

# Weekly Word

*New Covenant United Methodist Church*

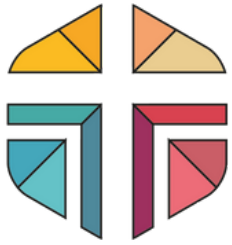
## MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



### *Spiritual Reflection*

"While forbidden fruit is said to taste sweeter,  
it usually spoils faster."

**ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**



# Ministry Spotlight

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

## STEWARDSHIP LETTER

Over the past year, COVID-19 has “rocked” our world, yet we continue to stand firm on the foundation of Jesus Christ. We continue to pray for healing and hope for our world that only Jesus Christ can bring. Despite the difficult circumstances, New Covenant has continued to persevere and remain strong.

Since we just completed the first half of the year, our Finance Team and Strategic Action Leadership Team (SALT) felt this would be an appropriate time to update you on the progress we have made. We believe you would agree, even in the middle of a pandemic, what we have been able to accomplish is quite incredible. We have taken to heart the words of Jesus from Matthew 25: “When you have done it to the least of these you have done it unto me.”

Click the title to read the full update!





# THE FIFTY-STATE CHALLENGE

We are pleased to share that since we began The 50-State Challenge, we've progressed from reaching 32 of the United States to reaching at least 37! We've also had viewers in at least 3 countries so far. Thank you to everyone who's been part of helping share the Gospel online. To help meet the goal of reaching all 50 states, we encourage you to continue to "Share" the worship videos on Facebook and from YouTube.

## SUNRISE WITH THE GUYS

Next, Sunrise with the Guys is meeting this **Tuesday, August 17 at 8 a.m.** for a time of fellowship, a delicious breakfast, and a presentation by David Yorkston.

Registration is required for breakfast only and costs \$10. To register, please click the title.





## NEW SERMON SERIES

### WORDS OF WISDOM Power, Praise, and Paul

Next weekend, Pastor Harold will be kicking off a new 8-week sermon series called "Words of Wisdom...Power, Praise, and Paul." We'll be spending the next 2 months considering Paul's letters to the Philippians and the Thesalonians and the themes of joy and faithfulness. It's going to be a timely and engaging series, so make sure to bring a friend with you and be a part of weekend services!

## HELPING HANDS GENERAL MEETING

Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings will be holding a General Meeting on **Sunday, August 15, at 3:00 p.m.** in the Chapel. All current volunteers and individuals wishing to find out more about working on construction or the Bargains & Blessings store are encouraged to attend. We will provide information about house number 32, which we will be starting soon. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this meeting.



# STEWARDSHIP

## **Poor Widow Teaches Us**

In Mark 12:41-44, we are told the story of the poor widow who "...out of her poverty, put in everything - all that she had..." Jesus quickly called his disciples over to tell them what he had seen, a lady who had given generously from what she had.

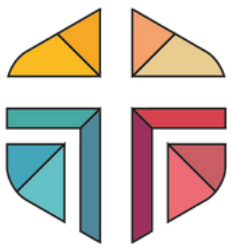
To give generously is not always easy to do. Don't we all have those times when we see someone or hear about someone in need and for a multitude of reasons decide not, or at the very least hesitate, to give.

Jesus didn't say how much to give but he is pleased when we give generously from what we have.

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







# Discipleship

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



## DISCIPLE CLASSES

Registrations for Disciple I, II, and III are live. Please click on the link to take you to the Discipleship page with registration information.

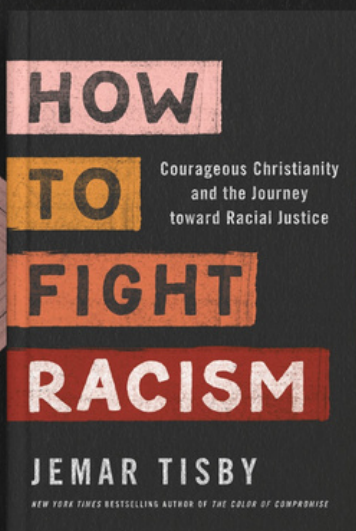
## SEPTEMBER WOMEN'S GATHERING

Our September gathering titled, "Let His Light Shine," is **Thursday, September 16 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** in the CLC. This month, we'll reflect on the idea of Jesus shining His light through us and seeing us as a beautiful stained-glass window. We're so excited to begin another year of Women's Ministry programs and we look forward to seeing you at our opening event. Registration is required and there is no fee, please click the title to register.



## RACIAL JUSTICE STUDY GROUP

The book, "How to Fight Racism," by Jemar Tisby, is a practical framework for pursuing racial justice with hands-on suggestions and real-world examples of change. Join us on Zoom on **Tuesdays from September 7 - November 9 from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.** To join the group, click the title.



# RESPIRE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Congregational Care has the desire to reopen our Respite Care Ministry, a ministry accompanying our Alzheimer's Support Group. This program allows for the care of "Loved Ones" of the support group participants. If you have the interest and the heart to work with people suffering with dementia, this is your ministry. It will meet weekly on **Thursdays from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** We need leaders and support team members. Training will be provided. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please call (352)-750-4529.



## NEW CONCERNS



Addy	Beth Nichols
Dr. James Hughes Currier	Beverly Parrish
Larry Frum Jr.	Noah Riley Stewart
Hannah	Scott Werner
Jack Koziar	Suzanne Zimmerman
Gary Musch	

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

Eleanor Harris on the passing of husband,  
Rev. Val E. Harris

Jim, Ashley, Mason, and Finn  
on the passing of father and grandfather,  
James Zientara



[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!



Attendance for Weekend Services from July 31 & August 1  
total **1,853**

VIRTUAL	Sat 5PM 212   Sun 9AM 527   Sun 11AM 256
IN-PERSON	Sat 5PM 167   Sun 9AM 406   Sun 11AM 255   Orchard 5   Youth 15

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