

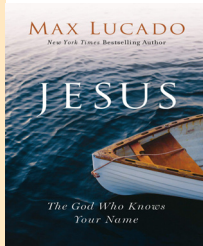
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Holy Communion

We will be observing Holy Communion during Worship Services this weekend. Please prepare by having grape juice and bread available as we observe this holy sacrament together as the body of Christ.

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. Everyone is welcome!

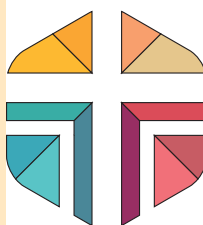


New Sermon Series

Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name

Pastor Harold will begin a new six-week sermon series next weekend. It is based on Max Lucado's book, *Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name*. The study is divided into six sections: Immanuel, Friend, Teacher, Miracle Worker, Lamb of God, and Returning King; it describes the person Jesus was on earth and how to live in a personal relationship with Him.

We look forward to this new sermon series. Be sure to invite your friends to join us via our Virtual Worship Services.



The Path to Reopening Task Force Update

THANK YOU everyone for completing our recent on-line survey. If you haven't already completed this survey, please do so before Friday at noon. To complete the survey, please click this [link](#). The results are being reviewed and analyzed for presentation to our Directors and Senior Pastor early next week. Please continue to be in prayer for this team, your staff, Directors and our Senior Pastor as we seek God's direction in determining how to safely return to in-person worship.

As we plan strategically for returning to in-person worship and other gatherings, we want to ensure the safety of everyone who enters our doors. This will require changes and proactive measures that will be practiced now and for the foreseeable future. Those changes will be implemented in the most reasonable manner possible. Please click this [link](#) to review the current document as prepared by our reopening task force.



Virtual Worship

We are now live streaming two different types of Worship Service each week.

- 5 p.m. — Saturday, Contemporary Worship with the Praise Team
- 9 a.m. — Sunday, Blended Worship with favorite hymns, piano, organ, and special music

You will be able to watch them at those times or anytime during the week. To worship with Pastor Harold, just go to our website or Facebook page or YouTube page, or click this ["link."](#) Instructions to access Virtual Worship are available on our website homepage by clicking on the "Virtual Worship" button.

As a reminder, Daily Prayer is available on our website and Facebook page as well.



Altar Flowers

If you have previously paid for Altar Flowers for weekend Worship Services, while our Worship Services are suspended due to COVID-19, you will be contacted regarding rescheduling your flowers at a later date.

You may also contact Ann McBain at amcbain@ncumcfl.com with any questions. Thank you.

"It's how we embrace the uncertainty in our lives that leads to the great transformation of our souls." —Brandon Pear

New Covenant UMC Church Conference — Sunday, May 31

The vote approved the launch of the Lake Deaton campus as a separate United Methodist Church effective July 1, 2020. We thank our Lord for the guidance and direction given to our church. Our two congregations will continue to work together through this transition and into the future as we seek to make disciples for Jesus Christ for the transformation of The Villages and throughout the world. We are grateful for your prayers. Additional information will be coming from each of our congregations.



Congratulations Class of 2020!

This year we are very excited to have 20 of our active Youth graduating from high school! To celebrate and honor these amazing young people, we are putting together a graduation care basket for each. We are encouraging members of our New Covenant congregation to donate items to place in their baskets. Some ideas of items to donate for the baskets include gift cards for coffee, gas, food, Walmart and/or Target, supplies for college, etc. New Covenant will be providing devotionals for the graduates.

If you'd prefer to give a monetary donation to go towards our graduates' care baskets, those are also welcomed. We want to celebrate with our high school graduates, and let them know how proud their church family is of them!

We are planning on having a Graduate Recognition Parade at the church on Saturday, June 13 at 6:15 p.m. During this time, the graduates will receive their care baskets, and we will pray over & bless them. We want to welcome our congregation to come out and cheer on our graduates at the parade!

If you have any questions regarding donating items towards the care baskets, about giving a monetary donation, or attending the parade, please contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at kdesimone@ncumcfl.com. You may also call our church office at (352) 750-4529.

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OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-THURSDAY • 9 AM-4:30 PM
FRIDAY • 9 AM-1 PM

Viewing for Weekend Services from May 23-24: 3,890
Worship 3,878 • Youth 12



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

Rev. Harold Hendren,
Senior Pastor

Rev. Ellen Pollock,
Discipleship Pastor



Summer in the Scriptures with Bishop Ken Carter

Begin with Matthew 1, and read all four gospels — 89 chapters, one a day, over the 90 days of summer. Bishop Carter will soon begin to record the webinars with Kendall Soulen, Dana Robert, Edgardo Colon-Emeric, and Bob Tuttle. The corresponding book, *A Beginner's Guide to Scriptural Imagination*, is available to purchase on Amazon for Kindle, or from Cokesbury for a physical copy.

Almost 700 people will be a part of this spiritual practice — and our group is growing. Please invite others. **Please Note:** You must have a Facebook account to join this Bible study group. This is available through the Facebook group, "[Summer in the Scriptures with Bishop Ken Carter](#)."

The Parables of Jesus

Beginning Sunday, June 14, join Pastor Jeff Vermilya for this four-week video series. These will be available on our website under the Discipleship tab. There will be a link at the Sunday Education box. Pastor Jeff will provide a PowerPoint slideshow and questions each week of this series that you can download. We hope this will be a valuable resource for Sunday Education classes and Connect Small Groups.

Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season with Pastor Ellen Pollock

Ladies, beginning Tuesday, June 23 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., please join Pastor Ellen for this seven-week virtual study.

DISCIPLE Bible Studies

DISCIPLE Bible Study has been a standard within the church for providing in-depth study for over 20 years. DISCIPLE has created several short-term studies to help learners become interested in study without the long-term commitment. Participant books provide daily reading assignments and questions to challenge. These studies are ideal for those with little Bible experience or those who are seasoned in study.

- *Invitation to the Old Testament*
Begins Monday, June 15
- *Invitation to John*
Begins Wednesday, June 24

Don Piper's Virtual Sunday School Class

For more information on Elijah, DISCIPLE, and Don Piper's classes, please see the following page.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



New Member Classes

Monday, September 21 from 6-7:30 p.m. — Chapel

Did you know there are different types of church membership? Did you know you can join New Covenant and still retain your membership with your home church?

Types of Membership

- Full Member: New Covenant is your home church.
- Affiliate Member: You are a member of another United Methodist Church as a full member, but you attend New Covenant part of the year.
- Associate Member: You are a full member associated with another denomination, but also attend New Covenant.

Registration is Required

To register click this [link](#). For more information or to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please email Barb Prindle at bprindle@ncumcfl.com.



Daily Prayer Moments

Weekdays at 8 a.m.

Weekday moments of scripture and prayer will continue. Join us daily on Facebook or click this [link](#) to share a brief time of prayer!

Missions & Outreach



The Homeowner Release of Liability Form

This form allows volunteers from New Covenant to work on your property for the purpose of securing your home in the event of a disaster when you are away for an extended period of time.

To download a form from our website, please click this [link](#). The completed form may be returned to the Church Office during regular business hours.

For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudakyoakum@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Pray for our Country

This week I am not discussing money or your talents, but I am pleading for your **time** to stop and pray for our country. We all have heard, witnessed, and know that prayer works. After three stressful months, with many of our citizens being laid off, many without paychecks, and not knowing when, or even if, they might get back to work, we find ourselves in an even more stressful time.

Our country, founded on freedom for all, **MUST** pray that our prejudices be taken away — to be diminished, to become nonexistent. And not just race prejudices, but those between churches, between political parties, and those between the wealthy and the not-so-wealthy, just to name a few.

In the “Good Samaritan” parable, Christ taught us about love. Love for each other. Love your neighbor as you do yourself.

Take **time** this week to pray. Pray that your own prejudices will be lessened, even removed, and pray hard and often for our country.

Charles Stuart, Chair of the Finance Team

DISCIPLESHIP



Don Piper Sunday School Series: “Win! Over ...”

Sunday School Series led by Rev. Don Piper: “Win! Over ...” Don has partnered with New Covenant by presenting a series that will help us navigate these challenging times. He has presented his teachings virtually so everyone in our church and community can draw from his wisdom and words. Each class has study and reflection questions that are drawn from Don’s teachings.

New lessons are available on our website beginning each Sunday at 8 a.m. Each week there will be study and reflection questions that will be drawn from Don’s teaching for you to discuss with others in small groups.

The topics are:

- Win! Over... Uncertain Times
- Win! Over... Depression
- Win! Over... Doubts
- Win! Over... Disappointment
- Win! Over... Fear
- Win! Over... Failure
- Win! Over... Discouragement

To access this study, click this [link](#). If you have a question based on his talk, please email Pastor Ellen at epollock@ncumcfl.com.



Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season

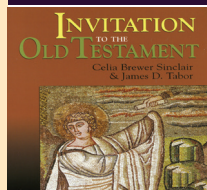
Join Pastor Ellen Pollock as she facilitates this online women’s study by author Melissa Spoelstra. Regardless of the season you are in, we can all learn from Elijah who struggled and doubted; but by God’s hand, Elijah was able to survive and thrive!

Each week, the group will meet by Zoom technology to discuss the week’s lesson. This study is ideal for those with little Bible experience or those who are seasoned in study.

Class is limited to 15. Online registration will be available soon. The registration cost is \$17.

If you have any questions regarding Zoom or need help registering, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.

Disciple Bible Studies



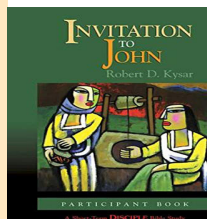
Invitation to the Old Testament

Mondays beginning June 15 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Virtual Bible Study

Denny Hutchinson is taking us on a virtual experience to discover the Old Testament through this eight-week DISCIPLE course. The participant book will provide daily reading assignments and questions to challenge.

Each week, the group will meet by Zoom technology to discuss the week’s lesson. This study is ideal for those with little Bible experience or those who are seasoned in study. The registration cost is \$17. Click this [link](#) to register.

If you have any questions regarding Zoom or need help registering, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.



Invitation to John

Begins Wednesday, June 24

The invitation from Christ is: “Come and see, Follow me”. Experience the magnificent passages in John including the “I Am” statements (I am the truth, the life and the way, I am the living water and more). Revisit stories only told in John’s gospel.

This cost for this 11-week-study is \$14. This class will be facilitated by George de Jager and held in the church. Registrations begins Wednesday, June 10.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.

The May/June Upper Room Devotionals are available at the Welcome Center

Congregational Care



Fear Not! — Congregational Care Office is Here for You!

During these days of concern, not knowing what the proper protocols are to endure a worldwide pandemic, even Christians can find themselves living with anxiety.

Do I have all that I need to weather the coming storm of uncertainty? God teaches us whatever may come our way: *Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* (Isaiah 41:10)

If you are feeling anxious, please contact the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 and one of our staff would love the opportunity to talk to, and pray with, you.



A “Virtual” Prayer Service

Wednesdays at Noon

Led by Pastor Jeff Vermilya, Director of our Congregational Care Department. It will include a meditation, followed by a time of prayer together.

In order for you to participate more fully, we are providing a Litany, to provide an outline and a way for us to join in faith and unity. It is suggested to print the litany ahead of time. This prayer service will be live at noon, and will also be available here anytime after.

To access the service and the prayer litany, please click [here](#).



Prayer Quilts

Please watch for the beautiful quilts made by our Prayers & Squares Ministry during our Virtual Worship Services. You may also see these quilts on our Facebook page. Each “Like” will be a symbol of your prayer for the recipient.

Every two weeks, you will see the quilts with the initials and needs of the recipients during the prayer time of the Virtual Worship Service. As the motto of this ministry proclaims, “It’s about the prayers!” We will manage the knot tying at the church. Thank you so much!



Need Help?

We are encouraging you to call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 if you need assistance with any of the following: groceries, medications, pet food, or prescription pick up.



Hospital Visitation

We are visiting patients in hospital ICUs. As our situation begins to improve, we will be ready as soon as possible to visit all our hospitalized members.

As always, please call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 if you or a loved one is hospitalized or will be having surgery or a procedure. We truly want to be there for you!



The Gift of Prayer

This week’s prayer quilts are for: BS who has a broken arm; DU who was in a bicycle accident; JD who was hospitalized; and LVH who has multiple health issues. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Carol Carpenter, family and friends on the passing of her husband Rev. Gailey “Gale” Carpenter; Ann & Bob McBain, family and friends on the passing of her uncle Jerry Moore; Alan Carroll, family and friends on the passing of his wife Penny.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, no Celebrations of Life are scheduled. Please check back when we are permitted to gather again.

New Concerns

Judy Bradley, Nancy Casto, Bob Drake, Sonia Frazier, Dick Holcombe, Jurgen Family, Gay McCants, Silvia & Wyatt McCants, Marlene Morrisey’s Grandson, Our Country, Carolyn Speckman, Mike Stramiello