

# 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 29 | 2 Kings 23-25         | 1 Chronicles 7-10                      | Sunday: No Reading | Luke 1      |
| April 30 | 1 Chronicles 1-2      | Psalms 102-104                         | Luke 18:28–19:10   | Luke 2      |
| May 1    | 1 Chronicles 3-5      | 2 Samuel 5:1-10; 1 Chronicles 11-12    | Luke 19:11–27      | Luke 3      |
| May 2    | 1 Chronicles 6        | Psalms 133                             | Luke 19:28–20:8    | Luke 4      |
| May 3    | 1 Chronicles 7-8      | Psalms 106-107                         | Luke 20:9–38       | Luke 5      |
| May 4    | 1 Chronicles 9-11     | 2 Samuel 5:11-6:23; 1 Chronicles 13-16 | Luke 20:39–21:19   | Luke 6      |
| May 5    | 1 Chronicles 12-14    | Psalms 1-2; 15; 22-24; 47; 68          | Luke 21:20–38      | Luke 7      |
| May 6    | 1 Chronicles 15-17    | Psalms 89; 96; 100-101; 105; 132       | Sunday: No Reading | Luke 8      |

"I tell you that you are Peter. And I'll build my church on this rock. The gates of the underworld won't be able to stand against it. I'll give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 16:18)

Lord, there are times in which we are strong, faithful, courageous, and passionate. We are as solid as a rock. Then, there are times we are more like sifting sand. Or, we become a stumbling stone, rather than a stepping stone in our journey toward you. Help us, Lord, not to stumble over the path that we have paved, but to walk the road that leads to you. 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 | 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         | Spirituality and the Twelve Steps      | 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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A Place to Call Home

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,754

(BEACH) 53 • (Roots) 19 • (Celebrate Recovery) 69 • (Fresh Expressions) 55  
(Saturday Contemporary) 273 • (Orchard Worship) 6 • (Grounded Youth Group) 24  
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–239 • 9:15–847 • 10:45–670  
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30–193 • 9:45–204 • 11:00–102

## 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 28 & 29, 2018

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of  
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

# THURSDAY MAY 3

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★



**EPHESIANS 4:3**  
MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY  
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

**Prayer and Meditation • 8 a.m.–5 p.m. • Chapel**  
**Special Service • 11:30 a.m. • Chapel**

As early as the days of Thomas Jefferson, we as a nation are called to pray. In 1952, a bill was introduced to set aside a day for prayer for our nation, other than a Sunday. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed into law that the first Thursday in May be a National Day of Prayer.

Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons, even political parties. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and He desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Prayer brings UNITY. In 2018, our theme will be **Pray for America — UNITY** (based upon Ephesians 4:3), which challenges us to mobilize unified public prayer for America, "Making every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

As congregations are encouraged to participate, New Covenant has a tradition of doing something specific in a "Call to Prayer" for the first Thursday in May. This year, we are setting aside the Chapel for contemplative, individual prayer and meditation. At 11:30 a.m., Rev. Marilyn Anell will lead a special Worship Service in praying for our country.

We encourage you to invite your friends and neighbors. Our Chapel is a wonderful environment for quiet time to reflect, meditate, and pray for our nation.

#pray4unity  
nationaldayofprayer.org

# connections



## 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 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](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

# FINANCE

## 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.

We have received contributions of \$18,062 towards the purchase of chairs for Lake Deaton.

## End-of-Year Finance Information

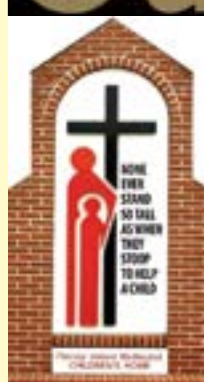
### Tax Reminder

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 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) 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.

# Outreach



## Fifth Sunday Weekend for the Children's Home!

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. On average, about 75 percent of our total funding comes from private sources, such as individual church support.

An envelope has been placed in your bulletin for your convenience. Please make checks payable to NCUMC with "FUMCH" on the memo line. Cash donations are also appreciated. For more information, please visit our kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services.

The Children's Home is so much more than its name implies. Its outreach programs include foster care programs in four counties; assisted residential living for youth in need who require a little extra supervision; daycare/early learning center for local children in need, for which a new building is under construction; and an off-site thrift shop. This is only a partial list. The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is a thriving ministry, always looking for better ways to share the love of Jesus by serving children, youth, and families in need.

On March 17, people from New Covenant visited the Children's Home "Day on Campus" and were impressed with the range and quality of services they provide to children and families in crisis. In a family-style environment with Christian houseparents, children attend school (K-12) right on campus. Activities include sports, performing arts, Christian youth group, and life/career skills. In a skit, two teens showed how instantaneous feedback from counselors helped them learn to respond in a positive, thoughtful manner when conflicts arise. The friendly smiles and respectful attitudes of everyone showed how effective the training is. Our visitors could feel the love on that campus!

Thank you for supporting this important ministry of our UMC Florida Conference.



## Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up

*Saturday & Sunday, May 5-6 — West Parking Lot*

The first Saturday and Sunday of each month, the Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the church parking lot to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.

Bargains & Blessings needs volunteers to work in the store and for intake. These positions require two half-days a month. For more information, please call Jane Sirek at (352) 817-1896 or Betty Montgomery at (352) 751-6798.



## 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.

# Congregational Care



## Yoga at New Covenant

*Mondays from 4–6 p.m. — Chapel*

Our intermediate and beginner/restorative yoga classes are moving to the Chapel beginning this week. Join us and discover how you can strengthen your body through yoga.

- 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).



## Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

*Thursday, May 10 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center*

All seniors in the "primes" of their lives are invited to Prime Time, as we celebrate Mother's Day! New Covenant's JOY! Singers will provide the program, along with singing with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at 750-4529 by Monday, May 7 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. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members.



## 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.



## Helen's Helpers

Helen's Helpers is a ministry that provides a volunteer to sit with the loved one from 1-3 hours while the primary caregiver gets a break to take care of appointments or errands. Each individual setting is assessed by one of our nursing team, who discerns if the loved one is a candidate for a Helen's Helper.

We will provide training. Contact Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529 to find out more.



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Jim Brown who has pancreatic cancer; Sandy LeBlanc; and Rev. Theo Gee. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Patti Wilcox, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ben; Denise & Tom Rudy, family and friends on the passing of her mother; Tom Ledger, family and friends on the passing of his wife Linda; Debbie Isherwood, family and friends on the passing of her mother Vivien Braddock; and the family and friends of Carole Jo Simpkins on her passing.

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

## New Concerns

Wayne Bierman, Shelly Blassingame, Elye Bowling, Teri Carroll, Dick Chester, Alex Couture, Eddie, Dick David, Fran Farley, Melinda Hay, Bob Logterman, Rita McGiven, Jimmy Miller, Mike Morris, Marjorie Morton, Ruby Oliver, Leslie Rabideau, Luke Rivera, Anne Treasure, Alicia Velez, Missy Volmer, Kay Wicklander, Thea Zimmerman