Psalms 43-45; 49; 84-85; 87	Luke 15	Matthew 24
April 25	2 Kings 12-14	1 Chronicles 3-5	Luke 16	Matthew 25
April 26	2 Kings 15-17	Psalms 73; 77-78	Luke 17:1-19	Matthew 26
April 27	2 Kings 18-19	1 Chronicles 6	Luke 17:20-37	Matthew 27
April 28	2 Kings 20-22	Psalms 81; 88; 92-93	Luke 18:1-27	Matthew 28
April 29	2 Kings 23-25	1 Chronicles 7-10	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 1

"Lord, if it's you, order me to come to you on the water." And Jesus said, "Come." (Matthew 14:28)

Lord, there are times when we feel tired and drenched by the storms of life. Help us to know that you walk with us in the midst of the storms. Give us the courage to get out of the comfort of our own boats and walk toward you. Let us rest assured that you are worthy of worship and that you truly are the Son of God! In Your 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	You Have Heard It Said	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	Biblical Archaeology	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: 2,756

(BEACH) 46 • (Roots) 17 • (Celebrate Recovery) 75 • (Fresh Expressions) 30
(Saturday Contemporary) 320 • (Orchard Worship) 9 • (Grounded Youth Group) 20
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-263 • 9:15-852 • 10:45-638
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30-179 • 9:45-196 • 11:00-111

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



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

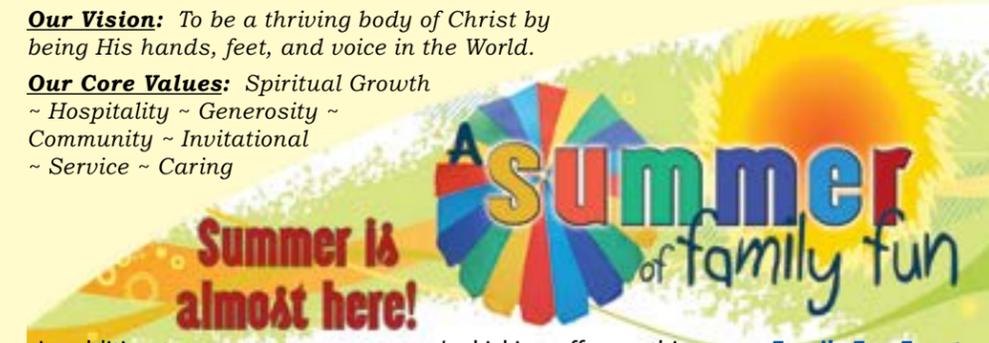
APRIL 21 & 22, 2018

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



In addition to our summer camps, we're kicking off something new. **Family Fun Events** are for the whole family! Our nursery will be available for children under age three. These events are free! Simply reserve your spot by registering on our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org. Click the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page and follow the online instructions.

Co-Event: Water Day/Tech Talk • Saturday, June 16

- Kid Session: 12:30-2:30 p.m. — East Parking Lot
- Parent Session: 1-2 p.m. — Fellowship Center
- Reserve your space online beginning May 13.



This is a co-event with a component for kids and parents/grandparents. Drop your students off for Water Day while you join Rev. Kristyne Young for a discussion on "Technology and the Family," with commentary from *The Tech-Wise Family: Everyday Steps for Putting Technology in Its Proper Place* by Andy Crouch.

Movie Night: "Christmas in July" • Friday, July 13

- Cookie Decorating: 6-6:30 p.m. — Chapel
- Movie: 6:30-8 p.m. — Chapel
- Reserve your space online beginning June 13.



This event is for the whole family. Join us for the movie, *The Star*, a story inspired by the birth of Christ. Follow a small, but brave, donkey named Bo as he ventures through the Christmas story. Join us for an evening of Christmas (in July) with popcorn, cookie decorating, and this faith-inspired movie.

Family Game Night & Block Party • Friday, July 27

- Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m. — Chapel
- Reserve your space online beginning June 27.



This event is for the whole family. It's not your average block party, although we will have music and community. We're talking about Legos®! We'll provide the Legos® — you just come prepared to create and have fun. You may bring Legos® from home, but it is not required. We'll have ice breaker games, challenges, and snacks. This is a fun event for families with children of all ages.

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

Contact
Brianna Jimenez
Children's Minister
bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org
(352)-750-4529

Summer Camps

- TKC Session 1: May 29-June 6 (full-day camp)
PK3-8th grade • \$140
- Upward Basketball Camp: June 18-22 (half-day camp)
K-5th grade • \$42
- TKC Session 2: July 31-August 8 (full-day camp)
PK3-8th grade • \$140

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Men's Retreat Make Up Session!

Saturday, May 5 from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. and
Saturday, May 12 from 9 a.m.–1 p.m. — Fellowship Center

If you were unable to attend last month's Men's Retreat, you have an opportunity to attend a two-part, make-up session.

A \$15 registration fee covers both sessions, plus meals and materials. You may register at Men's Prayer Breakfast, or between Worship Services this weekend or next at a kiosk in the East Narthex. For more information, please contact Don Buckey at (919) 662-6360.



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.



Connect Small Groups — Facilitators Needed!

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.

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

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar Flowers have been provided by: Norma Martin in memory of her husband Odie; and Dr. Ruth Gibson in memory of her husband James Leslie.



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!



Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides

How Christianity was Won... Peter, A Trailblazer for Faith

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.

Outreach



Gamblers Anonymous/Gam-Anon OPEN Meeting

Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Gamblers Anonymous is a group of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with a desire to stop gambling. Gam-Anon is a 12-step, self-help fellowship of men and women, providing assistance and comfort to those who have been affected by someone else's gambling problem.

Please feel free to attend this open and confidential meeting if you or someone you know is affected by a gambling problem. There will be speakers and refreshments. For meeting information, please contact:

- Gamblers Anonymous: (888) ADMIT-IT or (888) 236-4848; www.gamblinghelp.org
- GAM-ANON: (718) 352-1671; www.gam-anon.org



Fifth Sunday Weekend for the Children's Home!

Next Weekend, April 28-29

The Children's Home includes residential living, therapeutic care, foster care, and emergency shelter. On average, about 75 percent of our total funding comes from private sources, such as individual church support.

Your "Fifth Sunday" offering enables the programs of the Children's Home to maintain its ministry as a significant Christian outreach committed to the well-being of children, youth, and their families. Look for the envelope in next weekend's bulletin.



Stewardship Update

Great news! Based on our current giving trend toward debt elimination, our Summerhill mortgage payment that began at \$7.5 million will be paid in full by 2022. Paying off our mortgage is saving the church hundreds of thousands of dollars in interest.

Recently the United Methodist Foundation did increase the interest rate from 3½ to 4 percent. Although our monthly payment of \$45,628 is not impacted, this does affect the total amount of interest we will pay. The sooner we pay off the mortgage, the more money we will be saving!



The Lake Deaton Wish List

We 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.

To date, we have received contributions of \$17,122 towards the purchase of 428 chairs for Lake Deaton. Thank you for your support.



End-of-Year Finance Information

Tax Reminder

You may be able to save on income taxes by making a direct contribution to the church from your IRA or stock investments (capital gains). Something to consider with your tax / investment advisor for the 2019 tax year.

Retirement Investments

In the year that you turn 70½ years old and each year after that, you are required by law to make a Minimum Required Distribution (MRD) from your IRAs, 401k, 403b, or other retirement investments. By making a donation directly to the church using the MRD, you can avoid a taxable event. Talk with your investment or tax advisor for more information.

Congregational Care



National Day of Prayer—Save the Date

Thursday, May 3 at 11:30 a.m. — Chapel

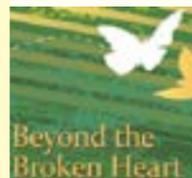
Rev. Marilyn Anell will hold a service at 11:30, but the Chapel will be open from 8 a.m.–5 p.m. to pray for our country and our world.



Praying Together

Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m. — Classroom 14

Our prayer group meets every week. If you have a desire to pray with others in a community format, please join in. All are welcome.



Beyond the Broken Heart

Mondays, June 25–August 13 from 10–11:30 a.m.

Our summer grief support program begins in June and meets each Monday. Let others walk alongside you as you maneuver this new season. To register, please contact Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529.



Stephen Ministry is Here for You

If you are in a crisis and could use some help from a trained, caring Christian friend, please consider requesting a Stephen Minister.

Please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529 to receive more information on this caring ministry and to receive support. A Stephen Minister will walk with you through a crisis, listening, and praying for you all the way.



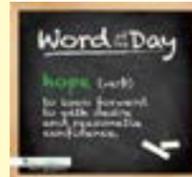
Yoga at New Covenant

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.



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.

We cannot solve the problems of your loved one, but we can assist you in how you respond to them. We are here to provide support for you, the parent or grandparent. For more information, please call the Care office at (352) 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members,



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: John Blackford who needs surgery for cancer; and Roger Cochran who had surgery, chemo, and radiation. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Michael Zdan, family and friends on the passing of his wife Lillian; and Bette White, family & friends on the passing of her husband Van.

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

New Concerns

Susie Avripas, John Bliley, JoJo Carter, Mike Excell, Janet Foster, Melinda Hay, Harlan Koele, McCormick Family, Dave & Jenny Owens, Anne Poling, Jerry Sachs, Adam Rausch, Joan Sockett, Nancy Ward & son, Heidi Zerbe