

YOUR SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. (Matthew 7:24-25)

Let God's promises shine on your problems. —Corrie Ten Boom



Altar Flowers

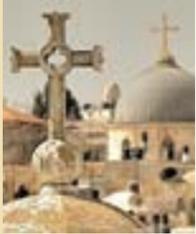
The sign up book for Altar Flowers is located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex. A single arrangement of flowers is \$50 and may be given in honor or memory of loved ones. When picking up an arrangement following the 10:45 Worship Service, please return the container to the church no later than Thursday morning.



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.



Holy Land Trip 2019 Informational Meeting

Tuesday, January 15 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.



Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, January 23 from 10–11 a.m. — Fellowship Center

As you may know, at the 2016 General Conference there was great debate over two crucial points: allowing clergy the freedom to officiate at "Same Sex" unions, and allowing "self-avowed practicing" gay clergy to be ordained in the United Methodist church.

During the General Conference, the delegates did not vote on these amendments. Instead, the delegation asked for a group of people representing the diversity of our denomination to be assembled in order to discuss these points. The group of commission individuals was asked to propose "A Way Forward." To facilitate discussions about preparing for the Way Forward and understanding the differing perspectives regarding human sexuality, a diverse Florida Conference team of clergy and laity created a structured, conversational experience called "Point of View" (POV). It was designed to equip participants to grow in empathy, have a broader understanding of different points of view and to create generative dialogue around challenging conversations. POV was developed by a cross-section of leaders across a theological spectrum and has been used as a resource in other conferences. In October, the New Covenant Leadership Team was invited to attend the training and received valuable information from Bishop Carter's Assistant, Reverend Alex Shanks.

To answer questions that our congregation may have, Reverend Shanks will host a Town Hall Meeting. We ask that you pre-submit any questions you may have by sending them to the church email at ncumc@newcovenantumc-fl.org. You may also submit questions using a card available at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex or the kiosk in the West Narthex. Please leave your card in the basket provided. The questions will be compiled for Reverend Shanks to address at the meeting.

Please submit all questions by Tuesday, January 15.



Yoga Classes

Beginning Wednesday, February 6 and Monday, February 11

Yoga will resume at both campuses the first week of February. Summerhill will host classes on Wednesdays, beginning February 6 and Lake Deaton will host classes on Mondays, beginning February 11. Intermediate classes are at 4 p.m. and Beginner classes are at 5 p.m. at both campuses.

We encourage you to attend classes at either — or both — of our New Covenant campuses! There is a suggested \$3 donation per class that supports our Congregational Health ministry.

For more information, please contact Kayla DeSimone at kdesimone@newcovenantumc-fl.org (Summerhill campus) or Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com (Lake Deaton campus).

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

JANUARY 5 & 6, 2019

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES			
7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	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	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	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	Good News	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	Chapel
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 SUNDAY WORSHIP
CONTEMPORARY 8 A.M. • BLENDED 9:30 A.M.
TRADITIONAL 11 A.M.



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HANDICAP SEATING IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER.

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WE REGULARLY UPDATE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EVENTS.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,359

(Fresh Expressions) 80 • (Saturday Contemporary) 307
(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-183 • 9:15-578 • 10:45-555
(Orchard Worship) 9 • (Grouned Youth Group) 19
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-89 • 10:30-321 • 11:00-218

“Here Am I. Send Me”
Isaiah 6:8

Women's Bible Study
THE EPIC OF EDEN: ISAIAH
Tuesdays, January 15–March 12
11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Ladies, you are invited to join us on this exciting journey to dig deeper into God's Word and growing closer to one another during this amazing Bible Study. Whether you've never opened a Bible or you're a veteran at studying God's Word, this study is designed to meet you where you are.

Often named "the fifth gospel," the book of the prophet Isaiah has more to say about Israel's coming Messiah than any other Old Testament book. During this nine-week study, Dr. Sandra Richter takes us back to eighth century BCE and helps us apply the message of this great champion of the faith to our lives today.

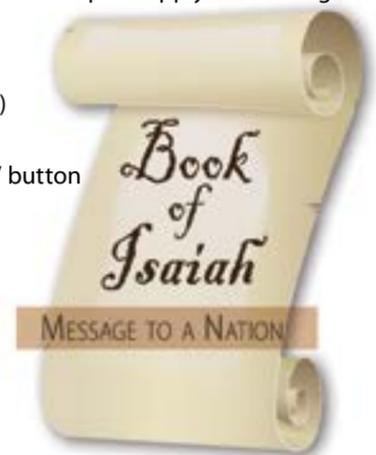
To Register:

- Go to our website at (www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)
- Click the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page
- Select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button
- Click "Epic of Eden – Isaiah" (daytime or evening)
- Follow the prompts to register and pay.

You may also register at a kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend.

Registrations are open until Sunday, January 13.

The cost for the materials is \$20.



And His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,
The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace

connections



"Unshakable Hope" Study Group Forming

Tuesday evenings, January 8–February 5 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Are you connected in a small group? If not, why not start out the new year by trying a group for five weeks? This new group will further study Pastor Harold's January sermon series, "Unshakable Hope."

Pastor Harold's January sermon series will lead us to discover the amazing plans and promises God has for us that give us hope, "Unshakable 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 this weekend. For more information about small groups, please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call (352) 750-4529.



Facilitator Training Workshop

Thursday, January 10 and January 17 from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

If you are interested in learning more about facilitating a group, please plan to attend the upcoming Facilitator Training Workshop. In this two-part interactive training, you will learn the "Why, What, and How" of facilitating a small group, resources to assist you, and opportunities to ask questions and learn from others.

To sign up for this workshop, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or via email at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, January 12 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Sunday, January 13 following each service — 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 jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



New Member Class

Monday, February 11, 2019 from 6–7:30 p.m. — 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.



"A Time of Renewal" Spiritual Retreat

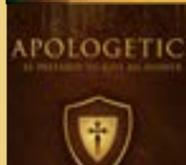
Monday & Tuesday, February 25–26 — LEC in Fruitland Park

Gary Cantrell will lead an overnight retreat at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park. The retreat is open to all women, men, couples, and singles. You will be able to register online at a kiosk in the East Narthex beginning Saturday, January 19. More information will be available soon!

Cost

- Commuter: \$49/person or \$98/couple (includes materials and meals)
- Sharing a room: \$88/person or \$176/couple (includes overnight accommodations, materials and meals)
- Single room: \$99/person (includes a room by yourself, materials and meals)

DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES



NEW Sunday Christian Education Class — Apologetics

Beginning January 13 at 10:30 a.m. — Classroom 6/7

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15).

Learn WHY you believe and HOW to share your faith with others! Explore the evidence for God, answers to Darwinism, why we can trust the Bible, historical and prophetic evidence for the Resurrection, and more.

Rev. Lynn Savron, Ph.D. is a seasonal resident from Ohio who winters with her husband, John, in the Village of Rio Ponderosa. She received her degrees from Springs of Life Bible College/Shalom Seminary in Ohio, where she has taught one course annually since 2002. She has been involved in jail/prison ministry in Florida and Ohio, served on retreat teams, such as REC, Kairos, and Koinonia, and has led numerous Small Group Bible Studies. There is no cost or sign-up/registration for this class.



Great Traditions of the Christian Faith

Friday, January 25 – March 15, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Experience an eight-week journey and conversation with Jesus and the saints of the Christian faith, from the New Testament to the present! This will be an intense, rewarding journey which will inspire you to a more mature, balanced faith. Rev. Ken Pyles will teach this class. The cost is \$28 which includes two books.

Online Registration Opens Monday, January 7

Go to our website (www.newcovenantumc-fl.org); Click the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page; select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button; click "Great Traditions of the Christian Faith;" and follow the prompts to register and pay.

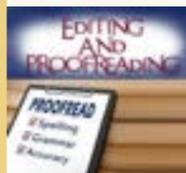
If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call (352) 750-4529.

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.



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 or (352) 750-4529.



Helping First-time Visitors

We are in need of help during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service to serve at the First-time Visitor Kiosk. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org.

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.

Congregational Care



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

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



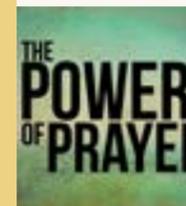
Health Education Speaker Series

Monday, January 14 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We are excited to welcome Donna Robertson, pedorthist, to speak on "Enhancing Balance, Joint Stability, Mobility, and Body Strength — Beginning with the Feet." Donna is an in-demand lecturer on many topics for the pedorthic industry. We are so fortunate to have her join us for this informational event. This is free and open to the public.



In February we will have Dr. Nitza Alvarez, Cardiologist, to discuss "Prevent the Stent," and March's speakers will be Dr. Gabe and Diana Mirkin to talk about healthy eating and living.



"Praying Aloud Workshop" by Pastor Marilyn Anell

Wednesday, January 16 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Chapel

Do you ever find yourself in the position of wanting or needing to pray for someone while amongst others, but find it makes you uncomfortable? Maybe you have quietly squeezed the hand of someone next to you in a prayer circle because you can't imagine praying out loud! Good news!

The Congregational Care Office is very happy to announce our Praying Aloud Workshop, led by the amazing Pastor Marilyn Anell. No registration is necessary. Come ready to find a new confidence and ability to pray aloud as the need arises! It will enhance your ministry.

For more information, contact the Congregational Care office.



Ready to Care for You!

Our newly-commissioned Congregational Care Ministers are now available to walk beside you in any and all needs. Whether you need a hospital visit or you or a loved one are in a facility, CCMs are ready to serve. Perhaps you need someone to just pray with you. We really want to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus here at New Covenant.

We are also blessed by being able to provide a Stephen Minister, who is prepared to walk alongside anyone who requests a long-term, one-on-one care provider to walk with them through any need for which you would like support. You can let us know your needs by filling out a prayer card, calling the Congregational Care Office, or sending us an email. You can also simply speak to a CCM or a Stephen Minister, who you can identify by their name tag.

For more information, contact the Congregational Care office.



Planning a Celebration of Life

Stop by one of the brochure racks located in the East and West Narthexes to pick up the latest copy of "Planning a Celebration of Life" brochure. This publication has valuable information to assist you in pre-planning a service. Brochures are also available in the Congregational Care office.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Richard Allen Brown who has stage-3 colon cancer; Diane Wright who has stage-4 metastatic breast cancer; and Dorie Masemore who has a badly damaged hand. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

New Concerns

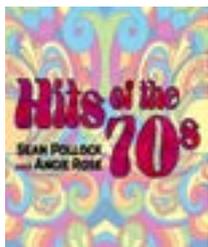
Linda Burgan, Brian G., Bob Prindle, Steve S., Darlene Vandenberg, David & Kim Yarborough

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).

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.



Hits of the 70s

Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Sean, Angie Rose, and guests present **Hits of the 70s** in this annual concert benefiting "Backpack for Kids." This is always one of our favorite concerts! Come and enjoy a great night of music, energy, and excitement as we journey back to the 70s. This year, they are inviting a rocking band on stage for this review you will not want to miss!

You'll hear all your favorite songs from your favorite artists and take a trip back to the 70s. Elton John, Billy Joel, Neil Diamond, Barry Manilow, Barbara Streisand, Carole King, Ann Murray, Karen Carpenter, and many more!

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

Tickets are available on our website (credit card fees will apply), at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services, and at The Villages Box Office.

Net proceeds will benefit the "Jean Kelly Backpack for Kids" program. Please help the children of our community get the tools they need to succeed.



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: \$15



Women's Ministry January Gathering

PLEASE NOTE: If you purchased a ticket(s) for the January 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 we do greatly appreciate your willingness to share your tickets so as many women as possible can attend. Thank you!



Helping Hands All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast

Saturday, February 9 from 7:30–10 a.m. — Fellowship Center

The annual pancake breakfast tickets are available this weekend at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services and on our website (credit card fees will apply).

Tickets: \$7 per person

Net proceeds will benefit Helping Hands projects.



Toast of Tampa Show Chorus & Heralds of Harmony

Sunday, February 10, 2019 at 5 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Returning to our Winter Concert series, welcome back these two outstanding show choirs. Toast of Tampa Show Chorus is a dynamic, internationally-ranked chapter of Sweet Adelines International, one of the world's largest independent singing organizations for women.

The chorus of 90-plus women of all ages, from all over Florida, performs popular music in four-part acappella harmony, in the barbershop style. Under the direction of Tony DeRosa, the chorus placed 4th in Sweet Adelines's 2017 International competition, and won the 2018 Coastal Harmony competition, qualifying for Sweet Adelines's September 2019 competition in New Orleans, LA. Performance, membership, and more information available at toastoftampa.org

Guest performer, the Heralds of Harmony chorus from Tampa, and also under the direction of Tony DeRosa, represents the Barbershop Harmony Society's Sunshine District in international competition July 2019 in Salt Lake City, UT.

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

Tickets are available at The Villages Box Offices.

A portion of the net proceeds supports the Summerhill Women's Ministry.



The Villages High School Wind Ensemble and The Concert Band of The Villages

Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

A joint venture with the Villages High School Wind Ensemble under the direction of Linda Quinn and The Villages Concert Band under the direction of Jean Butler are sure to delight you as the groups perform individually and also combine forces for a rousing concert. 'Love is in the Air' as young — and not so young — members share the stage.

Tickets: \$10

Tickets will also be available at The Villages Box Office locations beginning January 17.



Laura Story in Concert

February 15 & 16, 2019 — Lake Deaton 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.)