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Bill & Barb Mahoney in celebration of their 60th anniversary.

TidBits

Staff Appreciation Love Offering

Christmas is fast approaching and it is time to show appreciation to the pastors and staff for all the fine work they do. Our Staff Parish Relations Team has placed a Love Offering envelope in your bulletin. Thank you for remembering 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.

Lake Deaton Campus "Grand Opening" Weekend

We are proud to announce the Grand Opening of our Lake Deaton Campus.

The Dedication Ceremony will be held on December 22 at 11 a.m. Please join us as we "welcome" the Lake Deaton "building" into our community!

The Grand Opening will take place on Sunday, December 23. Please plan to attend a Worship Service at the new campus after the first of the year!

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.

Shop AmazonSmile and Donate to New Covenant!

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support New Covenant every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at smile.amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to New Covenant.

The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price (amount paid for the item minus any rebates and excluding shipping & handling, gift-wrapping fees, taxes, or service charges) from your eligible smile.amazon.com purchases. Tens of millions of products are eligible for donations.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on AmazonSmile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select New Covenant as my charity when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile at smile.amazon.com, you need to log in to your account. Then, enter New Covenant United Methodist Church The Villages as your charitable organization before you begin shopping. If you have any questions, please call Jo Jones in the Church Office at (352) 750-4529.

Don Piper Books Available to Purchase

We still have a few copies of Don's book available to purchase in the Administration Office. The cost is \$20; cash or checks only (no credit cards). Please make your checks payable to "NCUMC" with "DPiper book" on the memo line.

YOUR SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

	GENESIS TO REVELATION	AS EVENTS OCCURRED CHRONOLOGICALLY	NEW TESTAMENT	THE GOSPELS
December 2	1 Corinthians 12-14	1 Corinthians 12-14	Sunday: No Reading	Luke 22
December 3	1 Corinthians 15-16	1 Corinthians 15-16	1 Peter 3:18-5:14	Luke 23
December 4	2 Corinthians 1-4	2 Corinthians 1-4	2 Peter 1:1-2:11	Luke 24
December 5	2 Corinthians 5-9	2 Corinthians 5-9	2 Peter 2:12-3:18	John 1
December 6	2 Corinthians 10-13	2 Corinthians 10-13	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 2
December 7	Galatians 1-3	Acts 20:1-3; Romans 1-3	1 John 2:3-17	John 3
December 8	Galatians 4-6	Romans 4-7	1 John 2:18-3:9	John 4
December 9	Ephesians 1-3	Romans 8-10	Sunday: No Reading	John 5

Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

Lord, we have arrived at the dawn of a new season. We are reminded of your own words, "Behold I make all things news." Thank you for bringing peace, joy, love and hope into our lives. These things never get old. In the name of Jesus, who is the Light of the World, we pray.

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	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	Our Love for God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Book of Acts	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Secular Hymns	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

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.

NEW COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMERHILL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.

3470 WOODRIDGE DR.
THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

SUMMERHILL BLENDED WORSHIP
SUNDAY 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 A.M.

PHONE: 352-750-4529
FAX: 352-259-2971

SUMMERHILL CHILDREN'S ORCHARD WORSHIP
SUNDAY 10:45 A.M. (CLASSROOM 1)

EMAIL: NCUMC@NEWCOVENANTUMC-FL.ORG
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: 2,318

(Fresh Expressions) 45 • (Orchard Worship) 10 • (Saturday Contemporary) 277

(Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-229 • 9:15-797 • 10:45-513

(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00-245 • 10:30-202

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

DECEMBER 1 & 2, 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 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



Giving in the Spirit is a unique opportunity for us to give a very special gift at Christmas. The *Giving in the Spirit* catalog that you received today includes a list of items from our Outreach Ministries, from which you may choose to provide a monetary gift that touches your heart and benefits the poor and less fortunate. We are blessed with the ability to bring great joy to those who have so little. Your gifts can reach around the world and around the corner. Last year, the total for all the Outreach Ministries in the *Giving in the Spirit* catalog was \$ 47,800.

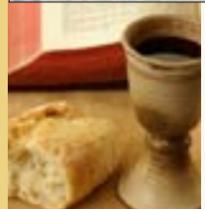
Please complete the form inside of the catalog and insert it, along with your donation, in the envelope provided in your book. You may return your envelope throughout December, but no later than December 30. Please place your envelope in the collection plate during Worship Services.

This is also an opportunity to provide a meaningful gift in the name of that "hard-to-shop for" friend or relative who "has everything." Share the joy of the gifts you select with your special person by giving a gift in his or her name. Then, send them a Gift Card to let them know about your gift! The Gift Cards are available at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex and the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex.

If you have any questions, please call Mary and Henry Goldberg, *Giving in the Spirit* Coordinators, at (352) 751-7687.

WORSHIP

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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.



Thank You, Thank You!

A special thank you to The Guild, House of Hope volunteers, and other volunteers who worked tirelessly this week to decorate our campus in honor of the birth of the Christ Child.



Advent Season's Journey to Joy!

This is your last chance to sign up for our *Journey to Joy* Advent devotional. You will receive your first daily email this weekend, ending on Christmas Eve.

For those who sign up, you will receive a special email each day with an Advent Devotion and discussion questions. This devotion can be used in your private meditations, with your family or even your small group. Our hope is that this devotion is a special blessing to you and everyone you share it with.

To sign up for the "Journey to Joy" Advent Devotional, go to <http://bit.ly/ldadvent>, or click on the link found in the Pastor's weekly eblast



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.



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!

There you will see "WORSHIP SERVICES," "SERMON SERIES," and EBLAST SIGN-UP." Click "WORSHIP SERVICES," and select the date you wish to watch.

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

volunteers NEEDED



Traffic Control Team Members

Note this Change: Dick Maxfield will continue to schedule, but he needs workers! Responsibilities include providing traffic control for events exceeding 500 persons in attendance. Volunteers are notified in advance of events and can sign up as their schedule permits. Training is provided. For more information on the position, please contact Dick Maxfield at maxfield.richard@gmail.com.

connections



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 will open at 4:30 p.m.



Discover New Covenant — Next Weekend

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@new-covenantumc-fl.org.



Connect Small Groups

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better! Couples, are you interested in connecting in a small group with others who are being intentional about growing their relationship with each other and with Jesus Christ. Whether you are a seasonal or year-round resident, there is a group for you. Groups are also available for men, women and singles.

If you have not joined a Connect Small Group, to learn more about groups or sign up for a group, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Yoga Classes

We will only have yoga classes Monday, December 3 and 10. Yoga will be canceled from December 17 through January 21 due to the holidays. We will resume on January 28.

For more information, please contact Kayla DeSimone at kmcintosh@newcovenantumc-fl.org or Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.

Outreach



Wildwood Food Pantry

Special thanks to everyone at both Lake Deaton and Summerhill campuses who participated in the recent food drive to benefit the Food Pantry. We collected 22,000 pounds of food to stock our shelves and replenish our coffers.

We could not function without those volunteers who helped with: stapling, placing the bags on the cars, or picking up filled bags of food, and to the crew of over 25 volunteers who helped us sort and stock the donated food.

A special thanks to the Lake Deaton Campus for their generous outpouring of food in the midst of their campus transition! The people we serve at the pantry are blessed by your generosity, which has enabled us to reach out to more families in the North Sumter County area in need of food.



Helping Hands

Helping Hands Ministry and New Covenant United Methodist Church was honored at the recent Kids Central luncheon with the "CARE Award" — Creating Awareness, Recognizing Excellence. This award is given to the community partner of the year for Kids Central.

Congregational Care



HOPE & HEALING

Worship Service

Hope and Healing Service

Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m. — Chapel

We are so grateful to serve a loving God who grieves with us, as we journey through the seasons of loss and pain.

Our Congregational Care Ministry designs this annual service to give those who recently experienced grief, a chance to reflect on their loved one, on God's goodness and grace, and the Christmas holiday.

We welcome you to this contemplative service and pray for God's peace to surround you and to comfort you. By combining special music, scripture, and a meaningful message, we hope that you will walk away feeling as though your loved one was honored and celebrated as God is glorified. There is also a time to recognize your loved one by name and light a candle in his or her memory.

Prayer warriors will be available to pray with you. Please invite someone to come with you who has experienced a loss.



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, December 13 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Chapel

Prime Time will meet in the Chapel for our special December program, *Christmas Traditions Around the World*.

Also enjoy a sing-a-long with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos; easy exercise with Kayla DeSimone; and a devotion and Communion by Ellen Pollock.

Menu: Glazed Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Praline Souffle, Steamed Vegetables, Savory Green Beans, Scalloped Apples, Dinner Rolls, and Holiday Spice Cake with White Icing.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at (352) 750-4529 by **Monday, December 10 at noon.**



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Lorraine Lockwood who has a brain tumor; Mark Frederiksen who has Ewing's Sarcoma; Carmen Gloria Leiba who has bone marrow cancer; and Sally Reiss who had major knee surgery. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Lyn Fritts, family and friends on the passing of her husband Wendell; Sandi Pearson, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ron; and Dan Southworth, family and friends on the passing of his father Harold.

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

New Concerns
Deanna Appelhans, David Butters, Jackie Campbell, Tom Degenaro, Marvin Eavers, Sally Falb, Daniel Gotesky, Joyce Groat, Jarrod James, Mandy, Karen & Bill McClelland, Patti Pasquale, Virginia Sargent, Jeanne Smith, Albert Stramiello, Cathy Van Benthuisen, Paul Yednak

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 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.



December Women's Gathering — SOLD OUT

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

PLEASE NOTE: If you purchased a ticket(s) for the December Gathering and realize you or someone you have invited cannot attend, please email Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call the Church Office as soon as possible and let the Receptionist know how many tickets you have available for someone else to use.

We will not be issuing refunds, but greatly appreciate your willingness to share your tickets so as many women as possible can attend. Thank you!



Christmas at New Covenant 2018

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

Join the New Covenant Choirs, Praise Ringers, and Orchestra as they present *Season of Joy! – A Celtic Christmas Celebration*. Featuring favorite guest soloists Angie Rose, Devin Eatmon, David Rowan, and Mark Schmidt.

If you have tickets that you will not be able to use, please return them to the Administration Office so we may give them to others.

Christmas Eve at New Covenant
Summerhill Campus
4:30 and 7 p.m.
"Carols & Candlelight"
with the Chancel Choir and Brass
Christmas Message by Rev. Harold Hendren

Lake Deaton Campus
5 and 7 p.m.
Carols and Christmas Stories



"Hits of the 70s"

Thursday, January 10 at 6:30 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Sean, Angie Rose and guests present *Hits of the 70s* in this annual concert benefiting "Backpack for Kids." Always one of your favorite concerts, enjoy a great night of music, energy and excitement as we return to the 70s!

\$25: Artist Circle (non-assigned)

\$20: General Admission (non-assigned)



The Kramers in Concert

Sunday, January 13 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Returning to New Covenant, join the Kramers for an evening concert. The Kramers will also be joining us in Sunday morning Worship Services.

A love offering will be accepted.



The Good Stuff Festival

Saturday, January 26 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. — East Parking Lot

Support Amanda Perrone, one of our Youth members, in her Girl Scout 'Gold Award' project.

FREE (No Admission Fee)



The Villages Wind Ensemble

Sunday, January 27 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

The Villages Wind Ensemble in concert, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Wildwood Food Pantry.

Tickets will be on sale beginning December 15.



Laura Story in Concert

February 15 & 16, 2019 — Lake Deaton Campus

Join us at our Lake Deaton campus in our PREMIER concert event featuring Laura Story who is best known for her number one hit song, *Blessings*.

Attend her concert Friday night or enjoy "Conversation with Laura" on Saturday morning. Individual event or package tickets will be available.

Laura Story has built a life — and a career — around submission to her calling. She's led worship at Atlanta's Perimeter Church for the past 12 years. In addition to penning songs recorded by artists like Chris Tomlin, Laura has found success as a recording artist in her own right. Since the release of her solo debut in 2008, Story has amassed a GRAMMY® Award, a Billboard Music Award, multiple GMA Dove Awards, and an RIAA Gold certification for her massive number one hit song, *Blessings*. In addition, she's also the author of two books, including the latest, *When God Doesn't Fix It – Lessons You Never Wanted to Learn, Truths You Can't Live Without*.

Tickets will be on sale beginning December 8.

\$35: Concert and Conversation with Laura

\$25: Concert Only (Friday at 7 p.m.)

\$25: Conversation ONLY with Laura (Saturday at 9 a.m.)

Watch for the "Winter Events Brochure" coming soon.