

# 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](mailto: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!

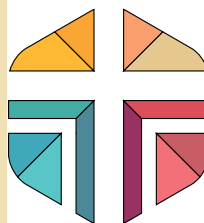


## Congratulations Class of 2020!

We are 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!

For each graduate care basket, we are encouraging you to donate items. 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!

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](mailto:kdesimone@ncumcfl.com). You may also call our church office at (352) 750-4529.



## 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. 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 Experience

You may watch our services at these times — or anytime during the 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

To worship with Pastor Harold, go to our website, Facebook or YouTube page, or click this ["link."](#)



## New Sermon Series

**Jesus: The God Who Knows Your Name**

Pastor Harold is beginning a new six-week sermon series this week. 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. Each section describes the person Jesus was on earth and how to live in a personal relationship with Him.

Be sure to invite your friends to join us via our Virtual Worship Services.



**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



## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING 2020 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

New Covenant UMC is very proud of each of you and your amazing accomplishments. We pray that you continue to grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ as you embark on this next chapter of your life.

### From The Villages High School

- Evan Ayala — Parents: Angel Ayala & Beatriz Colon, College of Central Florida/UF for Psychology & Ministry
- Efrain Bailon — Parents: Efrain & Dalia Bailon, Lake Sumter State College/UCF for Civil & Aerospace Engineering
- Martin Balboa — Parents: JM & Armie Balboa, Lake Sumter State College/UCF for Nursing
- Zane Capazzi — Parents: John & Ramonda Capazzi, Ocala Fire College for Firefighting
- Reese Chavis — Parents: Michael & Pam Chavis, USF for Mechanical Engineering & pursue Professional Bowling
- Jedidiah Dunseath — Parents: Gary & Tammy Dunseath, Florida State University
- Brian Fogel — Parents: Kenneth Fogel & Jennifer Gibson, UF for Computer Engineering
- Ryan Fredericks — Parents: Michael & Donna Fredericks, Lake Sumter State College/UCF for Business & Graphic Design
- Alex Held — Parents: Richard & Julie Held, University of Tennessee for Marketing
- Andrew Jenkins — Parents: Leroy & Karen Jenkins, UCF for Computer Science
- Megan Kennard — Parents: Matt & Debbie Kennard, USF for Health Sciences-Dermatology Physician's Assistant
- Karter Klein — Parents: Wyatt & Jaime Klein, College of Central Florida for Internet Marketing and Entrepreneurship
- Steve Lightbody — Parents: Steve & Barbara Lightbody, FSU for Economics & Public Relations/Pre-Law
- Marissa Mahood — Parents: Spence & Nyla Mahood, Florida Southern College for Nursing
- Michael Mills — Parents: Michael & Tina Mills
- David Sykes — Parents: Steve & Candice Sykes, Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College ABAC for Livestock and Crop Production
- Roy Vaca — Parents: Francisco & Francisca Vaca, Business and Real Estate

### From Florida Virtual School

- Grace Healey — Parents: Kenneth Healey, Santa Fe State College for Orthopedic Therapy

### From Leesburg High School

- Kyle Woodruff — Parents: Kyle & Angela Woodruff, Electrical School

### From South Sumter High School

- Mason Shannon — Parents: John Shannon and Jacqueline Stokes, Military)

## NEW COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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### FACEBOOK

NEW COVENANT UMC, FL  
WE REGULARLY UPDATE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EVENTS.

### OFFICE HOURS

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

Viewing for Weekend Services from May 30-31: 3,394

Worship 3,387 • Youth 7

# DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY FOR BUSY LIVES

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

**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](mailto:ahill@ncumcfl.com) or (352) 750-4529.



## Invitation to John

**Begins Wednesday, June 24 from 10–11:30 a.m. — Classroom 3**

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 11-week class will be facilitated by George de Jager. This registration cost is \$14. Click this [link](#) to register.

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

## connect SMALL GROUPS



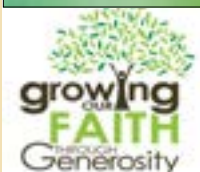
### Connect Small Groups

While the church building has been closed to large groups, Connect Small Groups have been meeting. Some meet in the church building, some in the shade in the church parking lot, and some have had driveway meetings — all fewer than 10 people, with masks, and social distancing. Many of our groups have met using Zoom. All our groups have stayed in contact and have prayed for one another through e-mail, phone calls/texts, and cards.

They have studied together and shared joy as they met. Many of our groups have found unique ways to serve during the coronavirus pandemic. They have made masks, delivered groceries and meals, collected food for the Wildwood Food Pantry, sent prayer quilts, and much more.

Even in 'times such as these,' if you would like to be part of a Connect Small Group — for men, women, or couples — please contact Ashley Hill at [ahill@ncumcfl.com](mailto:ahill@ncumcfl.com) or (352) 750-4529.

## Time, Talents, and Treasures



### Stewardship

Just as you will not find a generous person who is unhappy, you will not find one who is not kind. A generous heart is a kind heart. It is giving of yourself to others to help them in a time of need or to advance them on their journey in life. When you are kind to others, you will find that others will be kind to you.

Jesus captures this in saying, "Do unto others as you will have them do it unto you." A key to achieving success in life is knowing that what you give you will receive back. Zig Ziglar got it right when he said, "You will get all you want in life, if you help enough other people get what they want."

# 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](mailto:epollock@ncumcfl.com).



## 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 21**

Join Pastor Jeff Vermilya for this four-week video series. Pastor Jeff will provide a PowerPoint slideshow and questions each week of this series that you can download.

These will be available on our website under the Discipleship tab. There will be a link at the Sunday Education box. We hope this will be a valuable resource for Sunday Education classes and Connect Small Groups.



## Elijah: Spiritual Stamina in Every Season

**Begins Tuesday, June 23 from 11 a.m.–1 p.m. — Zoom**

Ladies, Join Pastor Ellen Pollock as she facilitates this seven-week 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. The registration cost is \$17. Click this [link](#) to register.

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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](#).



## 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!



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

Roland Smith, family and friends on the passing of his wife Dolores "Dody."

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

## New Concerns

Rich Barry, Alex Bond, Robert Bracero, Shawn Callahan, Carol Curtiss, John Hark, Leonora Hubbard, Matthew Hynes, Laurie Koochesfahani, Frani Kurt, Doug Macaulay, Rob, Linda Smith, Charles Stuart, Charles Trask, Sue Wyman



## The Website is Updated!

With the launch of Lake Deaton UMC, New Covenant has updated our website at [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com).

On our website we have cleaned up the pages and added some new features:

- You are able to see our worship times from the home page.
- Our social medias (Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo) are easily accessible.
- Under the title page of most pages, you will see underlined words. If you click the word for which you are trying to get information, it will take you straight to that section.

Please note that we strongly recommend using Google Chrome or Safari instead of Internet Explorer or Firefox. If you use Google Chrome or Safari, you will be able to use the new feature on our website. If you are using anything other than Google Chrome or Safari, this feature may not work.

For any questions regarding the website, please contact Olivia Collins, Social Media Specialist, at [ocollins@ncumcfl.com](mailto:ocollins@ncumcfl.com).