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Connect Small Groups

Friday, July 20 at 7 p.m. — Home of Pat & Keith Webster

Please join us for our "Couples Get Acquainted Gathering" at the home of the Websters. The purpose of this gathering is to enjoy fellowship, have fun, and get acquainted with other couples looking to get involved in a small group. Couples will also learn how Connect Small Groups at the Summerhill Campus are living out our vision, mission, and values.

If you are interested in attending or want more information please, contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529. Connect Small Groups are available for men, women, and singles.

Sunday Morning "Greeters"

We are looking for people to serve as "Greeters" during our Sunday 7:30 a.m. Worship Service, and at our Welcome Center during our 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. If you are available one Sunday (or more) a month to greet visitors and congregants as they come to worship, please contact Linda Fabing at fabinric@aol.com, or Joyce Dunne at jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



The Upper Room Launches Phase 3 of Praying our Way Forward

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Council of Bishops, in partnership with The Upper Room, is launching Phase 3 of *Praying our Way Forward*. Phase 1 involved 84 members of the Council of Bishops praying for The United Methodist Church's *Way Forward* for 15 minutes daily, from August to December 2016. This was followed by Phase 2, which resulted in 18 continuous months of daily individual and corporate prayer by faithful members of annual conferences around the globe.

"Now we are ready to launch Phase 3, which begins June 3 and continues through the Special Session of General Conference in February 2019. In this phase, we are encouraging every United Methodist to fast weekly and to pray daily with the Council of Bishops," said Bishop Al Gwinn, the Prayer Team Coordinator.

In Phase 3, all United Methodists are invited to:

- Engage in a weekly Wesleyan 24-hour fast from Thursday after dinner to Friday mid-afternoon. Those who have health situations causing food fasts to be inadvisable might consider fasting from social media, emails or another daily activity.
- Pause and pray for our church's mission and way forward daily for four minutes from 2:23 through 2:26 a.m. or p.m. in their own time zone OR at another time. This is because the Special Session of General Conference will be held February 23-26, 2019.
- Pray using a weekly prayer calendar that is posted on the umcprays.org website from through the end of February 2019. The calendar will list a unique cluster of names each week. The names will balance United States bishops and delegates with Central Conference bishops and delegates. It will also include General Secretaries, Commission on a Way Forward members, the Commission of the General Conference and the staff of the General Conference.

Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett, Council of Bishops Life Together chair, added: "We believe that the acts of weekly fasting and prayer will help us approach General Conference both individually and corporately in a posture of humility and receptivity to one another and to the leadership of God's Holy Spirit."

For more details, visit UMCPrays.org

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
July 15	Proverbs 7-9	2 Chronicles 28; 2 Kings 16-17	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 16
July 16	Proverbs 10-12	Isaiah 13-17	Acts 13:13-41	Matthew 17
July 17	Proverbs 13-15	Isaiah 18-22	Acts 13:42-14:18	Matthew 18
July 18	Proverbs 16-18	Isaiah 23-27	Acts 14:19-15:21	Matthew 19
July 19	Proverbs 19-21	2 Kings 18:1-8; 2 Chronicles 29-31; Psalms 48	Acts 15:22-41	Matthew 20
July 20	Proverbs 22-23	Hosea 1-7	Acts 16:1-24	Matthew 21
July 21	Proverbs 24-26	Hosea 8-14	Acts 16:25-17:9	Matthew 22
July 22	Proverbs 27-29	Isaiah 28-30	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 23

One day as Jesus was preaching on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, great crowds pressed in on him to listen to the word of God. He noticed two empty boats at the water's edge, for the fishermen had left them and were washing their nets. Stepping into one of the boats, Jesus asked Simon, its owner, to push it out into the water. So he sat in the boat and taught the crowds from there. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Now go out where it is deeper, and let down your nets to catch some fish." (Luke 5:1-4)

Lord, we have a tendency to stick to the shallows of life where it's easier and safer to maneuver. All too often, we want to play it safe rather than risk something of our very selves or risk something for someone else. Yet, you constantly challenge us to go deeper in our faith and trust that you will always be there. Take us, Lord, to deeper waters. 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	Going Deeper in Prayer	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Anxious for Nothing, Finding Calm in a Chaotic World	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	New Testament Justice	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian Group Discussion	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Asylum	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
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 9:00 • 10:30 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: 2,092

(Celebrate Recovery) 74 • (Fresh Expressions) 52 • (Grounded Youth Service) 30
(Saturday Contemporary) 264 • (Orchard Worship) 5
(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-188 • 9:15-597 • 10:45-496
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00-214 • 10:30-172

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

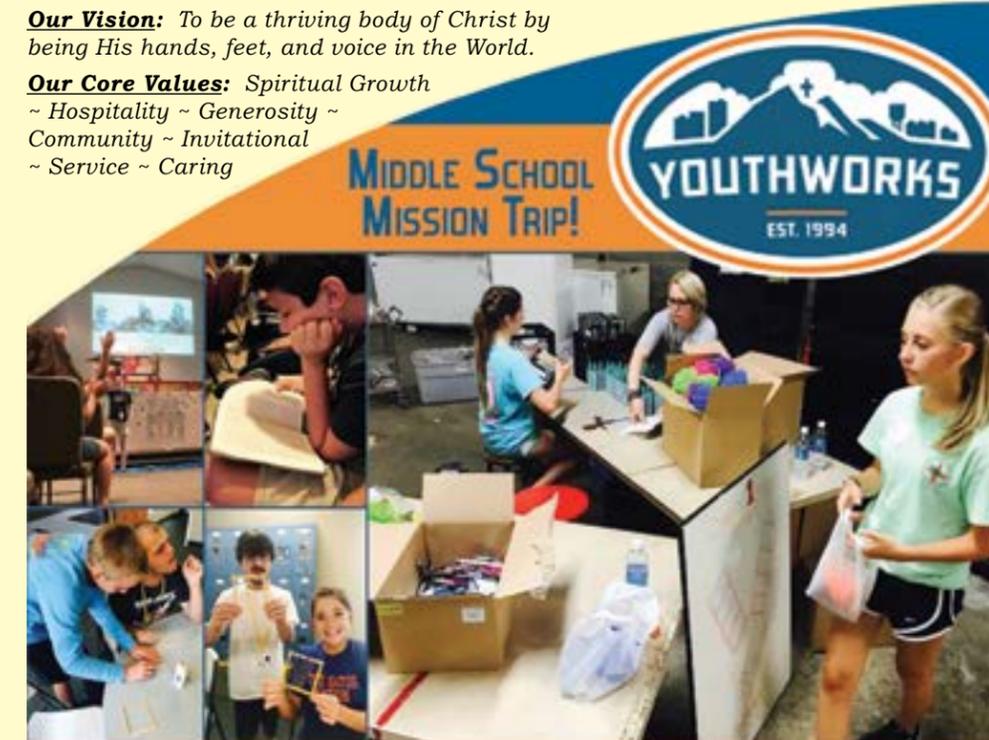
JULY 14 & 15, 2018

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



YOUTHWORKS

is a summer mission program dedicated to connecting teenagers and communities to God. Through this amazing organization, the youth have an opportunity to worship, serve, and build lifelong friendships, while also growing in their relationship with the Lord. This program is the epitome of what helping others is all about, and our middle school youth have the chance to experience it all first-hand.

This summer our middle schoolers have the opportunity to travel to Bayou La Batre, Alabama, to help and serve alongside other youth members in the surrounding community. The young teens will volunteer at various service sites, including the local soup kitchen, food bank, group-led community cleanup, thrift stores and more. The middle school mission team will also participate in the Youthworks organization's ministry programs, their exciting praise and worship nights, and even experience some great fellowship at a community BBQ! Along with all the fun activities, games, and songs, our young people will become more knowledgeable of God's word and how to apply those teachings to become the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in the world. We give thanks to the parents for allowing their youth to join us on this mission experience, and to our amazing trip leaders, who are helping to spiritually guide them on this journey.

Our 2018 Mission Team Members...

- Michael Beck
- Trey Bouchard
- London Campbell
- Adalia French
- James Garvey
- Maya Kindle
- Kyra Kramer
- Grace Macinness
- Kaitlyn McLaughlin
- Ella Menefee
- Anna Mizzell
- Megan Mylott
- Rayleigh Pounds
- Cylie Reeder
- Seth Sheffield
- Mallory Stevens
- Kayla Verzaal
- Leighan Verzaal
- Taylor Wilbon
- Don Buckley, Chaperone
- Jay Newport, Chaperone
- Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister

Outreach



Compassion Experience

Are you sponsoring a child from Compassion Experience? We would love for you to share your stories, experiences, and letters. We have received several wonderful reports of correspondence from children that were sponsored by our "Experience" held here in January.

So that we may share your stories in our upcoming focus in August, please submit anything you would like to share to Kathy Hudak Yoakum, Outreach Coordinator, at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



ZOE Ministry

New Covenant — through Helping Hands — is the sponsor of a group of orphans in Zimbabwe, Africa, through ZOE (pronounced Zoey) Ministry. Zoe provides a 3-year education/training program, through which children are empowered socially, economically, and spiritually to help ensure that they never need charity again.

In June of 2019, we have an opportunity to travel to Zimbabwe to meet and encourage our sponsored group. We will meet the in-country staff members and the incredible young people who are being empowered by our sponsorship with ZOE.

Learn more about ZOE Ministry by going to www.wearezoe.org. For more information about this trip, please contact Charles Stuart at (352) 561-4263 or cstuartspk@gmail.com, or Kathy Hudak Yoakum, Outreach Coordinator, at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

TidBits



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by: Tim & Betty Stillson in memory of their son Brian; Jerry & Joan Conde in celebration of their 50th anniversary; and Roger & Diana Baldwin in celebration of their 55th anniversary.



We Need Your Help!

Our final Family Fun event of the summer will be a 'Block Party' on Friday, July 27, and we need donations of LEGOs®. These can be kits of any variety. LEGO® kits can be found at Walmart, Target, Amazon, or dollar stores.

We will be having families with students from Pre-K to 8th grade, and we are looking for sets of large LEGOs® to small kits. Your help is appreciated!

You may drop off your LEGO® donations outside the Children's Room.



New Covenant Library

July is a good month to reflect upon the birth of our nation and our rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our founding fathers called upon God to help them establish the United States, and that belief in God has helped carry our nation through many trials and tribulations. Our Library is featuring many books and DVDs to help you understand our nation's commitment to serving God in all we do.

"Scrapbookers" Needed for Library

We are looking for several people who like to scrapbook. We are putting together articles about New Covenant's history and need many hands to put them together. If you have an interest and would like to help, please call Sandy Miller at (352) 751-1420.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



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 Liberate!).

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, TN. 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.

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



Summer Guest Worship Musicians

Saturday & Sunday, July 21 & 22 — Eirinn Abu, soprano sax

This instrumental phenomenon began playing at age 10 in Maryland. His first independently released smooth jazz CD featured accompaniment of the Miami Sound Machine and the writing experience of Jon Secada. Giving his instrument a new voice and sound, full of soul and emotions, Eirinn's peers call him the instrumental version of Josh Groban and Andrea Bocelli. His talent has warranted Dolly Parton's singing her *I Will Always Love You* on his Christian CD, *A New Creation*. Abu and his wife Brandy Doyle moved from Nashville, Tennessee, to Rockledge, Florida, over five years ago and recently relocated to the Venice area as they continue to share their music ministry with churches around the country.



Sunday, July 29 — Jan Lavin, guest vocalist

Jan Lavin, a Villages resident, will share her musical talent with us.

Saturday & Sunday, August 11 & 12

Clay Crosse released his first album, *My Place is With You*, in 1994. *I Surrender All* was the most successful single from the album. Clay became known for singles such as *I Surrender All*, *He Walked a Mile*, and *Saving the World*. He won the Dove Award for "New Artist of the Year" in 1994. Clay's music has a pop soulful style. Nine songs from his first four projects became No. 1 singles. During this time, *He Walked a Mile* won the 1997 CCM Adult Contemporary Song of the Year. He also collaborated with Bob Carlisle and BeBe Winans on *I Will Follow Christ*, which won a Dove award for "Inspirational Song of the Year." He now serves as Music Pastor at First Baptist Church in Bentonville, AR. Clay continues to sing and lead worship at events nationwide. Clay and his wife have been married since 1990 and have four children.



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.

Congregational Care



New Fresh Expressions!

Thursday, July 19 at 1 p.m. — Classroom 11

We are expanding our Fresh Expressions Ministry by partnering with Buffalo Crossings to create *Breakfast and Blessings*. It will be a time of music, fellowship, and devotion at this independent living facility.

We are in need of volunteers to talk with residents, musicians, singers, and speakers. Please join us at this initial meeting. For more information, please contact Christine Batchelder at cbatchelder@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



NO Yoga until August 13

Yoga at the Summerhill campus will not meet in July. Wildwood UMC also offers yoga on Wednesdays at 11 a.m., so check out that class this month!

For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh at kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Prime Time Returns in August

Thursday, August 9 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

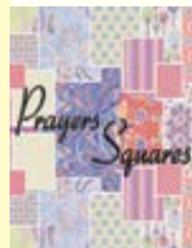
PrimeTime will resume in August. Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, August 6 and indicate if you need transportation.



Life Inventory Forms

Do you have a Life Inventory on file with the Congregational Care office? This is an important document that helps us know what to do if something happens to you. It outlines basic information, emergency contacts, and how you want your celebration of life to be handled.

Stop by the Congregational Care office and pick up a form, complete it, and bring it back to us. We scan it and then shred the written copy. We want to be able to help your loved ones with pertinent information. We also have the "Five Wishes" booklet available, which outlines how to handle end of life issues.



Prayers & Squares Quilt Ministry

Please be sure if you order a quilt, that you pick it up promptly from the Congregational Care office. Also, we do not mail quilts or deliver them. It is the requester's responsibility to make sure the quilt is delivered to the recipient. Thank you for your help with this important ministry! If you have any questions, please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Sydney McDougal who has been very ill; and Charlee O'Reilly who is in a leg brace. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Marcia Zucker, family and friends on the passing of her husband Howard; Sally Pchola, family and friends on the passing of her daughter Lesley Toma; Charlie Parnell, family and friends on the passing of his wife Erline; Nancy Evans, family and friends on the passing of her husband Chuck; and the family and friends of Betty Mullon on her passing.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

New Concerns

Ann Burns, Peggy Bys, Michelle Davidson, Michael Foote, Family of Tag Greene, Joyce Groat, Sydney Hamilton, Natalie Isherwood, Jimmy Miller, John Miller, Betty Mullon, William Nelson, John Nuernberg, Roger Reinert, Diane Sain, Audrey Schien, Bubba Swartz, Fran Warner, Cooper Williams