

Pat & Dick Gable in memory of Olive & Samuel Gable;
and Annamay Baldwin in memory of the first anniversary of Bill's passing

TidBits

Please Give a Warm "Welcome" to Our Staff!



Marilyn Booth

Marilyn joins our Lake Deaton team as the Office Manager.



Tom McMasters

Tom joins our Summerhill Facility team as a full-time Facility Assistant.



Sharon Weimert

Sharon has transitioned into a Ministry Assistant position in our Congregational Care Ministries serving both our Lake Deaton and Summerhill campuses.



Greg Dodge

Greg will be transferring to our Lake Deaton campus in his current position of part-time Facility Assistant.

We've had some recent staff changes and are very excited about the gifts these people bring to New Covenant.

Staff Celebration!

Congratulations to Ellen Pollock, Director Congregational Care Ministries on being approved for Provisional Deacon Ordination in June at our Florida Annual Conference. We are so proud of you!



Don Piper Books Available to Purchase

We still have a few copies of Don's book available to purchase in the Administration Office. Cash or Checks only (no credit cards). Please make your checks payable to "NCUMC" with "DPiper book" on the memo line.



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.



Staff Appreciation Love Offering

Thanksgiving and Christmas are fast approaching and it is time to show appreciation to the pastors and staff for all the fine work they do. Next week-end you will find a Love Offering envelope in your bulletin. Please remember those who work so lovingly for you all year long.

You may place your envelope in the offering plate or take to the office by Monday, December 10. A check may be made payable to NCUMC with "Staff Gift" on the memo line. The total amount received will be divided equally among all the staff members.

| | Genesis to Revelation | As events occurred Chronologically | New Testament | The Gospels |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------|
| November 18 | Acts 14-15 | Acts 7-8 | Sunday: No Reading | Luke 8 |
| November 19 | Acts 16-17 | Acts 9-10 | Hebrews 10:1-25 | Luke 9 |
| November 20 | Acts 18-20 | Acts 11-12 | Hebrews 10:26-11:12 | Luke 10 |
| November 21 | Acts 21-23 | Acts 13-14 | Hebrews 11:13-40 | Luke 11 |
| November 22 | Acts 24-26 | James 1-5 | Hebrews 12 | Luke 12 |
| November 23 | Acts 27-28 | Acts 15-16 | Hebrews 13 | Luke 13 |
| November 24 | Romans 1-3 | Galatians 1-3 | James 1 | Luke 14 |
| November 25 | Romans 4-7 | Galatians 4-6 | Sunday: No Reading | Luke 15 |

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)

Lord, we have so much to be grateful for. You have blessed us beyond measure. Help us Lord not to come up with lame excuses why we shouldn't be thankful to you and others, but rather to seek out ways to express how truly grateful we really are. Thank you for giving us so much — especially your life. What a gift. 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 | Studying Today's Lectionary Passages | Classroom 2 |
| 9:15 a.m. | Pathfinders Class | Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven | 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 | Book of Acts | Classroom 3 |
| 10:30 a.m. | FaithLink | The Decline of Coal | 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 | Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven | 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: 3,308
(Celebrate Recovery) 31 • (Fresh Expressions) 62 • Don Piper Presentation 667
(Orchard Worship) 7 • (Grounded Youth Group) 34
(Saturday Contemporary) 296 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-237 • 9:15-864 • 10:45-599
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00-263 • 10:30-248



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

Christmas at New Covenant

Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m. — Summerhill Fellowship Center

- PeAr presents their Christmas production, *In a Galilee Far, Far Away*

Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

- Service of Hope and Healing

Sunday, December 16 at 3 & 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

- Christmas at New Covenant 2018: *Season of Joy! – A Celtic Christmas Celebration*

The New Covenant Choirs, Praise Ringers, and Orchestra present *Season of Joy!*, a special Christmas production which combines the passion of Celtic musical traditions and the joyous celebration of Christ's birth, with Irish fiddle, penny whistle, and bagpipes. Featuring favorite guest soloists Angie Rose, Devin Eatmon, David Rowan, and Mark Schmidt, the celebration will include Christmas favorites such as, *O Holy Night*, with modern classics such as *Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground)*, and other new songs by Keith and Kristine Getty.

"FREE TICKETS" available today at the kiosk in the East Narthex!

Christmas Eve at 4:30 & 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

- Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

Christmas Eve at 5:30-6:30 p.m. — Summerhill Chapel

- Christmas Eve Communion and Silent Meditation

Christmas Eve at 5 & 7 p.m. — Lake Deaton Campus

- Carols and Christmas Stories

Advent Devotional
Don't forget to sign up for the "Journey to Joy" Advent Devotional at <http://bit.ly/ldadvent>, or click on the link found in the Pastor's weekly eblast.

In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshippers, please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.

Outreach



Christmas Wish Tree — Reminder

Reminder: Our annual Christmas Wish Tree is here! This is a wonderful way to contribute to the joy of Christmas for children and families. Please stop at a Christmas Tree in either the East or West Narthex to pick up a gift tag. As a reminder, all gifts need to be returned by **Sunday, November 25**.

If you have any questions, please contact Pam Brown at (319) 321-8934 or pamdonin@aol.com.

Support New Covenant when you shop!
Buy your gifts and holiday essentials at **amazon smile**



You shop. Amazon donates...
0.5 percent of the price from your eligible [smile.amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) purchase. Please be sure to designate "New Covenant" as your charity.

connections



Connect Small Groups

Did you know that over 500 people at the Summerhill campus are connected in a small group? Are you in a group? Group life is about being connected with others in a caring, Christ-centered environment where you learn together, grow together, and serve together. "Connect" in a small group today. Groups are available for Couples, Men, Women, and Singles. There are groups for seasonal residents, as well as 'year-rounders'.

To learn more or to get connected in a group, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, December 8 — After Worship Service — Fellowship Center
Sunday, December 9 — After Worship Services — Fellowship Center

The Fellowship Center is located directly across from the Christian Life 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.



"MOAMI" 2019 Class — Online Registrations Open

Thursdays, January 24 through March 28

Summerhill registration for the 2019 class is now open. The cost of the class is \$35. The first class is a kickoff from 11 a.m.–4 p.m., and the last class is a celebration from 11 a.m.–4 p.m. All other classes are 1-4 p.m.

You may register on the church website (newcovenantumc-fl.org). Click on the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page; click the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button; then select "MOAMI 2019 Participants."

For help with registration, please contact Diann LaRosa at dml48@msn.com or (617) 320-6924, or Susanne Beason at susineubauer@hotmail.com or (352) 753-5744.

Family Ministries



Performing Arts Kids — In A Galilee Far, Far Away

Sunday, December 2 at 5 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Join us for a super-fun, faith-filled show performed by New Covenant's PeAr kids! We will present a Christmas musical of galactic proportions. Come with our crew as we navigate the universe to discover the Glory of God, while landing back in Bethlehem to witness the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Doors to open at 4:30 p.m.

volunteers NEEDED



Kitchen Ministry

It is our mission to provide exceptional meals and service for the various ministries at New Covenant. To do so we need additional volunteers. We need individuals who are willing and able to be "on call" to assist with various scheduled events, when their personal schedule permits.

- Kitchen: Preparing menu items with the chef
 - Dishes: Working with others washing dishes (using our commercial dishwasher)
 - Dining Room: Assisting with place settings at dining tables and making sure the guests are served
- If you are interested, please contact Chef John at jkellar@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call Ginny in the Church Administration office at (352) 750-4529.



Traffic Control Team Leader

Responsibilities include scheduling the traffic control team volunteers, training, providing support, and reporting activities of the team. For more information on the position, please contact Dick Maxfield at maxfield.richard@gmail.com.



Lake Deaton Campus

As we are in the final stages of our Lake Deaton construction, please continue to pray for our new building, but please do not go into the building. This is for the safety of you and the workers.

Advent Sermon Series

Christmas is supposed to be a season of great joy, yet Christmas can be a very stressful and complex time. With mounting pressures of fulfilling deadlines and satisfying obligations, Christmas can be overwhelming.

The question we are going to be addressing during Advent is, "Does it have to be that way?" What if we just simplified Christmas? The beauty found in the Christmas narrative is that God uses simple people to share His simple story of great love. Emmanuel, God with us! I hope you will join us as we take this simple journey through the Christmas story, and hopefully, learn more about God's simple message for the world.

"Simple Christmas Joy"

- December 1/2: *Simple Joy that Comes out of Darkness*
- December 8/9: *Simple Joy for Simple People*
- December 15/16: *A Joyful Future that Seems so Simple*
- December 22/23: *Simple News, Great News, Joyful News*
- Christmas Eve: *Can it really be that Simple?*



Congregational Care



Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Thursdays from 10–11:30 a.m.

November is Alzheimer's Awareness Month in the United States. One in three seniors die with Alzheimer's or another dementia. Every 65 seconds, someone develops this disease. Almost six million Americans are living with Alzheimer's.

Our Alzheimer's ministry conducts support and respite care sessions every week. Stop by the kiosk in the East Narthex to obtain valuable handout information or talk to one of our ministry facilitators. For more information, please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



Yoga Classes

Monday's from 4–6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Yoga practice every Monday! We offer our intermediate class at 4 p.m. and the gentle, restorative class with modifications for chair practice at 5 p.m. Join us as we work on strengthening our body and our spirit through the practice of yoga combined with prayer.

There is a suggested \$3 donation per class that supports our Congregational Health ministry. For more information, please contact Kayla McIntosh at kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org or Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



Hope and Healing Service

Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m. — Chapel

This is an annual service of remembrance for those who have lost loved ones. During this advent season, we remember those who have gone before and joined the church triumphant. Invite someone you know who has experienced grief and loss as a time to celebrate and reflect.



Stephen Ministry is Here for You

If you are in a crisis and could use some help from a trained, caring Christian friend, please consider requesting a Stephen Minister.

Please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529 to receive more information on this caring ministry and to receive support. A Stephen Minister will walk with you through a crisis, listening, and praying for you all the way.



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.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Carol McCormick who has multiple health issues including Parkinson's Disease. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Armel Nutter, family and friends on the passing of his wife Nina; and Becky Cone, family and friends on the passing of her husband Jim.

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

New Concerns

Dan Andrews, Rose Arnstein, Shirley Cambio, Corie Cruise, Michelle Davidson, John Enot, Phyllis Esber, Matthew Fitzgerald, Bob & Becky Greenleaf, Holly Hallett, Lloyd Kell, Ronnie Kelly, Fran & Arlene Lemansky, Brad Lindsey, Ryan McBain, Josh Middleton, Jerry Miner, Patty Nernberg, Jean Ottaway, Bob Prindle, Barbara Schott, Janice Swartz, June Vogt, Joby Webb, Virginia Wolf

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).



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 Care Ministry.

Ring the Bells! — Singles Christmas Dinner

Due to unforeseen, extenuating circumstances this event has been canceled.



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 for a wonderful evening of music featuring seasonal and unique music. You do not want to miss this holiday concert.

Tickets: \$15

Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.

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



Villages Charter School — “Winter Follies”

THANKS to your overwhelming support and response, this event is SOLD OUT!

Get your copy of the NEW “2018 Fall Concerts & Events Brochure” in the East or West Narthex.



December Women's Gathering

Thursday, December 13 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Fellowship Center

The Colors of Christmas... Celebrate Christmas in bright colors to joyfully announce the birth of a new born King! Wear bright colors of any kind and brighten the room with your presence.

Menu: Ham, Vegetable, & Egg Strata; Cheesy Hashbrown Potato Bake; Mesclun Salad with Pine Nuts, Cranberries & Balsamic Vinaigrette; and Christmas Cookies

Tickets: \$7

Tickets will be available beginning November 17.



SAVE THE DATE — Laura Story in Concert

February 15 & 16, 2019 — Lake Deaton Campus

Tickets will be available only at The Village Box Office beginning December 13.

Watch for More Information on These Upcoming Events

Annual Concert Benefiting "Backpacks for Kids"

Sean Pollock, Angie Rose, and guests
January 10, 2019 — Summerhill Campus

The Kramers join us in Worship and present an Evening Concert

January 13, 2019 — Summerhill Campus

The Good Stuff Festival

Support Amanda Perrone, one of our Youth members, in her Girl Scout 'Gold Award' project.
January 26, 2019 — Summerhill Campus

The Villages Wind Ensemble

A portion of the proceeds benefits the Wildwood Food Pantry
January 27, 2019 — Summerhill Campus