

# Weekly Word

*New Covenant United Methodist Church*

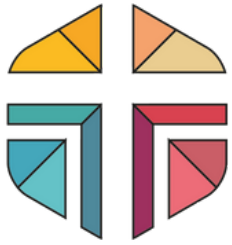
## MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



### *Spiritual Reflection*

"Teach me to feel another's woe,  
To hide the fault I see;  
That mercy I to others show,  
That mercy show to me."

**ALEXANDER POPE  
THE UNIVERSAL PRAYER**



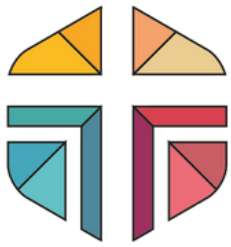
# Ministry Spotlight

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

## **GRIEF SUPPORT** **MINISTRIES**

We recognize that grief can be a constant, so we're offering several opportunities for grief support in the coming weeks. Good Grief, a support group led by Pastor Jeff Vermilya, will meet on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for six weeks beginning August 2. We're also holding a standalone workshop called "Grief in the time of COVID-19" on August 10, in the Chapel, from 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. to offer encouragement in these unusual times. Lastly, our fall session of GriefShare begins in September. For more information and to register, please click the title.





# Announcements

*Below are the key announcements for the week!*



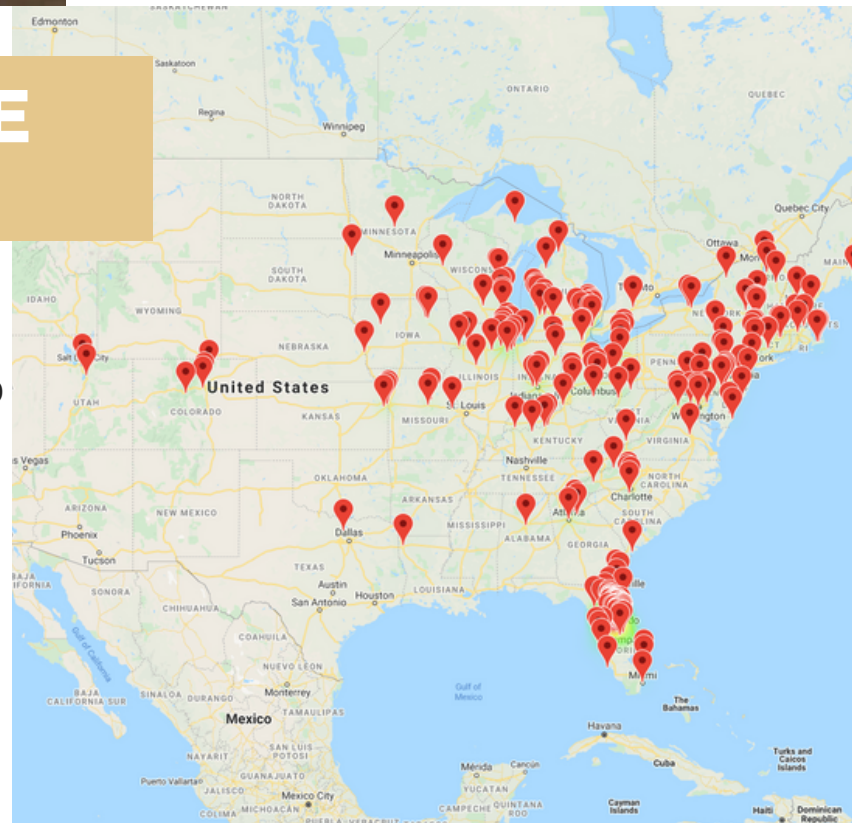
## BACKPACKS4KIDS

We were able to raise a total of \$31,575.42 through the Backpacks4Kids concerts and donations. This money helped support 1300 school children at both the Wildwood Elementary and Middle High Schools.

- 500 backpacks & supplies for the elementary school
- 800 drawstring bags, computer sleeves, lanyards, & supplies for the middle high school

## THE FIFTY-STATE CHALLENGE

We're pleased to share that New Covenant's Digital Ministry is currently reaching at least 32 of the 50 United States, and our goal is to be reaching all 50 states through the miracle of technology! We invite you to help reach this goal by sharing the worship broadcasts with your family and friends, especially those in the western United States. (Consider sharing the live videos from Facebook, the videos from YouTube, or the virtual experience page from the website.)







## MISSION TRIP

Our high school youth and our adult leaders had an impactful mission during their time serving those experiencing homelessness in Atlanta. Students had many eye-opening serving opportunities, some of which included feeding meals to those living on the streets, praying for people within the inner-city, and volunteering with a variety of outreaches connecting with those experiencing homelessness. This year's mission team was able to witness all the ways God is working in Atlanta and were used by God to connect with others and make someone's day. Our youth did an amazing job serving others and showing the love of Jesus!

# STEWARDSHIP

## **A Financial Update**

Here's a quick update on New Covenant's finances for the first half of 2021. Offerings for the first 6 months were \$1,495,600, which is ahead of last year by \$22,000.

Total income is down \$37,100, mainly due to the lack of concerts and other similar activities which we normally have in the first part of the year.

The directors have continued to keep expenses below budget. Our ministry expenses to date are \$329,500, which is \$82,400 below budget, and our total church-wide expenses were \$1,504,500, which are \$220,300 below budget and \$157,891 less than in 2020.

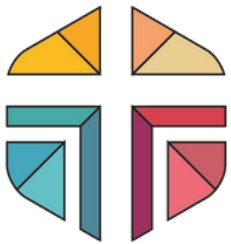
Our mortgage and apportionment payments have all been made timely and are current. Our mortgage balance at the end of June was \$1,253,316.

The above amounts do not include the purchase of the new sound system which was paid for with the remaining PPP loan proceeds and reserve funds. The Helping Hands Ministry financial activity, which includes the Bargains & Blessings thrift store, are not included as well.

If you ever have any questions about the church finances, please call the church office at (352) 750-4529 and ask for Linda or Marissa in the Finance Department.

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





# Discipleship

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

## THE SMOKIES & BILTMORE HOUSE

This bus trip was originally scheduled last year but has been rescheduled to **November 14 - 20, 2021**. There is still space available. The trip is open to those that attend New Covenant as well as to those outside of the church. For more information, please click the title.







# STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and not judge, to encourage through their presence and their prayers. The Stephen Ministry is searching for folks right now to be trained to meet this need. If interested, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.

## NEW CONCERNS



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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| Julie Athey       | Betty Marro             |
| Dorothy Brown     | Karol Phelps            |
| Dunham Family     | Joan Pine               |
| Bill Excell       | Nancy Schaffer          |
| Neil Dodrill      | Amelia Solvis           |
| Sue Gillespie     | Jane Swingle            |
| Lori & Gary Green | Sharon Rieve's Grandson |
| Val Harris        | Doug Woolard            |
| Barb Hinebaugh    | Maggie Zarycki          |
| Russ Kucinski     |                         |

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

Laura Lindsey on the passing of brother, Keith W. Durham

Yoby Whipp on the passing of husband, Donald "Don" L. Whipp



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

Your prayers are requested for the prayer quilts below. Please click on the 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. Share the post for your friends and family to pray as well!



James is suffering from heart and other issues.



Steve is in need of prayer.



Karen, Frank, Sophia, & Connor are suffering the loss of a mother and grandmother.



Juli is battling terminal cancer.



Michael is battling stage 4 pancreatic cancer.



Jill is recovering from a neck fusion.

**Weekly Prayer Concerns**

**Prayer Request**

**Quilt Request**

**Attendance for Weekend Services from July 10 & 11 total 1,869**

**VIRTUAL**

**Sat 5PM 313 | Sun 9AM 523 | Sun 11AM 185**

**IN-PERSON**

**Sat 5PM 212 | Sun 9AM 345 | Sun 11AM 286 | Orchard 5**

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