



## 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).



## Connect Small Groups

*Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!*

Yes, together **IS** better — with a group of five to twelve others who live out the vision, mission, and values of our church. Connect Small Groups focus on being a **C**hrist-centered, **C**onconnected, **C**aring, **C**ommunity where they learn how to love God more, and love others in their group and community.

There are groups for couples, women, men, and singles. For more information, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or call (352) 750-4529.

## TidBits



### Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by: Carol & Tom Carlyon in memory of Kristi Ogle’s daughter on her birthday, and Sheri & Leon Zaczek in celebration of the baptism of their granddaughter Sophia Lare Verxagio.



### Look, Learn, Lead Study Guides

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.



### Your Safety is Important to Us

Our latest Disaster Response Plan is now available on our website. Click on the “Resources” button and select “Forms.” The **2018 NCUMC Disaster Response** is listed second. Copies are also available in the Administration Office.

If you are interested in a Safety Training for your ministry or have any questions, please contact Larry Frum, Disaster Response Coordinator, at [frumlarry@aol.com](mailto:frumlarry@aol.com) or (352) 638-0533.



### 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 are 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 \$22,762 towards the purchase of chairs for Lake Deaton.

## Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
May 27	Nehemiah 8-9	1 Chronicles 26-29; Psalms 127	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 5
May 28	Nehemiah 10-11	Psalms 111-118	John 7:1–24	Mark 6
May 29	Nehemiah 12-13	1 Kings 1-2; Psalms 37; 71; 94	John 7:25–44	Mark 7
May 30	Esther 1-5	Psalms 119:1-88	John 7:45–8:11	Mark 8
May 31	Esther 6-10	1 Kings 3-4; 2 Chronicles 1; Psalms 72	John 8:12–59	Mark 9
June 1	Job 1-4	Psalms 119:89-176	John 9:1–16	Mark 10
June 2	Job 5-7	Solomon 1-8	John 9:17–41	Mark 11
June 3	Job 8-10	Proverbs 1-3	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 12

*Whoever wants to be great among you will be your servant. Whoever wants to be first among you will be the slave of all, for the Human One didn't come to be served but rather to serve and to give his life to liberate many people. (Mark 10:43-45)*

*Lord,* humility doesn't always come easy to us. It is within our nature, yet we have a tendency to lean toward pride. Our own vanity, egotism, and superiority gets in the way of modesty. Thank you for giving us a clear sense of direction and pointing us toward a meek way and manner. Help us, Jesus, to live into your words, “The first shall be last and the last shall be first.” We are humbled by your cross. 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	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	Migrant Children	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.

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

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

### Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,124

(BEACH) 45 • (Roots) 11 • (Celebrate Recovery) 57 • (Fresh Expressions) 46  
(Saturday Contemporary) 245 • (Grounded Youth Group) 25  
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–211 • 9:15–603 • 10:45–513 • (Orchard Worship) 9  
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:45–203 • 11:00–156



**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



**Wildwood Family Resource Center**  
336 S. Main Street  
Wildwood, FL 34785  
(352) 748-1354

*The Wildwood Family Resource Center* is part of a network of neighborhood-based resource centers created by Kids Central, Inc. to engage families in services that promote family well-being, safety and health.

In one of the most unique relationships, New Covenant is the only faith-based community in the state of Florida to partner with a social service agency to bring about change in a community.

**New Covenant works closely with the Resource Center to provide:**

- Rent for the building on S. Main Street in Wildwood
- Volunteers to assist with various needs at the Center
- Furniture and clothing through Bargains & Blessings or funding through the Church

The Wildwood Family Resource Center’s focus is protecting children, supporting families, and engaging communities. The neighborhood project involves residents, families, and resources from the community to assist families to reach their full potential and build stronger neighborhoods.

One program provided is a Self-Sufficiency Program which provides a “hand up” rather than a “hand out” to eligible families striving for long-term sustainability. Case management is provided for financial assistance, domestic violence cases, housing assistance, and assistance with employment or continuing education. Eligible clients must be a parent or a caregiver of a minor child who is currently in their care and residing in their home.

**Other Services Offered:**

- GED Resources - Job Searches and Assistance
- Social Service Referral – Family Support Services
- Trainings and Workshops - ACCESS Florida Application Site

For more information about programs and opportunities to volunteer, please contact Shawanna Felton, Community Facilitator for the Wildwood Family Resource Center, at (352) 748-1354 or [shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org](mailto:shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org).

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of  
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



### 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. Please use the envelope provided in your bulletin for your donation, then place it in the offering plate.

### Greater United Methodist News

**Upcoming Special Called 2019 General Conference**

Every four years, delegates from all over the world who are elected from each Annual Conference gather. These delegates, representing their annual Conferences, discuss, debate, and vote on amendments to the United Methodist Discipline. The Discipline is the "law" of the United Methodist Church. Only by General Conference vote can the Discipline be amended.

**At the 2016 General Conference there was great debate over two crucial points:**

- Allowing clergy the freedom to officiate at "Same Sex" unions
- Allowing "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy to be ordained in the United Methodist church

During the 2016 General Conference, the delegates did NOT vote on these amendments. The delegation asked for a group of people representing the diversity of our denomination to be assembled in order to discuss these points. The group of commissioned individuals was asked to propose "A Way Forward." Over the past two years, "The Commission of a Way Forward" has met and proposed these three options.

**Three Models (in no particular order):**

- Model #1 — Traditional Model: Affirm the current Book of Discipline language and place a high value on accountability. The United Methodist Book of Discipline says the practice of homosexuality "is incompatible with Christian teaching" and lists officiating at a same-gender union or being a "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy member as chargeable offenses under church law.
- Model #2 — The One-Church Model: Remove the Book of Discipline's restrictive language and place a high value on contextualization. This sketch also specifically protects the rights of those pastors and local churches whose conscience will not allow them to perform same-gender weddings or receive an ordained LGBTQ person as their pastor.
- Model #3 — Connectional Conference/Multi-branch Model: Create multiple branches that have clearly defined values, such as accountability, contextualization and justice. This model would maintain shared doctrine, services, and one Council of Bishops.

Having received and considered the extensive work of the Commission on a Way Forward, the Council of Bishops will submit a report to the Special Session of the General Conference in 2019 that includes:

- All three plans (The Traditional Plan, The One Church Plan, and the Connectional Conference/Multi-branch Plan) for a way forward
- The Council's recommendation, which is Model #2 — "One Church Model"
- An historical narrative of the Council's discernment process regarding all three plans

At 2019 General Conference, it is the Council of Bishop's responsibility to make a recommendation to the global delegates. The Council of Bishops does not have the final vote. The vote on these amendments rests with the entire global delegation.

The full report about the Council of Bishop's recommendation will be coming out on July 8. Over the next seven months, the United Methodist Churches around the world have been asked to pray for the decisions that will be made at the February 23-26, 2019 General Conference.

If you would like to know more, please visit [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org), "Way Forward Resources."



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



### 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.



### NO Men's Prayer Breakfast

There will be NO Men's Prayer Breakfast on Tuesday, May 29. Please join the men again on June 5.



### Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up

**Saturday, June 2 & Sunday, June 3 — West Parking Lot**

The truck will be at the church next weekend, but consider bringing items to the store Tuesday through Friday, then stay and shop.

**The Bargains & Blessings intake volunteers are asking for your assistance. Please...**

- Put clothing and linens in a clear bag, such as a recycle bag
- Put shoes in a separate bag
- Do not put breakable items in with clothes

We do NOT accept electronics, printers, VHS/DVD players, or old TVs (flat screens are ok), rags, coat hangers, or damaged furniture. Bargains & Blessings cannot repair items, so please do NOT drop off broken items. Also, Bargains & Blessings cannot wash items. If something is dirty, please wash it first or dispose of it another way. There is a list of items that are not accepted, so please call the store at (352) 330-3333 if you are unsure.



### Spirited Singles

The Spirited Singles Sunday School class will NOT meet in June.



### Celebrate America Cook Out

**Saturday, July 7 — Fellowship Center**

SAVE THE DATE! Immediately following Saturday Worship, please join us to connect with your fellow worshipers. More information to come.



### The Collingsworth Family

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

Traveling with her own grand piano, Kim is well-known for her phenomenal mastery of the piano and the extraordinary talent God has given her ("think" Gospel Liberace!).

The entire family sings together and the two oldest daughters are quite proficient on the violin and play at each of their concerts while Dad Phil plays trumpet. At the personal invitation of Bill & Gloria Gaither, The Collingsworth Family appeared on the newest Homecoming Series filmed at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. They have also been added as regulars on many of the Gaither Homecoming Concerts, making appearances with the Gaithers in some of their largest venues in the US and Canada. Their personal appearance schedule shows the broad appeal their family emphasis has, performing in all types of venues across the US, the Cayman Islands, and recently in Sweden.

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

**Tickets are available only 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)**

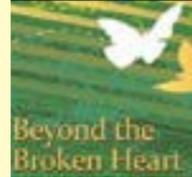
**November 9: Clark Barrios presents The Atlantic City Boys**

**November 11: Celebration Brass Band**

**November 16: The Booth Brothers**

**December 4: Choralettes in Concert**

## Congregational Care



### 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.



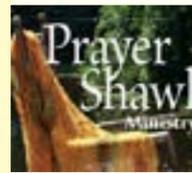
### Yoga at New Covenant

**Monday, June 4 from 4–6 p.m. — Chapel**

There will be NO Yoga on Monday, May 28. Please join us again on Monday, June 4. A suggested donation of \$3 per class goes to support our Congregational Health Ministry.

- 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) or Kayla McIntosh at [kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org).**



### Happy Hands

**Wednesdays from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Classroom 14**

If you know someone who would appreciate a prayer shawl, please stop by the Congregational Care office and get one. You are also welcome to stop by Classroom 14 when the team is knitting and crocheting.



### Prayers and Squares Quilt Ministry

If you have requested a prayer quilt, please stop by the Congregational Care office and pick it up the week after it has been on the altar. We do not have a large amount of space to keep them, so we appreciate if they are picked up promptly.

The requestor is responsible for getting the quilt to the recipient. We do not ship quilts from the Care office. Thank you for your help.



### Prayer Request Cards

Prayer requests are an important way for the Pastors to know your concerns. These requests are prayed over multiple times, and we are grateful for the opportunity to pray for you.

Place them in any of the Prayer Request boxes placed throughout the church. Each week we have a faithful gathering of people to pray over these prayer cards.

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." —Philippians 4:6*



### The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Jane Swafford who has been in rehab for months with hip problems. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Pete Nicholas, family and friends on the passing of his wife Paula; and Ruth Broadrick, family and friends on the passing of her grandson Brent Peterson.

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

### New Concerns

Janice Bailey, Bob Blanchette, Mark Bloom, Braddock Family, Keith Callaghan, Ed Christianson, James Couls, Kelly Di Prima, Carol Fountain, Judy Gauer, Judy Hasman, Vicky J., Jack Kolman, Patrick Krueger, Gary Lane, Anna Meyer, Suzanne Martinez, Pat McLaughlin, Ed McCallum, Roy McQueary, Lois Meidenbauer, Christine Moore, Operation Shoebox, Tom Pringle, Barb Nelson, Roger Reinert, Jackie Taylor