

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 (Levi, the Tax Collector)
Luke 5: 27-32



Spiritual Reflection

"God, help us to walk together, pray together, sing together, and live together until that day when all God's children, Black, White, Red and Yellow, will rejoice in one common band of humanity in the kingdom of our Lord. Amen."

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.



Ministry Spotlight

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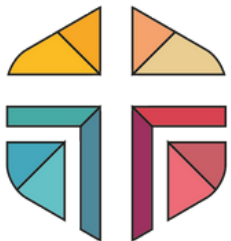
THE REFUGE

The Refuge at Jumper Creek began in 2005. The Refuge is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides housing, mentoring, life-skill education, and referrals to community partners in a faith-based environment for families who are homeless.

The Refuge assists residents to develop healthy, realistic goals while equipping them with the skill set necessary to make positive life changing choices to reach their full potential and self-sufficiency.

The Refuge meets these goals by partnering with many different churches and community organizations. There are currently 9 families for a total of 42 individuals living at The Refuge.

For more information or to make a donation, click the title above.



Announcements

Below are the key announcements for the week!

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Save the dates below:

- **Palm Sunday Weekend**, March 27 at 5:00 p.m. & March 28 at 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.
- **Holy Thursday**, April 1 at 6:00 p.m.
- **Good Friday**, April 2 at 12:00 p.m.
- **Holy Saturday**, April 3 at 5:00 p.m.
- **Easter Sunday**, April 4 at 7:00 (Sunrise), 9:00, & 11:00 a.m.

Check back next week in the WeeklyWord for more information.

MARCH WOMEN'S GATHERING

Arise! On Thursday, March 11 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. the women's gathering will be held outdoors in the East (back) lot.

You are welcome to pack your own boxed lunch for after the program. Bring a chair and mask. You may sit outside your car or cart for the program. To register for this event, please contact Ashley Hill by clicking the title above.



CONNECTING

We miss you! Staff and volunteers will be calling to connect with you, see how you are doing, let you know about events going on, and ensure you are receiving the WeeklyWord. Last year we made 7,000 calls during the height of the pandemic. This year as we move forward we want to make sure you continue to be connected.



STEWARDSHIP

Give your First and Best

There's something spiritually significant about giving God your first and best, rather than your leftovers. It means something to Him too.

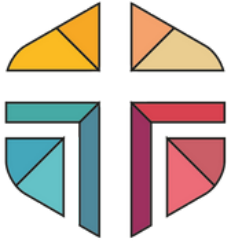
In Malachi 1:6-12, some of the priests decided to make sacrificing more convenient and cost-effective. They began encouraging people to give their blind and lame animals to sacrifice, instead of the first and best.

In response, God said, "Where is My honor?... Where is My reverence?" (Malachi 1:6, NKJV). He viewed this as dishonoring to Him and it was.

When God gave us His first and only Son as a sacrifice for our sins, He gave His first and best. He deserves nothing less than the same from us.

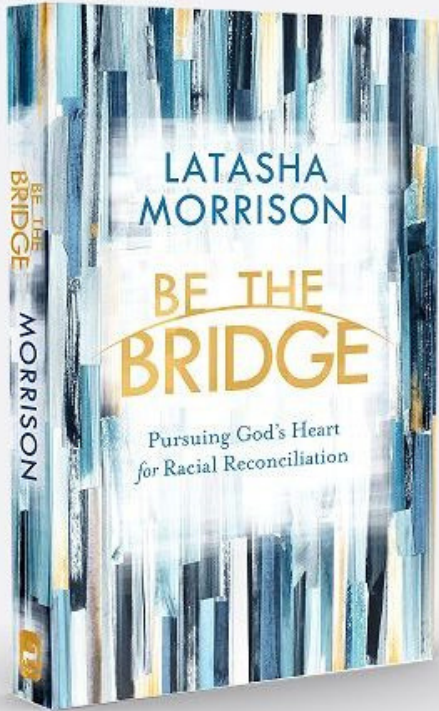
-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





Discipleship

Please click the title to access all Discipleship opportunities.



CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

Christian Perspectives on Racial Justice Study Group is a book study and discussion group to understand race issues and promote social justice. On **Tuesdays from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. from April 6 - June 8**. You will need to purchase the book "Be the Bridge" by Latasha Morrison (see picture).

Contact Ashley Hill for any questions, ahill@ncumcfl.com or 352-750-4529. Please click the title to join this group.

APRIL WOMEN'S GATHERING

You Rock! On Thursday, April 15 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the CLC. Join us for the April women's gathering that focuses on God, "Our Rock" and how we can be "ROCK-strong women of faith." Please bring a donation for our mission, Samaritan's Purse, and receive a beautifully hand-painted stone with a message of faith (see photo). You must register for this event and wear a mask. All safety protocols for in-person worship services will be in place at this event. Registration will be live March 13.

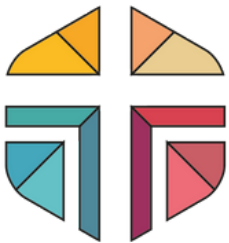


DON'T FORGET TO CHECK!

Lost & Found

We have many key fobs,
jewelry, hearing aids, and
more.

Please call the church
office for valuable items.



Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

CARE CARDS

Unless you share, we cannot care! You are invited to submit prayer request cards when you are on campus and virtually. Care Cards are located at the Welcome Center, in the West Narthex and each entrance to the CLC. You can submit prayer requests online by clicking the title.



**Weekly Prayer
Concerns**

**Prayer
Request**

**Quilt
Request**

NEW CONCERNS

Janet & Bill Andrews

Harry & Sherry Andersen

Mary Baker

George Blick

Katharine Bloom

Ted Cahalane

Merry Clegg

Susan Dawson

Penny Drozd

Craig Farley

Vicki Gernert

Dick and Rochelle Holcombe

Janet Haffner

Pat Howard

Tom Imhoff

Stu Isenberg

Shirley Moore

Bob Petrina

Debbie Raesler

Mason Phillips Swistak

Ernie Thacker

Connor Wiley

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Susan Whitney on the passing
of husband, Robert "Bob" Whitney.

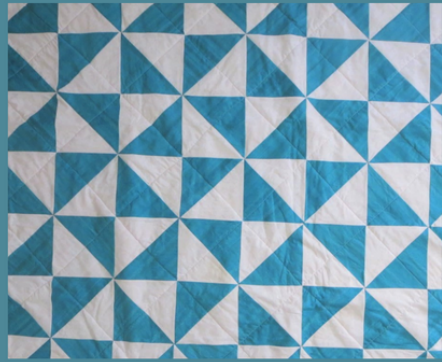


[Click here to view Celebrations of Life.](#)

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.



Valerie is suffering from COPD and pneumonia.



Ryan is suffering from diverticulosis.



Jill needs prayers for healing, peace, and comfort.

**Viewing for Weekend Services from February 20 & 21
total 2,780**

VIRTUAL	Worship 2,149
IN-PERSON	Sat 5PM 189 Sun 9AM 210 Sun 11AM 218 Youth 14

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OFFICE HOURS
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Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.