

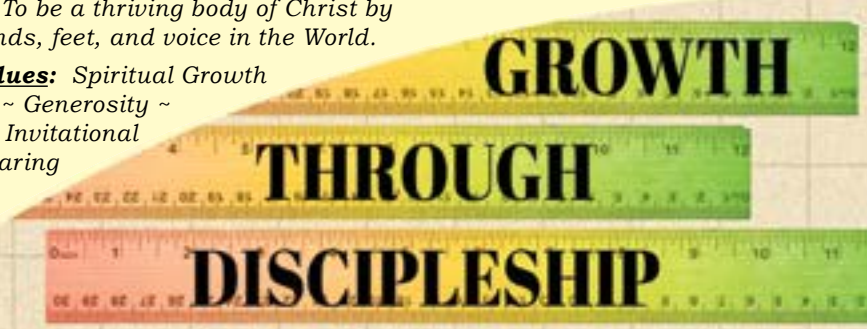


Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
 Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
 Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
 Congregational Life
 Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

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



Opportunities to Grow Spiritually While Following Jesus!

Studies from September - April/May

Community Bible Study (CBS): Mondays from 3-5 p.m. • September 10-May 6

CBS is an international, interdenominational Bible Study organization, open to all women who are interested in learning more about the Bible. This year CBS will be studying Job, Philippians, James, and Christian Living which includes Philemon, 1,2, 3 John, and Jude. For more information, come to the "Open House" on Monday, August 20 from 1-3 p.m. in Classrooms 2 and 3.

Villages Evening Bible Study (VEBS): Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. • September 10-April 15

VEBS is a Bible study for both men and women. This year VEBS will be studying Daniel for 12 weeks, followed by an 18-week study on Revelation. New members, men and women, are welcome to attend the first class to learn more about the study, or you may contact Clark Mosier at (352) 751-5274 for more information.

Bible Studies*

DISCIPLE I (Fast Track) Bible Study: Tuesdays from 1:30-3 p.m. • September 18-March 26
Becoming Disciples through Bible Study gives equal time to both the Old and New Testament, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as the revelation of God.

• Instructor: Mike Patterson

DISCIPLE III (Fast Track) Bible Study: Wednesdays from 2:30-4 p.m. • September 19-March 27
Remember Who You Are concentrates on the Old Testament prophets and the letters of Paul.

• Instructor: George deJager

Great Traditions of the Christian Faith: Fridays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. • October 5-November 16
 Experience a seven-week journey and conversation with Jesus and the saints of the Christian faith, from the New Testament to the present! An intense, rewarding journey which will inspire you to a more mature, balanced faith.

• Instructor: Rev. Ken Pyles

Walk to Emmaus

Time is quickly running out to get a sponsor and participate in this year's Walks. You can check out necessary information on <https://www.aldersgateemmaus.org/applications> for the Men's Walk, October 4-7 and the Women's Walk, October 11-14. Walks will also be held in March and October 2019. For more information, please contact Nancy Casto at (352) 633-3288 or (304) 482-4269.

Sunday Christian Education Classes

Check the back of the weekly bulletin for all the opportunities offered each Sunday morning.

*** You may pick up information about these studies, and how to register, at a Kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend.**

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
August 19	Jeremiah 26-29	2 Kings 24-25; 2 Chronicles 36	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 7
August 20	Jeremiah 30-31	Habakkuk	Romans 9:1-29	Luke 8
August 21	Jeremiah 32-34	Jeremiah 41-45	Romans 9:30-10:13	Luke 9
August 22	Jeremiah 35-37	Jeremiah 46-48	Romans 10:14-11:10	Luke 10
August 23	Jeremiah 38-41	Jeremiah 49-50	Romans 11:11-36	Luke 11
August 24	Jeremiah 42-45	Jeremiah 51-52	Romans 12	Luke 12
August 25	Jeremiah 46-48	Lamentations 1:1-3:36	Romans 13:1-14:13	Luke 13
August 26	Jeremiah 49-50	Lamentations 3:37-5:22	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 14

He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do." (Acts 9: 4-6)

Lord, help us to not only find our way, but to live into what it means to be a "follower of the way." You teach us that you are the way, the truth, and the life. Our direction comes from you. Holding tight to your truth comes from you. The essence of life comes from you. Way, Truth, Life, you are the whole package. 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	How Are You Sleeping	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Spiritual Blindness	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	Maternity Leave	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	Spiritual Blindness	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. Fax: 352-259-2971
 Email: ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org

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

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
 Sunday 9:00 • 10:30 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.

Like us on Facebook: [New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home](#)
 We regularly update our Facebook page with photos, announcements, and events.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 1,979

(Celebrate Recovery) 52 • (Fresh Expressions) 32
 (Orchard Worship) 12 • (Grounded Youth Group) 28
 (Saturday Contemporary) 246 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-156 • 9:15-589 • 10:45-507
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00-192 • 10:30-165

TidBits

Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by: Peg Tabor in memory of JR Tabor; and Sue Machol in memory of Bruce Machol.

Chancel Choir

Wednesdays, beginning August 22 at 6 p.m. — Classrooms 8/9

If you've ever wanted to be a part of the Chancel Choir as they lead in worship, please join us. No auditions are required!

Holy Land Trip in 2019 Informational Meeting

Wednesday, September 5 at 9:30 a.m. — Chapel

Pastor Harold will lead another trip to the Holy Land from March 18-27, 2019. If you are interested in going and would like to know about the trip, please join us for an informational meeting. Please pick up a brochure and add your name to the "Interest List" at the Welcome Center or Ticket Kiosk in either Narthex.

North Central District Lay Servants Training Event

Saturday, September 8 — Forest UMC, Silver Springs, Florida

This *Basic Course for Lay Servants* provides the framework for all leadership in mission and ministry. This course will equip leaders to better lead not only in your church, but also in the local community.

Forest UMC is located at 17635 E SR 40, Silver Springs. For more information, please contact Jo Jones at (352) 750-4529 or jjones@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

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.

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.

Look, Learn, Lead Guides & Small Group Study Questions

If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide, or "Small Group Study Questions" for those want to delve deeper into Pastor Harold's sermon series, they are available at the Welcome Center, a kiosk, and a table in the East Narthex.

All "LLL" study guide are also available on our website — just click the "Worship" button and select "Sermon Series." Choose whichever series you wish to download.

Pastors' Sermons are on Our Website

Just a Reminder: If you are unable to attend weekend Worship Services, you may still hear our pastor's weekly message on our website!

Log on to www.newcovenantumc-fl.org, hover over the "Worship" button, click on "Worship Services," and select the date you wish to watch.



Children & Youth

Family Fun Event: Back to School Bash (Co-Event)
 Wednesday, August 22 from 6–7 p.m. — Classrooms 1, 3, Children's Room
 Summer is over and it's time to settle back into a routine. Join us for this co-event for fellowship and tips on having the best school year yet. This is a free event. Check-in is in the Children's Room.

- Parent Class: *How to Do Homework with Your Kids*
 Led By: Jeff Vermilya, M.Div., Ed.S., Associate Director of Care
- Kid Class: *Keeping a Routine* (Craft + Refreshments)
 Led By: Brianna Jimenez, Children's Minister

To register, go to our website, click the "Registrations" tab at the top of the homepage, then select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button. If you have any questions or issues with registrations, please contact Brianna at (352) 750-4529 or bjimenez@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Semi-Annual Youth Car Wash — Save the Date!
 October 6 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. — Summerhill West Parking Lot
 Tickets will be available at the Ticket Table and on our website beginning August 25.

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla McIntosh, Youth Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Net proceeds will benefit our Youth Ministry Summer 2019 Mission Trips.

connections

Connect Small Groups — "Get Connected"
 Puzzled about how you can "fit into" our large church? Connect Small Groups can help! Groups focus on spiritual growth, connecting in fellowship, caring for each other, and taking advantage of opportunities to serve others. Find a group that "fits" you today! Groups are available for women, men, couples, and singles.

To get connected, contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Women's Ministry

September Women's Gathering
 Thursday, September 20 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Room
 Let's taste and see that the Lord is good! This month we'll learn ten lessons from the apple tree and find out why we should have "an apple a day." Join us for our fall opening event and bring a friend! God loves to see us in fellowship with Him — after all, we are the "APPLE of His Eye!"

Menu: Roast Pork Tenderloin with Glazed Sliced Apples, Buttered Green Beans, Petite Rolls, and Apple Bread Pudding with Caramel Sauce

Tickets: \$7
 Tickets go on sale next weekend for the first Women's Gathering of the season. Lunch is included and follows our program. You must purchase your ticket by noon on Monday, September 17.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Ticket Kiosk Reopens next Weekend!
 Saturday & Sunday, August 25 & 26 — West Narthex
 Our Ticket Kiosk reopens next weekend! On sale will be the Women's Monthly Gathering, the Youth Car Wash, and Dinner with Don Piper.

Gordon Mote with guest Angie Rose
 Sunday, October 14 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center
 Back by popular request, Gordon Mote returns to kick off our 2018-2019 Concert Series. Also making a special guest appearance is our very own Angie Rose who will join Gordon on a few select songs.

Blind since birth, Mote's faith provides the foundation for his life and constantly fuels his creative spirit. Gordon is one of today's most-respected talents, and has toured with Lee Greenwood, Trisha Yearwood, Tanya Tucker, Porter Wagoner, the Gaither Vocal Band, and the long-running Gaither Homecoming Tour. In addition, he has played for country music's biggest names, including Brad Paisley, Blake Shelton, Martina McBride, Rascal Flatts, and Darius Rucker.

He has earned two Academy of Country Music Awards for top piano/keyboard player as well as two Music Row Magazine Instrumentalist of the Year Awards (2009, 2011) for playing on the most top ten albums.

Tickets: \$20 (Artist Circle) • \$15 (General Admission)
Tickets will be available at The Villages Box Office beginning Thursday, September 6.
 Net proceeds will benefit New Covenant Congregational Care Ministries.

Dinner with Don Piper
 Wednesday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center
 Dinner will be followed by Rev. Piper's introduction of his latest book, *People I Met At The Gates of Heaven*. Rev. Piper will have his new book available for sale/autographs following the presentation.

Tickets: \$10
 Tickets will be available at our Ticket Kiosk beginning August 25, and must be purchased no later than November 2 by noon.

Menu: Fresh Spinach Salad with Cranberries & Pecans; Roast Pork Loin with Garlic, Rosemary, and Pan Gravy; Au Gratin Potatoes; Green Beans in Lemon Butter; Dinner Rolls; and Chocolate Cream Pudding Tarts

Upcoming Events at the Summerhill Campus!

- October 11: Dinner & Movie at 5:30 p.m.**
 Watch for more information in the bulletin
- November 9: Clark Barrios presents The Atlantic City Boys at 7 p.m.**
Tickets available only at The Villages Box Office
- November 11: Celebration Brass Band at 6 p.m.**
Tickets will be available at our Ticket Kiosk beginning September 30
- November 16: The Booth Brothers at 7 p.m.**
Tickets available only at The Villages Box Office beginning October 11
- November 29: The Villages Flute Choir at 7p.m.**
At-door Donation

Congregational Care

Yoga Classes
 Mondays from 4–6p.m. — Chapel
 Our weekly yoga classes have resumed. Intermediate yoga is at 4 p.m. and gentle restorative yoga is at 5 p.m. Yoga is a wonderful practice that increases flexibility and improves balance. A suggested \$3 donation per class goes to support our Congregational Health Ministry.
 For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh at kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org, or Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.

NO Precious Pillows Meeting in August
 Our regularly scheduled meeting on August 21 has been cancelled. Please join us again on September 18 at 12:30. For more information, please call Pat McLaughlin at (386) 688-7873.

GriefShare®
 Monday, September 10 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Chapel
 Save the date for our first class. GriefShare® is a 13-week journey that guides those who have lost loved ones through the stages of grief and walking a new road.

Registration is required for all of the sessions. Once the session starts, the class will be closed so we can properly accommodate class sizes and leaders. Please call Congregational Care at (352) 750-4529 to register. You may also register on Monday, September 10 at 9:30 a.m. (prior to the beginning of the first class).

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 that are 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 quilts on the altar rail are for: Carol Ducote who is blind and has been diagnosed with oral cancer; Caroline Stammler who has non-alcoholic cirrhosis; Agnes Williams who is undergoing radiation treatment for breast cancer; Paisley Grace Buske who is a newborn; Bob Pointer who is on in-home hospice; and Debbie Closser who has stage-4 lung cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
 Joan Wenker, family and friends on the passing of her husband Rev. Bill Wenker; Linda Arnold, family and friends on the passing of her niece Tammy Bostick; and the family and friends of Patti Wilcox on her passing.
 For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

New Concerns
 Amy, Joan Moses Anderson, Brian Baker, Peggy Burton, Linda Byus, Joy Carnley, Carol Ducote, Elsa, Isherwood Family, Keaton Family/Pighes Family, Beth Korby, Louie, Sheila Love, Mike, Danny Millsaps, Patty, Faye Phillips, Richard, Dick Richards, David Rodgers, June Steinbock, Susan Suhre, Uldine Weber, Mary Gardner, Beverly Vender, Bill Wineland, Sue Wyman, Barbara Zablocki