

Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church

MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Part 4: Good Days, Bad Days, But God is in All Days

WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS

HOPE & HELP
FOR OUR
TURBULENT TIMES

Genesis 41:25-40



Spiritual Reflection

"Hope is but the dream of those who wake."

MATTHEW PRIOR "SOLOMON"

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The 2021 National Day of Prayer theme is: “LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY.” We will be offering prayer stations for our nation in the Chapel on **Thursday, May 6 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Our nation needs our prayers and our love. Come and use this special time to reflect and pray for our nation. To follow CDC guidelines, the prayer stations will be socially distanced, and masks will be required. To access our National Day of Prayer brochure, please click the title.



New Covenant has also created a Prayer Wheel to engage other faith partners and all ministries within the church to be prayed for on National Day of Prayer. In order to accomplish this around-the-clock prayer vigil for peace, reconciliation, health, and wellness, we are asking you to join us. We will begin at 12:00 a.m. and continue for 24 hours. We are asking that you contact your volunteers, group leaders, and members to pray for our church, our community, our country, our world, and ourselves. **Please click the button below to see your designated time slot.** If you determine that the designated time slot is too late or too early, we ask that you identify a time to pray that is convenient for you and your ministry.

[Prayer Wheel](#)



CHURCH CONFERENCE

On **Wednesday, May 12, beginning at 4:00 p.m. in the CLC**, a Church Conference will be held to vote on allowing New Covenant's Helping Hands ministry to purchase a new building to expand our Bargains & Blessings Resale Store. The total cost would include the purchase price of \$290,000. This would be a cash purchase.

As a reminder, only Full Members who are present are permitted to vote. Associate and Affiliate Members may not vote but are encouraged to attend. If you would like to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please contact Barb Prindle in the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 by Friday, May 7 at 1:00 p.m.

B&B VOLUNTEERS

Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop would like to continue to grow its ministry. If you are interested in volunteering, we are looking for pickup and delivery drivers, helpers and schedulers, store volunteers, cashiers, and individuals to help in goods and apparel. **If you're interested, please email us by clicking the title above or visit us at 301 N. Main Street in Wildwood to complete an application.**





H.E.L.P.

Helping Everyone Locate Providers is a page on the New Covenant website that provides a list of community resources in the tri-county area for those with a variety of needs. While the church does not recommend, promote, or endorse any of the resources, the webpage can be a helpful starting place for people looking for assistance. **To find out more, visit: ncumcfl.com/help or click the title above.**

STEWARDSHIP

John Had It Right

John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church, was an incredible servant of God. Wesley reminded his followers that “the love of money,” not money itself, is the “root of all evil.” (1 Timothy 6:10)

He said, “the fault does not lie in the money, but in them that use it.” He declared that when used in ways that are consistent with Biblical wisdom, money is “an excellent gift of God, answering the noblest ends.” On another occasion he said, “...Do not throw it away on idle expenses, which is just the same as throwing it in the sea.”

Wesley saw using money properly as a practical way of conducting one’s life. How well are we using God’s gift?

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





ALTAR FLOWERS

Ida Poret

In memory of my mother, Zenaida (Zeni) and brother, Dennis.

A special thank you to those providing Altar flowers.
Click the title if you would like to provide an arrangement.



SMOKIES & BILTMORE HOUSE BUS TRIP

Christmas Time in the Smokies & Biltmore House is a bus trip that was originally scheduled last year but has been rescheduled for **November 14 - 20, 2021**. There is still space available if anyone would like to join the group. We will be visiting the Biltmore House to view their Christmas decor and more. For additional information, contact Dale Newland by clicking the title.

MAY WOMEN'S GATHERING

We're having a baby shower! The Women's Ministry is having a church baby shower to support Healthy Families, which serves families in Lake, Sumter, and Marion counties. Registration and masks are required to attend this event. "Blessed Babies" is on **May 13, 2021, from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the CLC**. Please click the title to register.





COFFEE AT THE COLUMBARIUM

Join the Men's Ministry for the second Coffee at the Columbarium. We were able to get together this month for some much-missed fellowship. Please join us on **Tuesday, May 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m.** Coffee will be provided. Please bring your own lawn chair. If you have any questions, please contact Don Buckey by clicking the title.

BOOK YOUR ROOMS

We are quickly gearing up for the fall, and our classrooms are booking quickly. **If you have a class or group that needs space at the church,** please contact the Discipleship Offices at (352) 750-4529.





SPRING PEAR SHOW

Please join us for our PeAr children's performance of "The Tale of Three Trees" on **Thursday, May 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Center. This sweet take on our salvation story is shared from the perspective of a forest of trees and how God's plan for each of us is so much bigger than any plan we could create for ourselves. We are all built for a purpose!

BACKPACKS4KIDS

Each year our BackPacks4Kids concert helps provide backpacks for Wildwood Middle High School and Wildwood Elementary School. This past year we were able to provide backpacks and supplies to every student at Wildwood Middle High School, totaling 800 and 432 for the elementary school. The tickets for our first two concerts will be on sale Thursday, May 6, through The Villages Box Office. Please check next week's WeeklyWord to purchase!





Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

Weekly Prayer
Concerns

Prayer
Request

Quilt
Request

NEW CONCERNS



Dave Curry

Virginia Newland

Linda Foster

Timothy O'Steen

John & Ginger Hinkle

Sandy Rahall

Pat McLaughlin

Jason S.

Barb Nelson

Lexie Toomey

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Family & friends on the passing of,
Barbara Nelson

Charles Starkey on the passing of wife,
Barbara Starkey

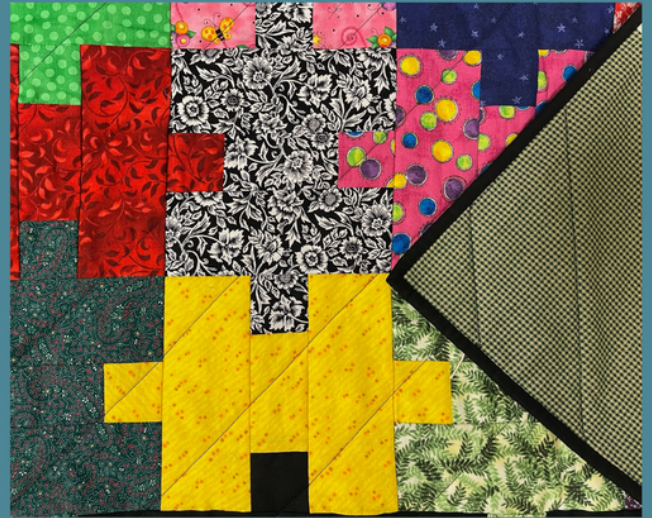


[Click here to view Celebrations of Life.](#)

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.



Anna is recovering from a mastectomy.



Richard is battling bone cancer and blinded by macular degeneration.

Viewing for Weekend Services from April 17 & 18
total **2,333**

VIRTUAL	Worship 1,607
IN-PERSON	Sat 5PM 196 Sun 9AM 244 Sun 11AM 251 Orchard 15 Youth 20

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