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Marge Ruxton & Gene Pinczewski in memory of her husband Bill Ruxton; Ty London in memory of her parents Fred and Jean Fernandez; Jim & Sharon Law in memory of Martha Law & Bill Julian; and Bob & Ann Koehling in celebration of their 59th anniversary.



Pastors' Appreciation — Next Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, October 13/14 — East Narthex

Next weekend, we will observe Pastors' Appreciation Weekend, a time set aside each year to recognize the personal and spiritual contributions our pastors make to their New Covenant family.

A reception in their honor will be held following each Worship Service at both campuses. You are encouraged to thank them personally, bring in a note or card, or send an email thanking them for helping us to become the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in the world.



Annual Charge Conference

Saturday, October 20 from 9 a.m. to Noon — Christian Life Center

This year's Charge Conference is a "Super Charge Conference," meaning all 87 churches in the North Central District will meet here at New Covenant! At our Annual Charge Conference, church members will vote on the 2019 Leadership Team, Pastors' compensation, and removal of church members after a 2-year absence. Please join us for the conference. Then, plan on staying for a hotdog lunch provided by our District Office.

Price of Admission: As you prep for this Super Charge Conference, the North Central District will be collecting toiletries for men at "Open Arm Village" and for women at the "Lowell Correctional Institution." A collection box will be available.



Don Piper Presentation

Wednesday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. — Christian Life Center

The Dinner with Don Piper is **SOLD OUT**. However, due to an overwhelming response, his presentation will be in the CLC. A love offering will be accepted.

If you were not able to purchase a ticket for dinner, please come to hear Don's presentation and be among the first to purchase his new book, *People I Met At The Gate of Heaven*.



Holy Land Trip 2019 Informational Meeting

Tuesday, November 13 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.



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.



Look, Learn, Lead Guides

If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide for those who 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.

YOUR SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
October 7	Matthew 13-14	Mark 2	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 10
October 8	Matthew 15-17	John 5	Ephesians 2	Matthew 11
October 9	Matthew 18-19	Matthew 12:1-21; Mark 3; Luke 6	Ephesians 3	Matthew 12
October 10	Matthew 20-21	Matthew 5-7	Ephesians 4:1-16	Matthew 13
October 11	Matthew 22-23	Matthew 8:1-13; Luke 7	Ephesians 4:17-5:7	Matthew 14
October 12	Matthew 24-25	Matthew 11	Ephesians 5:8-33	Matthew 15
October 13	Matthew 26	Matthew 12:22-50	Ephesians 6	Matthew 16
October 14	Matthew 27-28	Matthew 13; Luke 8	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 17

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." "This, then, is how you should pray..." (Luke 11:1)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. 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	The Book of Romans	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	Genesis	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Christian Group Discussion	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	A Trip to Israel and Palestine	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.

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](#)
We regularly update our Facebook page with photos, announcements, and events.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,272
(Celebrate Recovery) 39 • (Fresh Expressions) 148
(Orchard Worship) 8 • (Grounded Youth Group) 28
(Saturday Contemporary) 237 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-212 • 9:15-619 • 10:45-449
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00-258 • 10:30-211 • (Choir NY Trip) 63

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

OCTOBER 6 & 7, 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 New Covenant Mentors celebrated the kick-off of this year's Mentor Program with their mentees and families on Wednesday, October 3. Over 150 people were hosted by New Covenant at Wildwood Middle High School's cafeteria with a pulled-pork bar-b-que picnic. This annual picnic gives our mentors the opportunity to connect with their mentees' families and for us to share our core value of hospitality.

This is the fifth year of our Mentor Program with 66 students in the program. Of these students, we have seven seniors that will graduate in 2019.



Outreach



Operation Christmas Shoebox

Christmas Shoebox is an opportunity for you to make a difference in the life of a child at Christmas. Coordinated each year by our Ministry Teams, you have the opportunity to provide a shoebox filled with special treats and, most importantly, a note letting them know that Jesus loves them. **The best boxes have a balance between toys, creative presents, and school supplies.**

We are hoping to fill a total of 1,300 shoe boxes this year. We will be sending boxes to children in the Dominican Republic through Cooperative Partners (COPA) ministry.

This weekend, shoeboxes are available for you to purchase for \$1 in the Narthexes between Worship Services. When you pick up your shoebox, it will contain complete instructions on how to fill and return it. You will be asked to include \$7 to cover the cost of shipping. You may return your shoebox(es) any weekend before or after Worship Services throughout October. All boxes must be returned by Sunday, October 28.



Trunk or Treat is Coming Soon!

Wednesday, October 31 from 5–8 p.m. — West Parking Lot

This year we will be hosting Trunk or Treat at our Summerhill Campus. Join us in your decorated car or golf cart as we pass out candy to the children and families in our community.

We encourage those who are able to decorate their vehicle as well as dress up themselves. Please keep “spooky” themes mild, as we always have little ones in attendance. We ask that you bring 400 pieces of candy to pass out, as our average Trunk or Treat attendance is over 300. If you are passing out candy, please arrive by 4:30 p.m. and plan to stay for the duration of the event. Children will be walking around and we do not want moving vehicles. We encourage you to bring chairs, umbrellas, water, etc. No concessions or extra activities will be held. Candy donations are accepted and can be dropped off in the Administration Office or outside the Children’s Room.



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.



Hurricane Florence — A Message from Bishop Carter

Hurricane Florence was one of the worst storms to hit the Carolinas and caused catastrophic flooding. We remember well the overwhelming sense of destruction and hopelessness with Irma, and we also remember the outpouring of support, gifts, and prayers received through our vibrant and resilient United Methodist connection.

If you would like to donate to the Disaster Response Fund, go to the UMCOR website at www.umcor.org and click the red “Donate” button, then click the red “U.S. DISASTER RESPONSE” button (United States Disaster Response Advance #901670 - Support UMCOR’s response to disasters in the US). You may make your donations by credit card, or mail a check to their address as listed.

REMINDER

In order to welcome any visitors to our Worship Services, please remember to park in the East Parking Lot to allow our visitors to park in the West Parking Lot. Thank you.

connections



Discover New Covenant — Next Weekend!

Saturday, October 13 at 4 p.m. — Fellowship Center
Sunday, October 14 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 — Facilitator Training

Tuesday, October 30 and Wednesday, November 7 from 2-4 p.m.

Are you gifted in the area of engaging others in discussions? Do you enjoy connecting with a small group of others who want to apply God’s Word to their lives and live out the values, mission, and vision of New Covenant? Facilitating a Connect Small Group may be just the ministry where you can use your talents for the Lord.

If this is an area where you would like to serve, you will be given support, coaching, materials, and networking with other facilitators. There is also a two-session “Facilitator Training Workshop” that you are encouraged to attend to help you develop or improve your skills. For more information or to express interest in attending the facilitator workshop, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

Love God! Love Others! Together IS Better!



New Member Class

Summerhill Campus: Monday, October 22 from 6–7:30 p.m.

Did you know there are different types of church memberships? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

Please fill out a New Member Registration found at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex, Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex, or the Administration Office. The completed forms may be left at the Connectional Ministry kiosk. For more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

WORSHIP



Veterans’ Day Celebration

Sunday, November 11

Join us as we honor our veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve our nation during our Veterans’ Day Worship Services. To be recognized during worship, all New Covenant Veterans are asked to submit either a photograph or digital photograph of yourself in uniform.

Photographs may be dropped off in the Administration Office. Please include your name and contact information on the back of each photo. Digital photos may be emailed to Sean Pollock at spollock@newcovenantumc-fl.org. All photos must be submitted by Monday, November 5.



Volunteer Opportunity

If you are interested in learning how to operate the lighting during our week-end Worship Services, please contact David Berardi at (352) 750-4529. Training will be provided.

Congregational Care



Health Education Speaker — THIS WEEK!

Monday, October 8 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We welcome the second guest in our Health Education Speaker Series. Dr. Cathrine Keller from Lake Medical Imaging will present on breast diagnostics and health.



This is in conjunction with October being Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and Dr. Keller is a highly sought-after speaker and diagnostician. We are very pleased to offer this informational session in our fall season. This is free and open to the public. Invite a friend!



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, October 11 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Everyone is invited to join us for our monthly program featuring: a sing-a-long with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos; devotion and Holy Communion with Pastor Jim Divine; special performance by the Strummin’ Sisters; and an Autumn Harvest-themed luncheon!

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. Reservations are requested. To reserve your spot, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529 by noon on Monday, October 8.



Prayer Bands

We have a small amount of Public Servant Prayer Bands in the Congregational Care office. They are available at no cost in two different sizes (Large and XL). Prayer Bands are a small but powerful way to remind us to be in prayer for our Public Servants. The men and women who protect and serve us need our prayers now more than ever. We hope to have more soon!



Hospital News

Please let us know if you are having a procedure, surgery, or other type of health challenge. You may complete a prayer card and put in a Prayer Request box or the offering plate.

If you are not able to contact your church in case of an immediate hospitalization, please designate a neighbor or friend to let us know. It is our privilege to walk with you in prayer.



Yoga Classes

Mondays from 4–6p.m. — Christian Life Center

Yoga is a great way to strengthen your body for everyday activities and focus your mind on the lessons of Jesus. Yoga helps with balance, the ability to get up and down, and enhances your core muscles. There are modifications for everyone, so don’t be afraid to join us.

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.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Henry Brooks who had open heart surgery; Oliver & Helen Pighee, as he is ill and in a wheelchair and she is his caregiver; Nancy Atkinson who has ALS; Peter Terranova who has many health problems; and Sue Ellard who has lung cancer and is going through chemo. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

New Concerns

Ralph Albers, Jimmy Altman & Neighbors, Henry Brooks, Gail Bain, Brian Butterworth, Joy Carnley, Scott Clements, Alexandra DiChiara, Pia Drown, Joyce Dunne, Henrie Gardner, Mike Herzberg, Cathy Hill, Keaton & Pighee families, Sue Latham, Doug Macaulay, Joan Moomau, Tamara Muir, Tom Poff, Jim Radford, Roger Reinert, Jr., Wanda Richards, Ralph Seigworth, Tyler West

tickets

The Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex is open between Worship Services. Stop by to purchase tickets supporting the various ministries of New Covenant (unless otherwise noted).

Tickets are also available on our website (credit card fees will apply).



Church-wide Dinner and a FREE Movie

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

Attention Ladies & Gentlemen — Bring your spouse, significant other, friends or neighbors and join us for this CHURCH-wide Dinner and FREE Movie supporting our Youth! **One hundred percent of the net proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips!**

This promises to be a fun evening as you enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Chef John and hopefully make new friends as well. AND, once your appetite has been satisfied, remain for the FREE MOVIE. Don't ask the title — it's a surprise! The Men's Ministry Team 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.



Gordon Mote with guest Angie Rose

Sunday, October 14 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Tickets for the Gordon Mote Concert with our very own Angie Rose are on sale at all outlets of The Villages Box Office. Don't miss our opening concert of the fall season, and enjoy the dynamic sounds of these two artists.

Tickets: \$20 (Artist Circle) • \$15 (General Admission)

Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.

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



October Women's Gathering

Thursday, October 18 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

We're heading out on Noah's Ark with our friends and all! Come and find out what we can learn from Noah's Ark. Lunch is included and follows our program.

Menu: Roast Chicken, Roasted Root Vegetables, Herbed Barley Pilaf with Butter-basted Mushrooms, and Baklava

Tickets: \$7

Tickets are on sale now. You must purchase your ticket by noon on Monday, October 15.



The Music of Michael Bubl  with the Clark Barrios Band and Horn Section

Friday, November 9 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

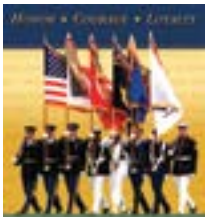
Presented by Clark Barrios and One Voice Entertainment.

The music of Frank Sinatra to Willie Nelson, Nina Simone to Van Morrison. Join Clark and his band as they bring you the best of a musical catalog from one of today's premier crooners. From original Bubl  hits to remakes of your favorites, this will be a night to rekindle your passion with these hit songs and the one you love.

Please Note: Clark returns Friday, March 1, 2019 and will present The Atlantic City Boys.

Tickets: \$29 (Artist Circle) • \$25 (General Admission)

Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.



Celebration Brass Band's Salute to Veterans

Sunday, November 11 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

The Celebration Brass Band, with Jill Van Syckle conducting, will present a concert of patriotic music to honor our military veterans. Civil War tunes, America the Beautiful, Stars and Stripes Forever, and a tribute to Leonard Bernstein will highlight this special program.

Tickets \$15

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit the Summer Mission Trips of New Covenant's Youth Ministry.



The Booth Brothers in Concert

Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Tickets: \$25 (Artist Circle) · \$20 (General Admission)

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

A portion of the net proceeds benefits our Summerhill Men's Ministry.



The Villages Flute Choir

Thursday, November 29 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Under the direction of Linda Quinn, The Villages Flute Choir is an ensemble of approximately 14 musicians playing flutes of various sizes, including piccolo, C flute, alto flute and bass flute.

The wide range in pitch afforded by the various sizes of flutes creates a "choir or organ-like" sound. The group plays a wide variety of challenging and eclectic music, including popular music, swing and jazz, classical, religious music and more.

At-Door Suggested Donation of \$10

A portion of the net proceeds benefits the New Covenant's Congregational Health Ministry.



The Choralettes — Too Old for Christmas?

Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Under the direction of Janie Berry, The Choralettes present an original musical with trumpet and flute solos, dancing, and sing-a-longs that you are sure to enjoy.

A Love Offering will be accepted with all proceeds supporting the Summer Mission Trips of the Youth Ministry.



Bach with a Beat "Swingle Bells"

Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Join Bach with a Beat as they present their annual Christmas concert. Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office.

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit New Covenant's Beds and Blankets Outreach Ministry.

Watch for More Information on These Upcoming Events

New Covenant Choirs and Orchestra present "Christmas at New Covenant"

Sunday, December 16 at 3 and 7 p.m.

Annual Concert Benefitting "Backpacks for Kids"

Sean Pollock, Angie Rose, and guests

January 10, 2019

The Kramers join us in Worship and present an Evening Concert

January 13, 2019

The Villages Wind Ensemble

January 27, 2019