

Nancy Oberle in memory of Tom Oberle.

## Christmas at the Summerhill Campus

### “Carols & Candlelight”

**December 24 at 4:30\* and 7 p.m.\***

with the Chancel Choir and Brass  
Christmas Message by Rev. Harold Hendren

\*Childcare up to fifth grade will be provided.

### “Christmas Message”

**Family Walk-through Experience**  
(30 minutes before and after each service)

**“Open Communion” in the Chapel**  
**5:30–6:30 p.m.**

## Christmas at the Lake Deaton Campus

### Consecration Ceremony

**Saturday, December 22 at 11 a.m.**

Open House and Prayer Stations follow the  
Consecration Ceremony and last until 3 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Services**  
**Monday, December 24**

**5 p.m. and 7 p.m.**  
**“Carols & Christmas Stories”**

#### REMINDER

We will have many visitors to our Christmas Worship Services, so please remember to park in the East Parking Lot to allow our visitors to park in the West Parking Lot. Thank you.

	GENESIS TO REVELATION	AS EVENTS OCCURRED CHRONOLOGICALLY	NEW TESTAMENT	THE GOSPELS
December 16	2 Timothy 1-4	Ephesians	Sunday: No Reading	John 12
December 17	Titus-Philemon	Philippians 1-4	Revelations 2:8–3:6	John 13
December 18	Hebrews 1-6	1 Timothy	Revelations 3:7–4:11	John 14
December 19	Hebrews 7-10	Titus	Revelations 5–6	John 15
December 20	Hebrews 11-13	1 Peter	Revelations 7–8	John 16
December 21	James 1-5	Hebrews 1-6	Revelations 9	John 17
December 22	1 Peter 1-5	Hebrews 7-10	Revelations 10–11	John 18
December 23	2 Peter 1-3	Hebrews 11-13	Sunday: No Reading	John 19

*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. (Matthew 1:18-24)*

*Lord,* in this season we sing “Joy to the World” because of you. There can always be joy in the world and in our lives because of you. We can find hope because of you. We can experience a “peace that goes beyond all understanding” because of you. Thank you for being You! In Jesus’ name, 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	Fewer Children in America	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.

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.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,319

(Fresh Expressions) 96 • (Celebrate Recovery) 49

(Orchard Worship) 3 • (Grounded Youth Group) 30 • (Hope & Healing Service) 40  
(Saturday Contemporary) 262 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45–228 • 9:15–691 • 10:45–480  
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00–242 • 10:30–198



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

Have you ever been asked a  
difficult question about your

# FAITH?

## LEARN WHY YOU BELIEVE

Discover powerful and convincing  
evidence to support Christianity

## LEARN HOW TO SHARE WITH OTHERS

Have you ever been afraid to share because you might be asked questions you can’t answer? This class is for you! Discover answers to questions that hold you back!

Explore topics such as...

- What is Truth?
- How did we get here?
- Divine Design — Evidence for a Creator
- Who is Jesus? God, Man, Teacher, Prophet?
- Can we trust the Bible?
- Obstacles to Faith
- Resurrection — Really?
- Are there many paths to God?
- Absolute truth or moral relativity?
- Was Darwin right?
- What about the Big Bang?
- Is Christianity intolerant?

Join Dr. Lynn Savron in  
this new Sunday Adult  
Christian Education Class.

Beginning January 13  
Classrooms 6-7  
from 10:30-11:45 a.m.

No registration necessary.

APOLOGETICS  
BE PREPARED TO GIVE AN ANSWER



# connections



## Connect Small Groups — “Unshakeable Hope”

Tuesday evenings beginning January 8 from 7-8:30 p.m.

One thing we can all agree on is that we need HOPE! Hope for our world, hope for our church, hope for our family, and a personal hope that carries us through tumultuous seasons in our lives.

*“This world has a tremble to it. There are things that seem unsteady in this life. But when we belong to God, it allows us to filter our problems through the promises of God. When we choose to be people of the promise, we choose to build our lives on the promises of God, not the circumstances of life.”* (Max Lucado).

Pastor Harold’s January sermon series will lead us to discover the amazing plans and promises God has for us that give us hope, “Unshakeable Hope.” If you are not currently in a Connect Small Group, you are invited to follow this sermon series in a group that will meet for five weeks. The group is open to singles, couples, men, and women.

For more information or to register for this small group study, see a Connect Small Group leader at the kiosk in the East Narthex. For more information about small groups, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or call (352) 750-4529.



## New Member Classes

Monday, February 11, 2019 from 6-7:30 p.m. — SH Fellowship Center

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. For more upcoming dates in 2019, please pick up a New Member brochure at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.

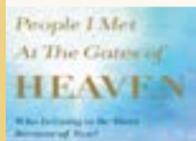
To register for the next class, click the “Registrations” tab on our website, then click the “Browse Summerhill Open Registrations,” and select “New Members.” For more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).

# TidBits



## Risk Management Team

The Risk Management Team invited the Sumter County Sheriff’s Department to take advantage of a free Threat Assessment they are offering churches in Sumter County. We received a glowing report on all the actions that have already been taken to provide a safe and secure environment for staff and congregants. They offered a few suggestions that our Risk Management team will discuss and consider. Your safety is important to us!



## 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.



## 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.

# Outreach



## Giving in the Spirit

Remember to make your gift selections from the *Giving in the Spirit* catalog. Your *Giving in the Spirit* gifts selection envelopes may be put in the collection plate during Saturday or Sunday services through December 30. You may pick up a gift card at the Welcome Center or Ticket Kiosk to let people know you have made a donation in their name for Christmas.



## ZOE — Zimbabwe, Africa Trip

June 26–July 5, 2019

Next year, you will have an opportunity to make a 10-day trip to Zimbabwe, Africa to meet and encourage a group of orphans sponsored by New Covenant through ZOE (pronounced Zoey). ZOE provides a 3-year education/training program to vulnerable children to help ensure that they will never again need a hand out of food, clothes, etc.

We will meet the in-country staff members and the incredible young people who are being empowered by our sponsorship with ZOE.

For more information about this trip, please contact Charles Stuart at [cstuartspk@gmail.com](mailto:cstuartspk@gmail.com) or (352) 561-4263, or Kathy Hudak Yoakum, Missions Coordinator, at [khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

# volunteers NEEDED



## Traffic Control Team Members

Responsibilities include providing traffic control within the church property 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](mailto:maxfield.richard@gmail.com).



## Newsletter Editing/Proofreading

We are in need of someone with proofreading or editing experience to review both campus newsletters each Tuesday afternoon for about two to three hours. If you are interested, please contact Jo Jones at [jjones@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jjones@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.



## Front Desk Receptionist

We are in need of someone to sit at the front desk in the Administration Office to welcome visitors and answer phones. If you are interested, please contact Ginny Davis at [vdavis@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:vdavis@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or (352) 750-4529.

## Thank You for Your Support of our Ministries

Our fundraising events allow us to transform lives in our church and community.

Concert/Event	Ministry Supported	Proceeds
Collingsworth Family	Worship Ministry	\$6,341
Youth Car Wash	Youth Ministry	\$1,009
Dinner & “FREE” Movie	Men’s Ministry	\$ 869
Gordon Mote	Congregational Care Ministry	\$2,305
Don Piper Book Sales	Worship Ministry	\$2,740
Celebration Brass Band	Youth Ministry	\$1,687

# Congregational Care



## Christmas Eve Family Walk-through Experience

Before and after each Worship Service — SH Fellowship Center

It’s that time of year again! Please join us for our Christmas Eve Family Walk-through Experience, “The Christmas Message.” The Good News of the Christmas season is meant to be shared with others! For more information, please contact Kayla DeSimone at [kdesimone@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:kdesimone@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, January 10 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — SH Fellowship Center

Reserve your spot for January’s Prime Time. We will have a sing-a-long with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, a devotional, and special guests.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make your reservation, please call the Administration office at (352) 750-4529 by noon on Monday, January 7.



## Grief Share®

Begins Monday, January 7 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — SH Chapel

GriefShare® begins a new session in January. As you journey this new season, let others who understand come alongside you. Preregistration is requested. Please contact the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



## 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. They listen, pray, and support you. Stephen Ministry is a confidential, one-on-one relationship with a highly-trained individual that will walk alongside you when you have challenges in your life. We value the chance to pray for you!

To request a Stephen Minister, you may use a Prayer Request card or submit a request on our church website. For more information, please contact the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



## 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 it 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 quilts on the altar rail are for: Emerson Schoenthal, a four-year-old who needs a heart transplant; Marcella Jones who has breast cancer; Barbara Daly who suffers with extreme arthritis; and Bob Prindle who has cancer in three locations. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

## Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Marilynn Garner, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dick; and Carol Welby, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ed.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org).

## New Concerns

Corbin Anderson, Aaron Blaser, Bill Chovinard, Clara, Roni Crowder, Shirley DeEsch, Mary Farrell, Albert Lounsbury, Debbie Miller, Bob Prindle, Wanda Ogle, Kyle O’Sullivan, Niels Schmidt, Bill Shawn, Beverly Wilhite

# 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).



## Season of Joy! — New Covenant Christmas Concerts

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

Please note the following door opening and seating schedule.

- **3 p.m. Performance:** Ticket holders who present their tickets will be admitted to the CLC between 2–2:45 p.m. At 2:45 p.m., all persons will be admitted (no ticket required) until all seats are filled.
- **7 p.m. Performance:** Ticket holders who present their tickets will be admitted to the CLC between 6–6:45 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., all persons will be admitted (no ticket required) until all seats are filled.

If you are attending with a group of persons holding tickets, we respectfully request that you do not Reserve or Hold seats for persons who have not yet arrived.



## “Hits of the 70s”

Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m. — SH 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!

Tickets available now!

\$25: Artist Circle (non-assigned)

\$20: General Admission (non-assigned)



## The Kramers in Concert

Sunday, January 13 at 6 p.m. — SH 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.



## January Women's Gathering

Thursday, January 17 from 10–11:45 a.m. — SH Fellowship Center

Today's a day to celebrate a new year, a wonderful you, and an awesome God. Lunch is included and follows our program.

**Menu:** Crabmeat Stuffed Butterflied Shrimp; Baked Zucchini Fries; Creamy Slaw Cup; Decorated Cake with Ice Cream Station

Tickets: \$8

Pick up a NEW “2019 Winter Concert and Events” brochure at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex or the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.



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## **The Good Stuff Festival**

*Saturday, January 26 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. — SH East Parking Lot*

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

**FREE (No Admission Fee)**



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## **The Villages Wind Ensemble**

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

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



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## **Laura Story in Concert**

*February 15 & 16, 2019 — LD Christian Life Center*

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 and/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*.

**\$35: Concert and Conversation with Laura**

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

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