

Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church

MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Dining with Jesus

Food, Faithfulness, & Fulfillment

Part 1: Scandal and Scoundrel at the Table (Lent 1: The Tax Collector)
Luke 5: 27-32



Spiritual Reflection

"You find that the things you let go of while following Jesus were the things that were going to destroy you in the end."

FRANCIS CHAN



Ministry Spotlight

Click the title to give to the ministry highlighted below.

DISCIPLESHIP

Women

We are women of New Covenant who serve Christ by serving others through Women's Ministry. At New Covenant United Methodist Church, we believe that faith development is a life-long process. We are committed to helping people grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Men

The Men's Ministry at New Covenant encourages men in their personal spiritual growth through Worship, small groups, and special events. We offer an "invitation to belong" through Men's Prayer Breakfast, golf outings and Handy Fellas. Prayer is our main foundation while we equip men to be spiritual leaders. We strive to see every man achieve his highest potential in the Kingdom of God.

Click the title to find out how to stay involved at New Covenant United Methodist Church!



Announcements

Below are the key announcements for the week!

Dining with Jesus

Food, Faithfulness, & Fulfillment



NEW SERMON SERIES

During Lent, we begin a new sermon series based on the gospel of Luke entitled, "Dining with Jesus...Food, Faithfulness, & Fulfillment". We will look at the various meals that Jesus shared with a wide range of people. With each meal, Luke reveals a new spiritual "truth" that speaks to those at the table two thousand years ago and all of us who are invited to the table today. Invite a friend and let's dine with Christ. Throughout Lent, we will be celebrating Holy Communion at each worship .

PRAYER

You might not be aware that we have a prayer room right inside the West Narthex. The prayer room is open anytime the church is open, and we hope you will use this space for time of reflection and meditation. There are some wonderful cards with prepared prayers based on different topics available for you, Bibles, and other devotional resources are also available. We are grateful for this beautiful place of rest and peace, and we encourage you to utilize it for that purpose.

We also want to be able to pray for you and your concerns so please do not hesitate to complete a care card either in-person or online (click the title for online). Please allow us to pray with and for you.



B&B VOLUNTEERS



Bargains & Blessings Resale Store is in great need of volunteers to work as cashiers, customer assistants and schedulers. Also needed are drivers and helpers for donation pickups and purchase deliveries. Located in the heart of Wildwood, B&B is a bright and well-organized resale shop that is convenient and friendly. For more information on volunteering, please contact Denny Hutchison by clicking the title.

STEWARDSHIP

Financial Fun Facts

Occasionally during the year, in this section, we will post some interesting facts about the finances of our church. They will be labeled "Financial Fun Facts."

Fun Fact #1

Located in the southeast corner of the east parking lot, during the week, you will find an interesting happening. UPS rents a portion of our parking lot for its CVS Pharmacy drone delivery takeoff point. They deliver prescriptions by drone throughout The Villages. They rent the space for \$625 per month.

Fun Fact #2

Refreshments on Sunday mornings, remember the coffee and cookies, cost an average of \$432 each Sunday in 2019. That's a total cost of \$22,469 for the year. The cost for the first few months of 2020 was \$3 more per Sunday.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





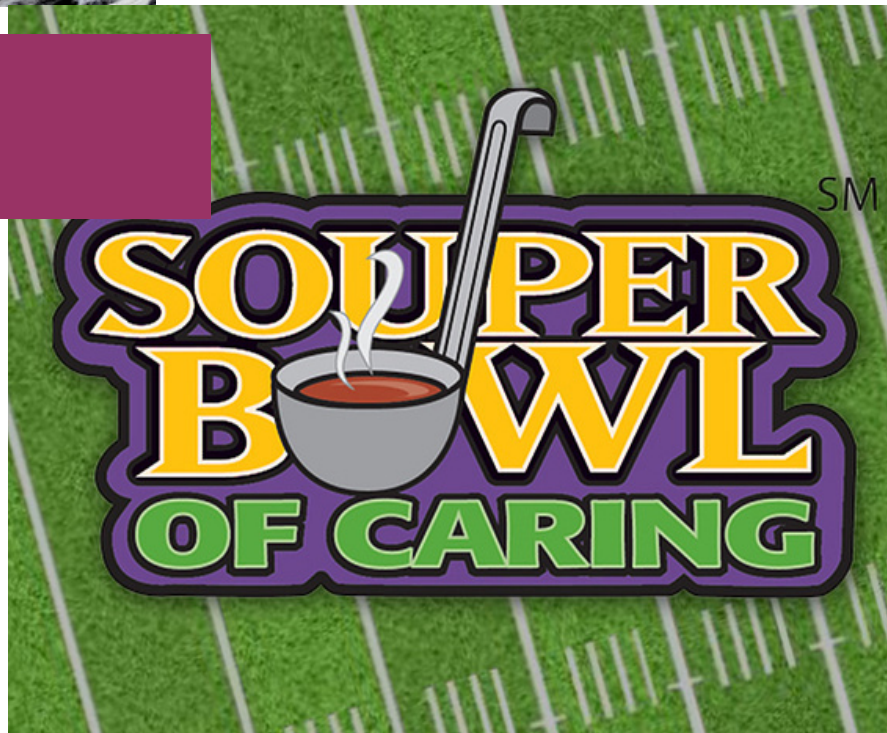
MARCH WOMEN'S EVENT

Arise! Celebrate God's presence in our lives. **Arise!** Praise Him for all He is and for all He has done. **Arise!** Energize and move into the future with hope and faith.

March women's gathering will be held outdoors in the East (back) lot and offer a boxed lunch following the program. You are also welcome to pack your own. Bring a chair and mask. You may sit outside your car or cart for the program. If you purchase a lunch, the cost is \$10. Registration will be live February 20. Please visit our website to register.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year's "Souper Bowl of Caring" donation event! During the weekend of February 6-7, our Youth ministry helped collect **\$3,711.22** to be given to the Wildwood Soup Kitchen. We are grateful for all who generously donated towards this worthy cause, both in-person & virtually. New Covenant continues to be the hands, feet and voice of Jesus in our community!



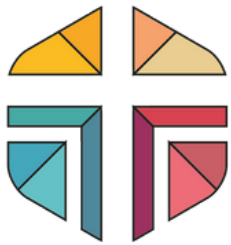


ALTAR FLOWERS

Dick Clark

In honor of his wife Carol's 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.



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our Stephen Ministry equips laypeople to provide one to one Christian care to people in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. This is a confidential ministry. Everything discussed remains private. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister, or being connected to a trained Stephen Minister, please contact the Care office at (352) 750-4529.

Weekly Prayer
Concerns

Prayer
Request

Quilt
Request

NEW CONCERNS



Ann Allen

Diane Johnson

Keri Brothers

Bob & Ann McBain

George & Sue Campbell

Paula

Craig & Renee Dahlquist

Donna Phaneuf

Delmar Dean

Chloe Priser

Ruth Eppley

Linda Puigdomenech

Cathy Geloso

Alma Thompson

Karen Gilly

The Virtue Family

Jan Hippe

Robbie Vogelsang

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Family and friends on the
passing of Nancy Carol Ashton Lake.

Shirley Moore on the passing of husband,
Ron Moore.



[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.



Steve is healing from congestive heart failure.



Judy is battling cancer.



Liz is battling stage 4 lung cancer.

**Viewing for Weekend Services from February 6 & 7
total 2,370**

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| VIRTUAL | Worship 1,835 |
| IN-PERSON | Sat 5PM 136 Sun 9AM 195 Sun 11AM 189 Youth 15 |

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