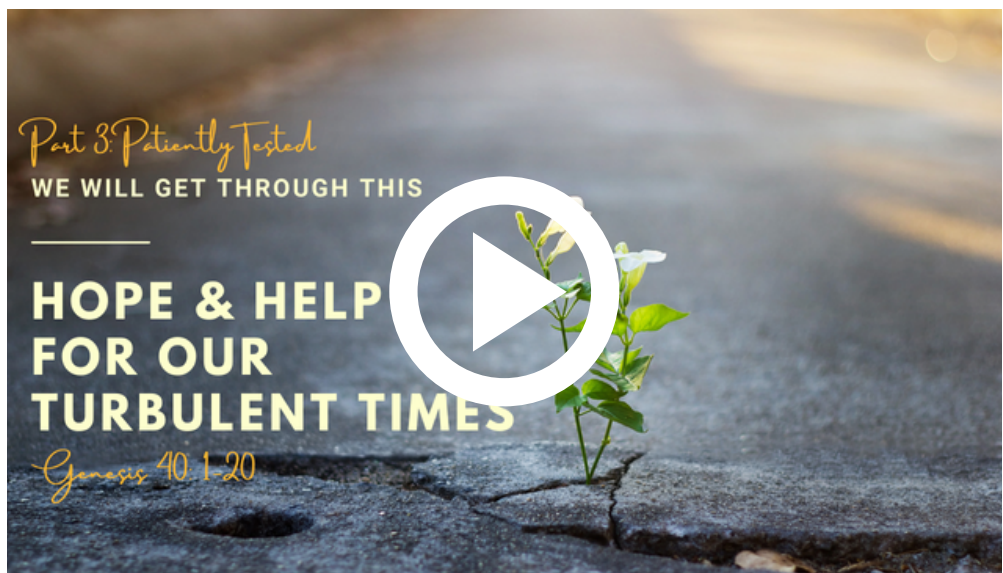


Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church

MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

"In our waiting God is working."

ANONYMOUS

BACKPACKS4KIDS CABARET 2021

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 as well as 432 for the elementary school. Please attend one of the following concerts to help support our community!



Thursday, May 20, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Whitney Morse and Gary Powell

Friday, June 4, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
The Orion Trio

Thursday, June 10, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Victoria Sexton, Scotty Tomas Roberts, &
Maestro Bill Doherty

Thursday, June 24, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Heather Beirne and Maestro Bill Doherty

Thursday, July 1, beginning at 7:00 p.m.
Special Patriotic Cabaret featuring Mark
Schmidt and a few surprises!

Hosted by Angie Rose and Sean Pollock, each show will take place in the CLC. Mask and tickets will be required to attend. Please check the WeeklyWord next week for more information!



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.

CLERGY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Each year in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church, there is an announcement Sunday for any clergy changes coming in the next appointment cycle. With April 24-25 being our announcement weekend, Doris Drews, Chair of SPRT, is pleased to announce that **Pastor Harold Hendren and Pastor Ellen Pollock have been reappointed to New Covenant for the next year!** We are looking forward to what the Lord does through New Covenant!





B&B TRUCK

The Bargains & Blessings Truck will be in the West Parking Lot to accept donations before and after worship services on **Saturday, May 1 and Sunday, May 2.**

STEWARDSHIP

Debt Elimination Campaign Update

Back in late 2013 and early 2014 we had a Debt Elimination Pledge campaign to finance the building of the CLC with its large narthex, classrooms, choir room, youth activity room, and Care and Discipleship Offices.

For those of you who were here, you may have wondered about the results of that campaign. Through 2020, we have made additional principal payments averaging \$40,988 per month, and a total of \$3,074,083 has been paid toward the reduction of our church mortgage.

Currently our mortgage is \$1,464,205 and we are on target to become debt free in December 2022. If you were not here in 2014 and wish to help get the debt paid off sooner, simply make a donation and indicate that it's for "Debt Elimination."

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee



WELCOME JACKIE!

We are excited to welcome Jackie Kuhn-Damron to our Care Team! Jackie joined New Covenant staff this past Monday as a Social Worker. **Welcome, Jackie!**



ALTAR FLOWERS

Rich & Cindy Brunner
In remembrance of sister Linda

Peggy Dresser
In memory of Dick Dresser on his birthday

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

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.





Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

**Weekly Prayer
Concerns**

**Prayer
Request**

**Quilt
Request**

NEW CONCERNS



Barb Excell

Kristen & Brock Ferguson

Max Lewis

Bruce & Jean Miller

Patty Nuernberg

Abe Rodkey

Jan & Mark Soukup

Rod South

Tim Werner

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Family & friends on the passing of
Patricia Armstong

Carol Clark on the passing of husband,
Richard "Dick" Clark

Jan Soukup on the passing of sister,
Lynn Ferrini

Judy Nelson on the passing of husband,
Warner Nelson

Laurene Walker on the passing of husband,
Linus "Bud" Walker

[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.



Ray is suffering from multiple health issues.



Sue's pancreatic cancer has returned.



Trevor is suffering from COVID-19.



Doreen is recovering from a knee replacement.



Cindy & Ashley on the loss of their husband and father.

Viewing for Weekend Services from April 10 & 11 total **2,304**

VIRTUAL

Worship 1,719

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 189 | Sun 9AM 135 | Sun 11AM 205 | Orchard 16 | Youth 40

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