

# TidBits



## Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by John & Rita Fleming in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary.



## The Ticket Kiosk is Closed for the Summer!

Thanks to all our volunteers who worked in the Ticket Kiosk during the 2017-2018 concert and events series. Your dedication to supporting the various ministries that sponsor these events is greatly appreciated.



## ABBA Art Painting and Poetry

**Tuesday, May 22 at 1 p.m. — Classrooms 1 & 3**

This will be our last class for the season. See you next fall.



## SALT Quarterly Review

If you would like a to pick up a copy of the First Quarter 2018 SALT Review, please stop by the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.

You may also view and/or download a copy of the report from our website. Just click on the "Resources" button and select "Forms."



## Hearing Assistive Devices and Handicap Seating

Please stop by the Welcome Center in the East Narthex to sign out a hearing device.

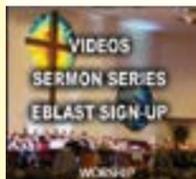
Handicap seating has been designated throughout the Christian Life Center. Please allow our congregants with special needs access to the identified seats.



## 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 \$22,522 towards the purchase of chairs for Lake Deaton.



## Are You Receiving the Pastors' Weekly Sermon Email?

We have a new, and easier, way for you to sign up for the pastors' eblasts. Just log onto the church website ([newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://newcovenantumc-fl.org)) and hold your mouse — or finger — over the Worship button (under Pastor Harold's photo).

There you will see "WORSHIP SERVICES," "SERMON SERIES," and "EBLAST SIGN-UP." Click "EBLAST SIGN-UP" and that will open the request form. Fill in the form completely and click "Sign Up." It's that easy!

You can also access this eblast sign-up form from the Member's Portal, if you have a church directory password. If you need a password for the Member's Portal, please call Dawn Chadwick, Technology Support Coordinator, at (352) 750-4529.

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
May 20	2 Chronicles 35-36	Psalms 5; 38; 41-42	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 22
May 21	Ezra 1-3	2 Samuel 22-23; Psalms 57	John 4:1-26	Luke 23
May 22	Ezra 4-7	Psalms 95; 97-99	John 4:27-5:9	Luke 24
May 23	Ezra 8-10	2 Samuel 24; 1 Chronicles 21-22; Psalms 30	John 5:10-35	Mark 1
May 24	Nehemiah 1-3	Psalms 108-110	John 5:36-6:14	Mark 2
May 25	Nehemiah 4-6	1 Chronicles 23-25	John 6:15-59	Mark 3
May 26	Nehemiah 7	Psalms 131; 138-139; 143-145	John 6:60-71	Mark 4
May 27	Nehemiah 8-9	1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalms 127	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 5

*From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'* (Acts 17:27-28)

*Lord, we seek to be more spiritual, yet our lives don't always align with what you had in mind. We fall short, falter, and sway back and forth like a rope swing blowing in the wind. Forgive us, Lord, when we say we are "Christians," yet our words and actions don't reflect Your character. Inspire us, Jesus, each and every day to adopt You in every aspect of our lives, so people know that You are real in us. 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	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	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	God Is Closer Than You Think	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Acknowledging God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Public Schools	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian group discussion	Classroom 3
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Facing The Giants In Your Life	Classroom 11

## 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. Email: [ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org)  
Fax: 352-259-2971

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship  
Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1) Website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)  
Sunday 8:30 • 9:45 • 11:00 a.m. Facebook: New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home

♿ Accessible • Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the Welcome Center. Handicap seating is available throughout the Christian Life Center.

### Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,302

(BEACH) 45 • (Roots) 14 • (Celebrate Recovery) 63 • (Fresh Expressions) 45  
(Saturday Contemporary) 259 • (Grounded Youth Group) 11  
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45- 230 • 9:15- 683 • 10:45- 524 • (Orchard Worship) 9  
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 8:30- 166 • 9:45- 127 • 11:00- 126

## SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

## MAY 19 & 20, 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

# Pentecost

## 2018 CONFIRMATION

Confirmation class attendees journey together toward their first profession of their intent to live as faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

Confirmation is not a destination. It is more of a way station, a place where we renew our commitment to the journey we have been traveling under the care of others.

After taking eight weeks of classes, and learning more about our Savior Jesus Christ, the following youth have made the decision to become confirmed in the United Methodist Church. Congratulations to these inspiring youth, and to their families for their support!

Grace Macinness  
Rayleigh Pounds\*  
Kayla Verzaal\*  
Ella Menefee

\* Names listed with an asterisk have also made the next step in their faith by being baptized.



# Outreach



## Early Response Team Member Meeting

Tuesday, May 22 at 6 p.m. — Classroom 3

The Early Response Team members will meet at the Summerhill campus to discuss several important assignments and issues. If you have any questions, please contact Jim or Carol Watson at (352) 205-8553 or [jwatso02@embarqmail.com](mailto:jwatso02@embarqmail.com).



## Volunteers Needed for Kids Central

New Covenant partners with Kids Central, Inc. to help to create brighter futures for children and families in Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, and Sumter counties, and Central Florida. The agency develops and manages a comprehensive, community-based, system-of-care for abused, neglected, and abandoned children and their families.

Kids Central is committed to promoting the welfare of expectant mothers, babies, children, families and young adults through prevention services, in-home care, foster care, and adoption. Volunteers are needed at the corporate office in Wildwood (901 Industrial Drive, Suite 200, Wildwood, next to Russell Stovers Candy Shop) for the following positions:

- **Education:** Assist the Educational Liaison with follow-up on the education of school-aged children in care (3-4 hours a week or more, if desired)
- **Resource Center:** Sort incoming donations, organize Resource Center, fill resource requests (3-4 hours a week or more, if desired)
- **Front Desk:** Answer phones, assist with mail (3-4 hours a week minimum or more, if desired)

Volunteers are also needed at the Wildwood Family Resource Center (336 South Main St.) to assist with various responsibilities. For more information, please contact Shawanna Felton, Community Facilitator at [shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org](mailto:shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org) or (352) 748-1354 / (352) 857-1358.



## Annual Bishop's Love Offering

Saturday & Sunday, May 26/27

The Bishop's Offering for Annual Conference 2018 will be divided evenly between ZOE Ministries and funding for training laity and clergy in innovative forms of evangelism.

### About ZOE Ministries

According to global research, 385 million children are living in extreme poverty throughout the world. The debilitating results are disease, hunger, exploitation, abuse, illiteracy, and hopelessness. ZOE's approach has proven that children living in poverty also hold the greatest capacity to create lasting solutions for themselves, their families, and their communities.

### Training Laity and Clergy

As I move about the Annual Conference, I consistently see our churches engaged with their communities in new and exciting forms of evangelism. Training our laity and clergy in ways of reaching out will be essential to sustaining and creating vital churches in the future, and in reaching new people with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for your generosity!

The Peace of the Lord, Kenneth H. Carter, Jr., Florida Area Resident Bishop



## The Church & Office will be Closed

Monday, May 28

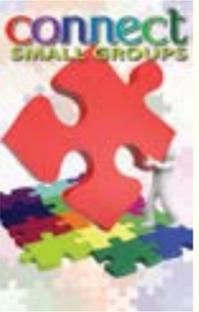
The church and Administration Office will be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. We will resume regular hours on Tuesday.

# connections



## NO Men's Prayer Breakfast NEXT Week

Our Men's Prayer Breakfast will not meet on Tuesday, May 29, following the Memorial Day holiday. Please join the men again on June 5.



## New Couples Group

Wednesdays, May 23 & 30 at 7 p.m. — The Village of St. Charles

**Love God! Love Others! Together IS Better!** Couples, are you interested in learning more about a **Connect Small Group**? Come to a "Get Acquainted" and launch of a new couples group at the home of Keith & Pat Webster. During these two evenings, you will have fun getting acquainted with other couples who are also looking to connect in a group, learn about how groups form, and how they focus on being a **Christ-centered, Connected, Caring, Community**.

For more information, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or call (352) 750-4529.



## 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).



## Thank You!

A huge THANK YOU goes out to all the volunteers who worked the Terrific Tuesday Fellowship Dinners. For all the greeters, hosts, hostesses, and food teams who set up the Fellowship Center, served food, and cleaned up/washed dishes, you are all greatly appreciated!

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## 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 at an "Evening of Family Worship and Praise" with The Collingsworth Family.

Tickets: \$15 General • \$20 Preferred • \$25 Artist Circle

Tickets are available at The Villages Box Office beginning June 14

A portion of the net proceeds benefits the New Covenant Worship & Music Ministry.



## Coming This Fall

October 14: Gordon Mote (with a guest appearance by Angie Rose)

November 9: Clark Barrios presents The Atlantic City Boys

November 11: Celebration Brass Band

November 16: The Booth Brothers

December 4: Choralettes in Concert

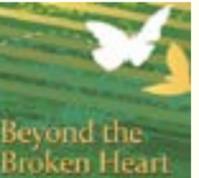
# Congregational Care



## Cancer Support Ministry

Friday, May 25 at 12 p.m. — Worship Center

If you are a survivor, currently battling, or a caregiver, you are welcome to attend our next gathering! This is a FREE event, but registration is appreciated. Please contact Katherine Poole at (352) 750-4529.



## 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.



## Praying Together

Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. in Classroom 14

Each week there is a faithful gathering of people to pray over the prayer cards and concerns of our congregation. They also pray for our church and our world.

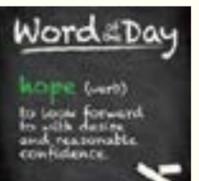
If you have a calling to intercede in prayer for others, this group welcomes you! "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." —Philippians 4:6



## Helen's Helpers

This ministry was developed to help primary caregivers receive a little break. We train volunteers to sit with your loved one for 1-3 hours while you get a break to run errands, go to doctor's appointments, or even play 9 holes. We are currently able to help with those within our New Covenant family of faith, or with our Alzheimer's Support ministry.

Contact Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529 to find out more.



## Hope for Hurting Parents Continues through Summer

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 quilt on the altar rail is for Langston Garrison, a 2-1/2-year-old born prematurely with speech delay. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Karla Percy, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dennis (Denny).

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

### New Concerns

Nancy Buttermark, Bob Christensen, Cliff Hawksley, Hope, Richard Jordan, Chris Miller, Millie Murray, Ed Schlaff, Gary Seyler, Braylon Simon, Cathy Wright, Dick Zimmerman