

Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church

MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

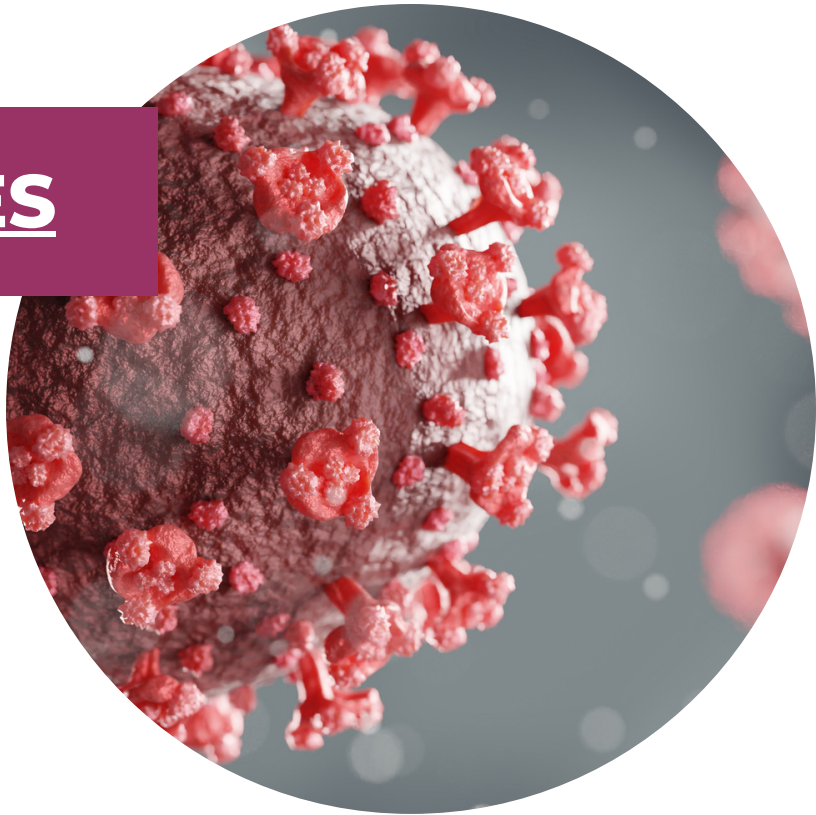
"Forgiveness needs to be accepted as well as offered if it is to be complete."

C.S. LEWIS

COVID-19 UPDATES

In light of the most recent CDC guidelines, we are announcing the following changes to our COVID-19 protocols:

- **Fully vaccinated people may go mask free on campus**, including in worship.
- **We're asking people who aren't fully vaccinated to continue wearing masks on campus**, per CDC guidelines, in consideration of the well-being of others.
- **New Covenant welcomes everyone**, whether you're fully vaccinated and not wearing a mask or if you choose to continue wearing a mask.
- **Registration for in-person worship is no longer required.** However, please check in at the kiosk when you come to worship so we can greet you!
- **If you're feeling ill, please stay home and join us online** for any of our worship services.



For more information, click the title to visit our COVID-19 information page.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Join us in congratulating our 2021 High School Graduates! We will be recognizing our New Covenant graduates this weekend, in-person on May 22 at our 5:00 p.m. Contemporary worship service. We are so proud of our young people and how much they have each grown in their relationship with Jesus. Please send prayers and blessings their way as they embark on this next chapter in their lives! If you would like to learn more about this year's graduating class, please click the title.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Pastor Ellen will be leading two new Sunday school classes beginning **Sunday June 6 at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.** in the Chapel. If you want to be a part of one of these classes, we would love to have you! Please click the title for more in-person Sunday School classes.



BISHOP'S LOVE OFFERING

Next weekend (May 29 & 30), we will be collecting donations for the Bishop's Love Offering. This year's offering will support the Bishop John Yambasu Scholarship at Africa University and Gammon Theological Seminary in honor of their new president-dean, Rev. Dr. Candace M. Lewis. Click the title to find out more about the Bishop's Annual Conference Offering.



STEWARDSHIP

Church Attendance Leads to Generosity

Generosity is a byproduct of discipleship. The more engaged—small groups, Sunday school, and regular church attendance—the more generous people are with their churches.

Church members attending worship:

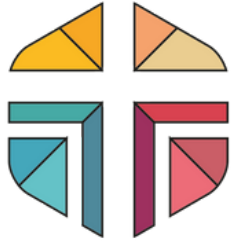
- 1 service per month on average give 1% of their income
- 2 services per month on average give 2% of their income
- 2+ services per month and in a small group, participate in service projects, etc., on average give 4+% of their income



Total giving nationwide in the US remains at 2%. However, the portion going to churches from 1980 through 2019 dropped from 56% to 29%.

Therefore, it's very important to continue to support your church financially but even more important for you, as we move out of this pandemic, to join a small group and/or become active in a ministry that is of interest to you.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee



Volunteer

Please click the title for all volunteer opportunities.



ADMINISTRATION OFFICE

Can you spare an hour or two a week to help our Administration Office? The main office is looking for people to help greet congregants as they come into the office and also answer phones during lunch hour and meeting times. Training will be provided. For more information about this volunteer job, please call Judy Fitzgerald at (352) 750-4529.

BARGAINS & BLESSINGS

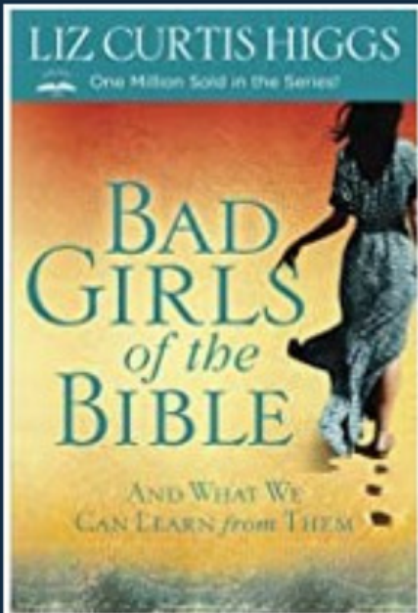
We are in need of volunteers at Bargains & Blessings! At B&B we have a job for you, from pickup & delivery scheduling, scheduling for donations, store volunteer, and truck maintenance. There is a job for you. Click the title for the descriptions of all jobs and to become a volunteer.





Discipleship

Please click the title to access all Discipleship opportunities.



LOL CONNECT SMALL GROUP

The women of LOL (Ladies of Light) Connect Small Group are reading and discussing the book, "Bad Girls of the Bible And What We Can Learn from Them," by Liz Curtis Higgs. Beginning June 7 and will end August 23, meeting **Mondays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.** Each chapter stands alone, meaning you can come when you are available. Since each of us has been "bad for a moment," come learn from these Bad Girls with us! For more information contact Roberta Hays by clicking the title above.

EMMAUS

The Aldersgate Emmaus community will be hosting fall Emmaus walks for both men and women. The dates are:

- **October 14-17** for the men
- **October 21-24** for the women

Please contact Buddy Acton by clicking the title.





PRAYERS & SQUARES

You have probably seen the prayer quilts on the rail during worship and online. If you know someone who is on a difficult journey to wellness and would be blessed by a quilt that has been prayed over, please call the Care Office. (352) 750-4529 or request one through online by clicking the title above.

Weekly Prayer Concerns

Prayer Request

Quilt Request

NEW CONCERNS



OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Roger Reimer on the passing of wife,
Cherie Caven

Family & friends on the passing of,
Rodger Cripe



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| Chuck Barrow | Michelle Parlette & Family |
| Lorraine Chavez | Beverly Parrish |
| Bev Diaz | Gwen Phillips |
| Denise Hayes | Cindy S. |
| Tammy Hensen | Anna Sivak |
| Lou Johnson | Jina Thalmann |
| Scott Miller | Bobbye Waddell |
| Heather Northrup | Rosemary Zolecke |

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

Your prayers are requested for another prayer quilt. 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 also pray!



Linda is battling stage 4 lung cancer.



Scott is recovering from pituitary tumor surgery.

Viewing for Weekend Services from May 8 & 9 (Mother's Day Weekend)
total **2,119**

VIRTUAL **Worship 1,385**

IN-PERSON **Sat 5PM 170 | Sun 9AM 293 | Sun 11AM 261 | Orchard 10**

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