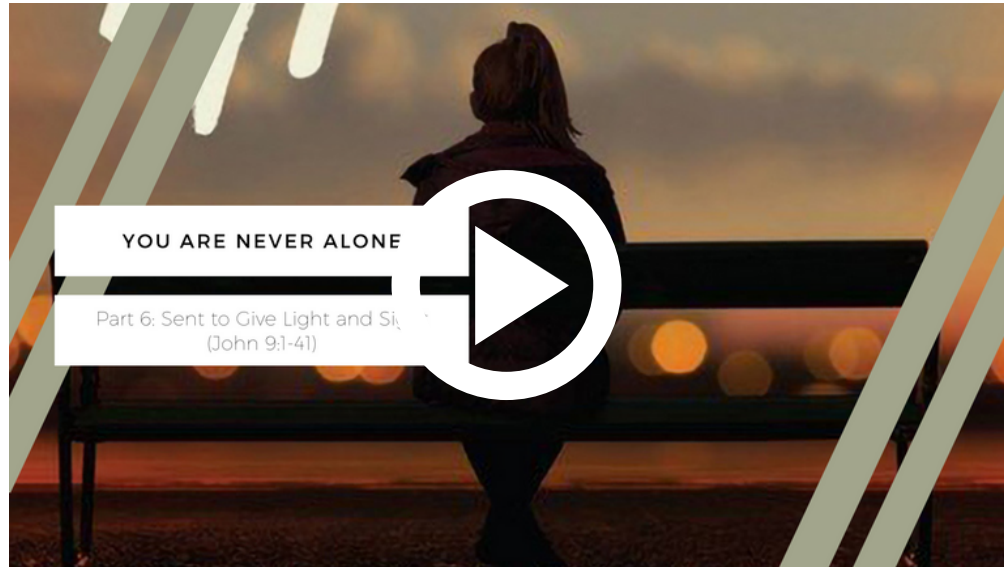


# Weekly Word

*New Covenant United Methodist Church*

## MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



### *Spiritual Reflection*

"It is not our littleness that hinders Christ; but our bigness.  
It is not our weakness that hinders Christ; it is our strength.  
It is not our darkness that hinders Christ;  
it is our supposed light that holds back his hand."

**C. H. SPURGEON**

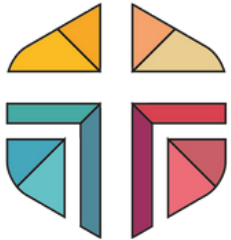
**Week 6 Study Questions**

*Registration is live Thursdays at noon until  
Saturdays at noon.*

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



# Ministry Spotlight

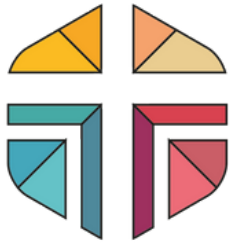
*Click the title to give to the ministry highlighted below.*

## WILDWOOD SOUP KITCHEN

The Wildwood Soup Kitchen, located at First Presbyterian Church of Wildwood, prepares nutritious meals in quart-size containers that are delivered Monday through Friday. Volunteers are from several religious organizations who come together each week to deliver 200 meals to ill, aged, homeless and homebound individuals. They also prepare 100 snack packs each week for children at Wildwood Elementary School for weekend meals, and bagged lunches are provided on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. In December 2020, 470 bagged lunches were given out to those in need. New Covenant UMC, Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse, Publix, Carrabba's, Edible Arrangements, Brownwood Farmers Market, Red Lobster, and Bob Evans are some of the organizations that provide food donations. Monetary donations are provided by churches, social clubs, individuals and organizations. Additional information can also be found on their website at [www.wildwoodsoupkitchen.org](http://www.wildwoodsoupkitchen.org).

During Super Bowl weekend, February 6 & 7, you will be able to donate towards Wildwood Soup Kitchen by clicking the title above to give virtually or if you are worshipping in-person, give your spare change to the youth in support of your favorite team. Please help us fight local hunger by participating in the Souper Bowl of Caring!





# Announcements

*Below are the key announcements for the week!*



## ASH WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

Begin the 2021 Lenten season with Ash Wednesday Worship on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Emphasizing a dual encounter: we confront our own mortality and confess our sin before God within the community of faith. We explore together the dual themes of sin and death in the light of God's redeeming love in Jesus Christ. **Registration for Ash Wednesday Worship will be live February 12.**



## ASH WEDNESDAY DRIVE-THROUGH

On Wednesday, **February 17 from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.**, you may receive the Imposition of Ashes safely from your golf cart or car. No registration is required.





# WORSHIP REGISTRATION

As attendance at our gathered services continues to increase, we ask that you continue to register if you plan to attend. The 9:00 a.m. Blended service generally reaches maximum capacity. We encourage you to consider attending either the 11:00 a.m. Blended service or the Contemporary service on Saturday at 5:00 p.m.

# STEWARDSHIP

## **Last Football Game of the Season**

Just like many of you, I will be watching the Super Bowl game Sunday evening. During this past year, one of the things that has given me good feelings is the number of professional players of all sports who have given large sums of money to various causes, in many cases to the food pantries.

Our Lord has blessed them with their athletic abilities, and they have reaped the rewards which they are now sharing.

We all have God-given talents we can share.

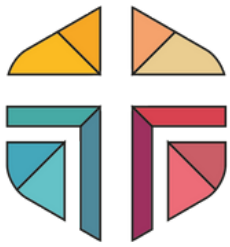
Some talents are singing, teaching Sunday school or bible studies, or even washing dishes after a church dinner. Remember church dinners?

This week, please support the Wildwood Soup Kitchen by donating to the Souper Bowl of Caring. Write a check payable to the church with "Souper Bowl" on the memo line, click the title above to give virtually, or if you are worshipping in-person, give your spare change to the youth in support of your favorite team.

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







# Discipleship

*Please click the title to access all Discipleship opportunities.*



## FAITHFUL FEET

"Faithful Feet" is a drive-through event on **Thursday, February 18 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the West (front) Parking Lot**. Bring any type of gently-used or new shoes to donate to the mission, "Soles 4 Souls." This national organization distributes shoes to those in need all over the world, and encourages them to sell used shoes as a way to provide for their families (monetary donations are also accepted). Please arrive anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. You will be directed into the drive-through as you enter the parking lot of the church. No registration is needed for this event.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

Join the New Covenant United Methodist Men's Ministry for a nice, cozy fireside chat with Pastor Harold in the CLC, followed by a question-and-answer session. **Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Brunch will be served in the Fellowship Center following the chat. Brunch is limited to the first 51 men and the cost is \$10. There is no charge to attend the chat, but masks and registration are required. Click the title for more information and to register.







## **NEW VIRTUAL STUDY**

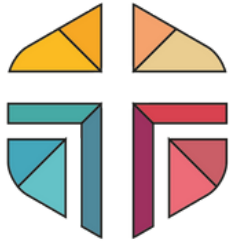
'Living as Citizens Worthy of the Gospel of Christ' is a four-week study of the book of Philippians. Learn from the Apostle Paul as he models life as a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:21) by teaching the Christians in ancient Philippi to live in ways that model the Gospel in powerful and compelling ways before their neighbors. The Letter to the Philippians is a timely one for us in the 21st century, as we seek to live impactful lives of faithful love in our day. Dr. Brian Russell will teach this study. Click the title to learn more about him and the study!

## **ALTAR FLOWERS**

**Ann & Jim Heilbron**  
in loving memory of their son Brett, on his birthday.

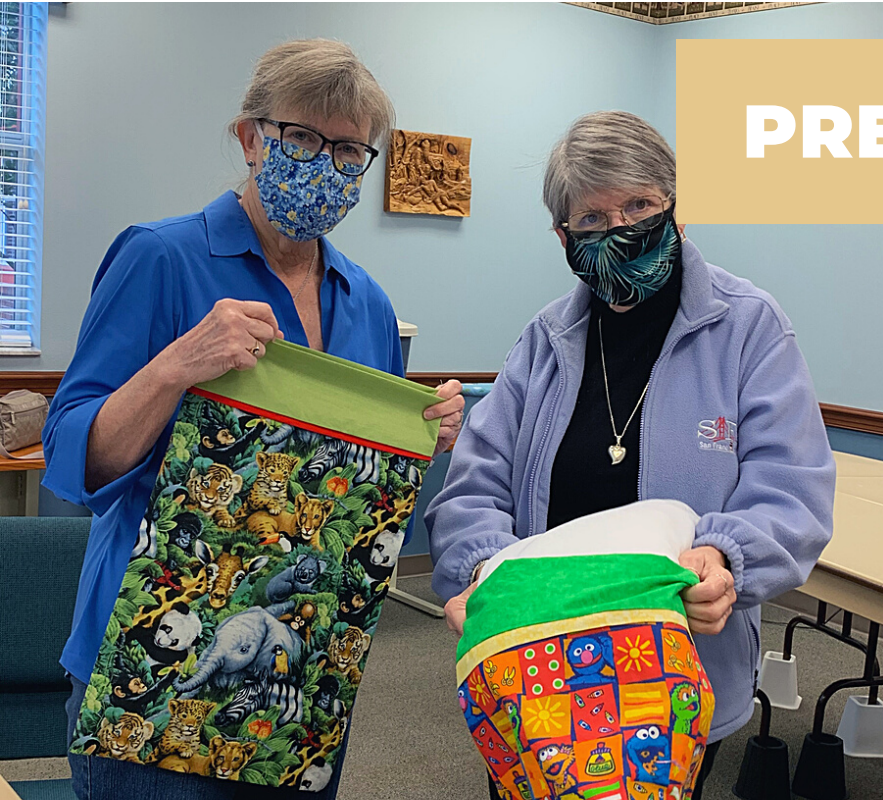
A special thank you to those providing Altar flowers.  
Click the title if you would like to provide an arrangement.





# Congregational Care

*Please click the title to access Care.*



## PRECIOUS PILLOWS

Creates pillows to distribute to New Covenant's Beds and Blankets ministry, to children living in battered women's shelters, to SoZo children living in the Ocala National Forest, and to children in the Guardian ad Litem Program. If you enjoy sewing, maybe this ministry is for you. For more information, contact the Care office (352) 750-4529. If you would like to support their good work, they need child-themed fabric to trim these precious pillows.

Weekly Prayer  
Concerns

Prayer  
Request

Quilt  
Request

## NEW CONCERNS



Sandy Davis

Millie Klemish

Steve Day

Patti and John McIntosh

Marge & Chuck Folkers

Chuck McPherson

John Fleming

Mark Phaneuf

Judy Flickinger

Joan Potilivo

George de Jager

John Witherbee



**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.**



Jo Ruth is suffering from the loss of husband to COVID-19.



Angel is a suicidal teen.



Roberto is recovering from surgery.

**Viewing for Weekend Services from January 23 & 24  
total 2,449**

**VIRTUAL**

**Worship 1,846**

**IN-PERSON**

**Sat 5PM 149 | Sun 9AM 215 | Sun 11AM 219 | Youth 20**

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**OFFICE HOURS**

**Mon - Thurs 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**