



Altar Flowers

The Altar flowers have been provided by Rick & Pauline Newton in celebration of their 55th anniversary.



Register for Upcoming Classes/Bible Studies

You can register from home on our website by clicking the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page. Select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button. Click on the class that you want to take and follow the prompts to register and pay. You may pay with a credit or debit card, or electronic check (NO AMEX and NO cash). You may also register at a kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services next weekend, September 8/9.

Registration is Currently Open for these DISCIPLE Bible Studies

- **DISCIPLE I:** Tuesdays, September 18–March 26 from 1:30–3 p.m.
- **DISCIPLE III:** Wednesdays, September 19–March 27 from 2:30–4 p.m.

Registration Opens September 7 for the following Classes/Studies

- **Women's Bible Study — Epic of Eden: Ruth**
Daytime: Tuesdays, September 25–October 30 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m.
Evening: Tuesdays, September 25–October 30 from 6–8 p.m.
- **The Great Traditions of the Christian Faith**
Fridays, October 5–November 16 from 9:30–11:30 a.m.
- **The Apostles' Creed (A Member Path Class)**
Mondays, September 17–November 19 from 1–2:30 p.m.
Instructor: Gary Cantrell
- **Network Class/Spiritual Gifts (A Member Path Class)**
Wednesdays, September 26–November 14 from 9–10:30 a.m.
Instructor: Gary Cantrell
- **John Wesley and Our Wesleyan Heritage (A Member Path Class)**
Wednesdays, October 17 and 24 from 9:30–10:30 a.m.
Instructor: Pastor Harold

Member Path Classes typically follow soon after your New Member Class, but are also open to all congregants. These classes move you closer to fellowship, ministry, and relationship with Jesus Christ. Handouts with more information about these classes is available at a kiosk in the East Narthex.

If you have any questions on registering for a class, please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



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 on a table in front of the Ticket Kiosk, and a kiosk and a table in the East Narthex.

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



Paul, A Trail Blazer for Christ

If you haven't yet picked up a map and timeline of Paul's journeys, they are available with the "Look, Learn, Lead" study guides.

Your Scripture for this Week

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
September 2	Ezekiel 13-15	Ezekiel 20-21	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 21
September 3	Ezekiel 16-17	Ezekiel 22-23	1 Corinthians 5:1–6:11	Luke 22
September 4	Ezekiel 18-20	Ezekiel 24-27	1 Corinthians 6:12–7:16	Luke 23
September 5	Ezekiel 21-22	Ezekiel 28-31	1 Corinthians 7:17–40	Luke 24
September 6	Ezekiel 23-24	Ezekiel 32-34	1 Corinthians 8:1–9:18	John 1
September 7	Ezekiel 25-27	Ezekiel 35-37	1 Corinthians 9:19–10:13	John 2
September 8	Ezekiel 28-30	Ezekiel 38-39	1 Corinthians 10:14–11:1	John 3
September 9	Ezekiel 31-33	Ezekiel 40-41	Sunday: No Reading	John 4

While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. (Acts 13:2-4)
Lord, when you call, give us the courage to go where you have sent us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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	A Mature, Balanced Faith	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Anxious for Nothing	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	Genesis	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian Group Discussion	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	The Morality of the Death Penalty	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	CANCELLED — This week only	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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♿ 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](https://www.facebook.com/newcovenantumc-fl.org)
We regularly update our Facebook page with photos, announcements, and events.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,171
(Celebrate Recovery) 43 • (Fresh Expressions) 144
(Orchard Worship) 6 • (Grounded Youth Group) 34
(Saturday Contemporary) 281 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–205 • 9:15–614 • 10:45–477
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00–194 • 10:30–173



Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

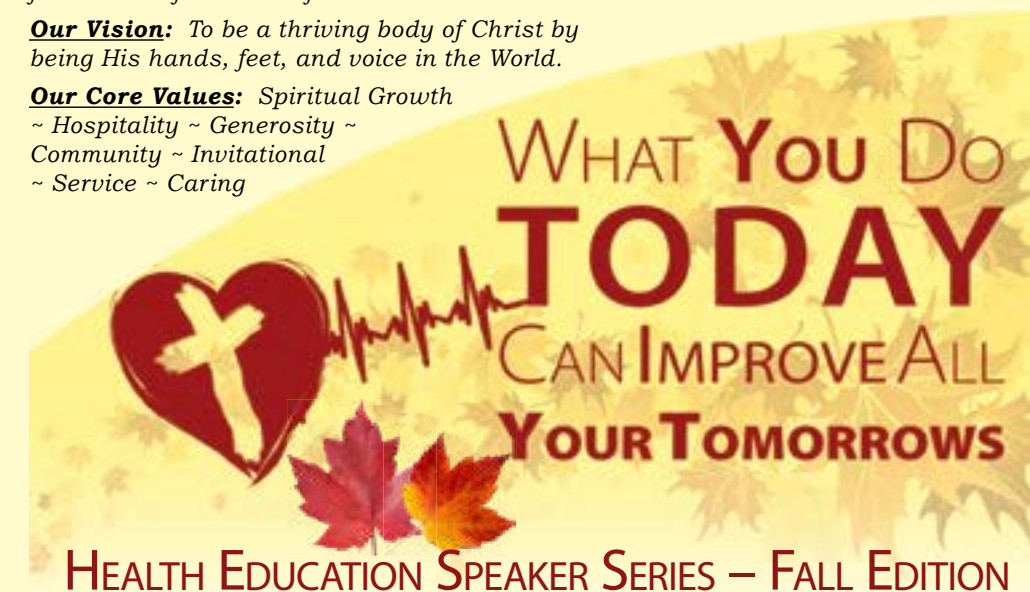
Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

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



HEALTH EDUCATION SPEAKER SERIES – FALL EDITION

New Covenant is excited to announce our fall edition of the Health Education Speaker Series! The Congregational Health Ministry Team has worked very hard to provide a diversity of topics that are pertinent to our community and our time! Please mark these dates on your calendar and come join us as we learn about taking better care of ourselves! All speaker sessions are free and open to the public, so please bring a friend with you!

The sessions will all be held in the Fellowship Center at 6 p.m.

Monday, September 10

Karen Mercer from Cornerstone Hospice is our guest to talk about *Hospice 101*. What does hospice mean? What are the facts? Are there different types of hospice care? Bring your questions as we have a terrific learning session from Cornerstone Hospice.

Monday, October 8

Dr. Cathrine Keller, Managing Physician and Partner of Lake Imaging, is presenting on breast health and issues. October is National Breast Cancer awareness month, so we are especially pleased to offer this timely discussion on diagnostics and testing procedures.

Monday, November 12

Dr. David Casper and Dr. Joanna Bolton from Alliant Dermatology are going to host a panel discussion on our largest organ — the skin — its diseases and treatment. Dr. Casper is part of our community of faith and has been so gracious to give of his time for previous talks, and we are thrilled to welcome Dr. Bolton to this session as well!

Congregational Health Ministry Team is always looking for more people who are interested in proactively seeking better health.

If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, please contact Debbie Mancos, co-chair, at debbiemancos@gmail.com or Karen Hughes, co-chair, at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.

More exciting speakers are being planned for our spring sessions!



TidBits



Communion Sunday

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to live in peace with one another.

Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome! We serve by intinction and offer gluten-free bread and individual cups at stations located at the FRONT and BACK center serving sections.



The Church & Office will be Closed

Monday, September 3

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



NO Men's Prayer Breakfast this Week

Tuesday, September 4

There will be NO Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, September 4. Please join us again on Tuesday, September 11 in the Fellowship Center.



Early Response Team Meeting

Tuesday, September 4 at 6 p.m. — Classrooms 6/7

If you are already certified or interested in finding out more about the Early Response Team, you are invited to our meeting. For more information, please contact Jim Watson at (440) 537-2215.



Volunteers Needed for Kids Central

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

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 a follow-up on the education of school-aged children in care (3-4 hours a week or more, if desired). A background with school systems is needed.
- **Resource Center:** Sort incoming donations, organize Resource Center, fill resource requests (3-4 hours a week minimum or more, if desired)

For more information, please contact Shawanna Felton, Community Facilitator, at (352) 748-1354 or (352) 857-1358 or shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org.



Attendance Pad Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to pull the attendance sheets following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. If this is something you feel led to do, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org for a complete job description and questions.



Your Weekly Bulletin

Each week we monitor the number of persons attending Worship Services and print bulletins based on those numbers to allow each person attending to keep a copy. Not only does the bulletin have information to assist you in Worship, it also contains information about the various activities and ministries of the church, as well as the upcoming week's calendar of events.

Rather than handing the bulletin to an usher as you depart Worship, please take your bulletin home for reference and to be in prayer for our church and all our activities.

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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.



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, September 8 at 4:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Sunday, September 9 from 8:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Visitors, non-members, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant and get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible Studies, Connect Small Groups, and Membership.

If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Connect Small Groups

Love God! Love Others! Together IS Better!

New Connect Small Groups are forming. Get connected today. Groups foster discipleship and friendship as a Christ-Centered, Connected, Caring, Community. Groups are available for couples, women, men and singles.

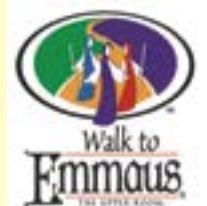
For more information, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Table Talk

We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for October through December. Table Talk is a fun way to meet new people in a relaxed setting. Six people gather for dinner once a month for three months. It can be at home, at a restaurant, or a combination.

If you are interested in joining this session, please complete a form located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex. For more information, please contact Patty Halstead at patty.charlie@comcast.net or 633-2470 with questions.



Emmaus

The Tri-County Cluster serves northern Lake, Marion, and Sumter Counties and is affiliated with the Aldersgate Emmaus Community. Membership in the Cluster is open to any person who has been on a Walk to Emmaus or other Fourth Day Experience (Cursillo, Tres Dias, etc.) recognized by The Upper Room.

Tri-County Cluster Gathering

Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship, singing, sharing and communion. All Gatherings include a covered dish dinner and are open to any member of the Cluster and their invited guests.

Upcoming Walks to Emmaus

It is not too late to get a sponsor and complete the necessary paperwork for an upcoming Walk to Emmaus.

- Men's Walk: October 4–7
- Women's Walk: October 11–14

Future Walks will be held in March and October of 2019. For more information about Emmaus Walks or Gatherings, please visit their website at www.aldersgateemmaus.org or contact Nancy Casto at (352) 633-3288 or (304) 482-4269.

Congregational Care



NO Yoga Next Monday, September 3

Our regular Monday Yoga class is cancelled Monday for the Labor Day Holiday as the church and offices will be closed.

Join us again on Monday, September 10 in the Christian Life Center. Bring your mat and plenty of water. A \$3 donation for Congregational Health Ministry is appreciated.

- 4–5 p.m. — Intermediate Yoga
 - 5–6 p.m. — Beginners Yoga
- For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh at kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org, or Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, September 13 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Our September Prime Time will be a Hawaiian theme. It will feature: a sing-along with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, devotion with Jeff Vermilya, Associate Director of Care, and our program, with the Hau'oli Hula Halau dancers. A Hawaiian-inspired luncheon will follow the program.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the Administration Office at (352) 750-4529 no later than noon on Monday, September 10.



Hospitalizations

It's important for your pastors and staff to know when you are having a procedure, surgery or other health event. We want to pray with you and walk alongside you. If you have a last-minute hospitalization, please designate a neighbor or friend to contact the church.



Prayer Bands

These are a small but powerful way to remind us to be in prayer for our Law Enforcement Officers. The men and women who protect and serve us need our prayers now more than ever. Since January this year, we have lost over 91 officers killed in the line of duty, leaving behind so many. Wear your Prayer Band or share it with a Law Enforcement Officer.

- **Praying for Courage:** "You will not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day." (Psalm 91:5)
- **Praying for Strength:** "I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10)
- **Praying for Protection:** "You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance." (Psalm 119:114)
- **Praying for Guidance:** "I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you." (Psalm 32:8)

Prayer Bands are available at the Welcome Center, and the Congregational Care and Administrative offices. They are available at no cost in two different sizes (Large and XL). Wear this as a reminder to pray for these civil servants.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Barbara Miller who had a double mastectomy. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Amy Pointer, family and friends on the passing of her husband Bob; Jo & Russ Jones, family and friends on the passing of his mother Elaine Bland; and Beverley Couls, family and friends on the passing of her husband James.

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

New Concerns

Linda Benton, Joyce Carr, Charles Carter, Alyssa Fisher, Janice Palmer Forster, John Goniea, Dean Grundman, Calvin Keaton, Zoe Lance, Lani & Autumn, Jack Lyons, Mr. & Mrs. Oliver Pighee, Mabel Pillion, Sandy Rahall, Addie Romano, Tim Stuchal

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Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply) and at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services, unless otherwise noted.



September Women's Gathering

Thursday, September 20 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

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 are on sale 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.



Singles Ministry Gathering with Dinner & Music

Friday, September 21 at 5 p.m. — Fellowship Center

All Singles, come and meet others in a relaxed setting as you enjoy a delicious dinner, catered by Oakwood Smokehouse, followed by great country/string music by the *Last Tyme Out Band*.

Menu: Pulled Pork, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw, and Cookies

Tickets: \$12

You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, September 17.



Semi-Annual Youth Car Wash

October 6 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. — West Parking Lot

Tickets are available at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex and on our website!

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.



Dinner and a FREE Movie

Thursday, October 11 at 5:15 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Invite your friends and neighbors to dinner and a movie. Sponsored by the Summerhill Men's Ministry, this promises to be a fun evening.

Enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Chef John and make new friends as well. Once your appetite has been satisfied, stay for the FREE movie. Don't ask the title — it's a surprise! Men's Ministry promises you will enjoy their selection.

Menu: Arugula & Spring Greens with Apples, Parsnips, and Buttermilk Dressing; Grilled New York Strip Steak and Crabmeat Stuffed Shrimp; Parmesan Duchess Potatoes; Key Largo Vegetable Blend; Dinner Roll; and New York Style Cheesecake with Fresh Berry Topping

Tickets: \$12.50

You must purchase a ticket by noon, Monday, October 8.

Net Proceeds will benefit New Covenant's Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



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.

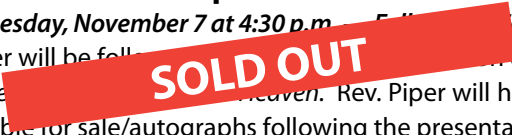
Net proceeds will benefit New Covenant's Congregational Care Ministries.



Dinner with Don Piper

Wednesday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Dinner will be followed by a presentation 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.



The Dinner with Don Piper is SOLD OUT. However, due to the overwhelming response, his presentation ONLY will take place in the Christian Life Center at 5:30 p.m. If you were not able to purchase a ticket for dinner, please come and hear Don's presentation following dinner and be among the first to purchase his new book, *People I Met At The Gates of Heaven*. A love offering will be accepted.

Watch for More Information on These Upcoming Events

Clark Barrios presents a tribute to Michael Bublé and Frank Sinatra

- Friday, November 9 at 7 p.m.

Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office

Celebration Brass Band's Salute to Veterans

- Sunday, November 11 at 6 p.m.

The Booth Brothers in Concert

- Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office, beginning Thursday, October 11

The Villages Flute Choir

- Thursday, November 29 at 6 p.m.

The Choralettes — Too Old for Christmas?

- Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m.

Bach with a Beat

- Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m.

Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office