

# Weekly Word

*New Covenant United Methodist Church*

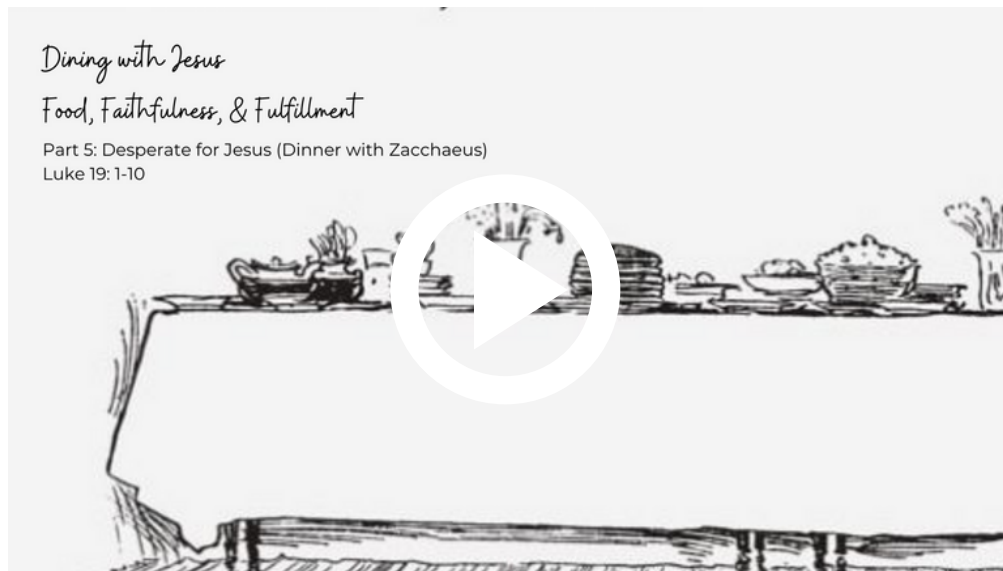
## MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



*Dining with Jesus*

*Food, Faithfulness, & Fulfillment*

Part 5: Desperate for Jesus (Dinner with Zacchaeus)  
Luke 19: 1-10



### *Spiritual Reflection*

But the Lord said to Samuel, “Have no regard for his appearance or stature, because I haven’t selected him. God doesn’t look at things like humans do. Humans see only what is visible to the eyes, but the Lord sees into the heart.”

**I SAMUEL 16:7**

# PEAR

Performing Arts (PeAr) is a weekly after-school program on Thursdays from January-May 2021, for children in **Grades 1-8**. Our PeAr program focuses on the performing arts, and gives children opportunities to develop & share their spiritual gifts! We will do a Spring show in May.

**PeAr gives children the chance to sing, dance, and act.** We also provide opportunities for our PeAr kids to recite scripture, sing, and be part of our New Covenant worship experience!

New Covenant provides bus transportation from The Villages Charter Schools. If you have any questions about PeAr or would like to volunteer please contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, by clicking the title.



## CHILDREN'S HOME VIRTUAL TOUR

The Florida United Methodist Children's Home is hosting a virtual tour day on campus on **Saturday, March 27, 2021**. It will be broadcast on their Facebook page and will be accessible on their YouTube channel. The virtual event will feature updates from their President & CEO, board chair, and key staff. It will also highlight testimonials from individuals, 2020 award winners, music from our children and staff, and a virtual tour. The Florida United Methodist Children's Home provides residential, therapeutic group, foster, and emergency shelter care, independent living assistance, and community child care center. Click the title to view their YouTube page.

## DISCIPLESHIP SURVEY

We need your feedback! Now a full year into the pandemic we have done everything different from worship to bible studies. New Covenant wants to continue to offer Discipleship opportunities. **By answering a few questions, we can better serve you.** Click the title above to take the survey.





## EASTER FLOWERS

Help The Guild adorn our worship spaces for the celebration of Easter! A beautiful variety of plants are available for pickup after the worship services on April 4. **All plants are \$15** and a memorial list will be made available for all tributes, honorariums, or memoriums. Click the title to purchase.

## STEWARDSHIP

### **Our Generous Congregation**

I have been amazed at how generous our congregation has been even when there weren't any church services to physically attend and now with limited services. For the first two months of 2021 giving to your church has exceeded what we had budgeted and prayed for. **Thank you so very much.**

If you are not sure how to give, in addition to the baskets at the church services, the church office is open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Friday until 1:00 p.m.) to drop off your donations or go online to [ncumcfl.com/give](https://ncumcfl.com/give). If you need help online, call Marissa at (352) 750-4529.



Please continue to stay safe. Wear a mask. We are closing in on the end of this pandemic.

**-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee**



## GENERAL CONFERENCE

Due to COVID-19, the originally scheduled **2020 General Conference has now been postponed to August of 2022**. We recognize that you are interested in how future decisions at the General Conference may impact New Covenant United Methodist. Our Wesleyan theology, doctrine, mission and vision at New Covenant has not changed. We continue to follow the current Discipline of the United Methodist Church and the policy and procedures adopted by our SALT leadership at New Covenant. Please click the title for more information.



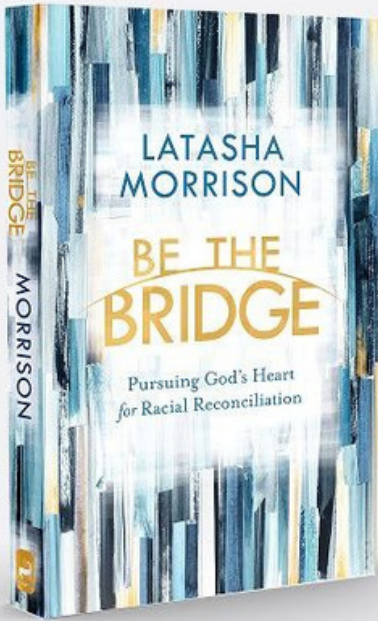
## NEW NCUMC TEXT

We are excited to announce a new and exciting feature here at New Covenant. In an effort to stay connected, **Pastor Harold will now be sending out weekly text messages to our congregants**. Pastor Harold's thoughts of the week, and more, will now be easily accessible on your mobile device. Sign up today by clicking the title!



# Discipleship

Please click the title to access all Discipleship opportunities.



## CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

Christian Perspectives on Racial Justice Study Group is a Zoom book study and discussion group to understand race issues and promote social justice on **Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. from April 6 - June 8**. You will need to purchase the book, "Be the Bridge" by Latasha Morrison (see picture). Please click the title to join this group.

## APRIL WOMEN'S GATHERING

**You Rock! On Thursday, April 15 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** in the CLC. Come and join us for this women's gathering that focuses on God, "Our Rock" and how we can be ROCK-strong women of faith. You must register for this event and wear a mask. All safety protocols for in-person worship services will be in place at this event. Click the title to register.





# Congregational Care

*Please click the title to access Care.*



## HANDY FELLAS

A group of volunteers who supply **free manpower to do minor home jobs for the elderly, singles, and those with physical limitations**. Jobs need to be small projects that improve the wellbeing, safety, or health of the recipients. If you are handy and looking to use your skills to help others in need, or if you need help, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.

Weekly Prayer  
Concerns

Prayer  
Request

Quilt  
Request

## NEW CONCERNS



Barbara Bonney	Ed Mowry
Family of Ted Cahalane	Pat Parrott
Dale	Kay Pliszka
Lani Ferguson & unborn baby	Ida Poret
Thelma Harris	Ed Randolph
Cheri Hawley	Betty Schowalter
Barbe Hays	Dennis Sibrt
Christine Keeping	Marty Turner
Rena Marchand	Sue Webster
Karen Menard	Diane Williams

## OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Diana Cahalane on the passing  
of husband, Frederick "Ted" Cahalane.

Keith and Pat Webster on the passing  
of brother, Carson Webster.



[Click here to view Celebrations of Life.](#)



Your prayers are requested for our virtual prayer quilts. If you have Facebook, please click on each quilt, pray, and then “like” the picture to symbolize the tying of a knot. Knots will be physically tied by staff as a tangible representation of all the prayers and love offered on behalf of those in need. Even if you do not have Facebook, you can still pray for those receiving the quilts.



Denise is suffering the loss of a father.

Viewing for Weekend Services from March 6 & 7  
total 2,408

<b>VIRTUAL</b>	<b>Worship 1,791</b>
<b>IN-PERSON</b>	<b>Sat 5PM 146   Sun 9AM 246   Sun 11AM 225   Youth 11</b>

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