

# Weekly Word

*New Covenant United Methodist Church*



**MESSAGE IN A MINUTE**



## *Spiritual Reflection*

“Four things let us ever keep in mind: God hears prayer, God heeds prayer, God answers prayer, and God delivers by prayer.”

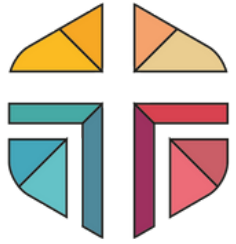
**E.M. BOUNDS**

*Register to save your seat for this weekend's services!*

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



# Ministry Spotlight

## HAPPY RETIREMENT

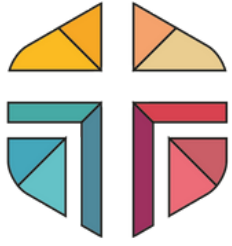
Pastor Jeff Vermilya is retiring! Jeff is our Director of Congregational Care and has been with the church for over two years.



We appreciate all their hard work and dedication. They both will fully retire at the end of the year. Thank you to Jeff and Dianne!



Dianne Letch is retiring! Dianne is our Finance Specialist and has been with the church for ten years.



# Announcements

*Below are the three key announcements for the week!*



## A GREAT DOXOLOGY

Please join us for Hymns and Prayers for Thanksgiving in the East Parking Lot, **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 26, 2020.**

Click the title to view the hymn sheets. Either print them off and bring to the program or save to your smart device.

## CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

Help us meet the needs of children in our community. **Please donate a gift card, or make a monetary donation for the organizations we are supporting this year.** They are the Wildwood Family Resource Center, Voices for Children, the Wildwood Middle High Mentor Program and the Refuge at Jumper Creek. Please stop by the table in the East Narthex to pick up an envelope for the organization you are supporting. Your donations are greatly appreciated.





## CAROLS & CANDLELIGHT

### IN-PERSON CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- Tuesday, Dec. 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 23 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

### VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

- Thursday, Dec. 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Please remember that for all in-person services, masks and registration are required.

Registration will be open the first week of December. We ask that you register to make sure everyone has a seat and families can sit together.

## HOLY LAND TRIP

Due to the uncertainty of COVID-19, Pastor Harold has decided to postpone his trip to the Holy Land until the Spring of 2022. Updates will be communicated as they become available.





## STEWARDSHIP

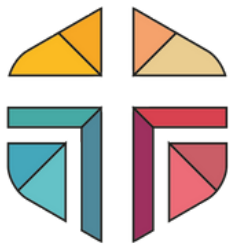
### **Budget Time**

This week the finance committee approved a preliminary budget for 2021. It's been quite a task to plan worship services, Bible Study classes, Care department activities, and overall administration of your church in the midst of this pandemic. What will 2021 be like, even when a vaccine starts becoming available?

The proposed 2021 budget has total income projected to be \$3,277,000, which is down \$574,824, or 15%, from our 2020 budget. Our spending will, therefore, be required to be

decreased roughly the same amount. It has been difficult for our directors and staff to determine what to change, or even possibly eliminate what we were doing before March of this year. But they have done it. However, in order to avoid additional budget cuts, it is very necessary for all of us to continue to support our church.

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



## Volunteer

*Please click the title for all volunteer opportunities.*

## **HOME COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS**

We are looking for volunteers who feel called to this important ministry of the church; to take and serve Holy Communion to God's people who are unable to attend church due to health limitations.

To learn more, contact the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.





## ACTORS/ACTRESSES NEEDED

We are in need of **silent actors and actresses** of all ages for "The Story of Christmas Drive Through Experience." You will be assigned to a small group and socially distanced with limited rehearsals necessary. This presentation will be a great evangelistic opportunity in The Villages and surrounding communities.

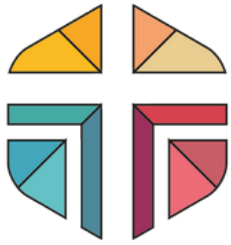
Please contact Daina by clicking the title.

## USHERS AND GREETERS

As more people return to in-person worship, the need for Ushers and Greeters also increases.

To volunteer, click the title.





# Discipleship

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

## DECEMBER WOMEN'S GATHERING

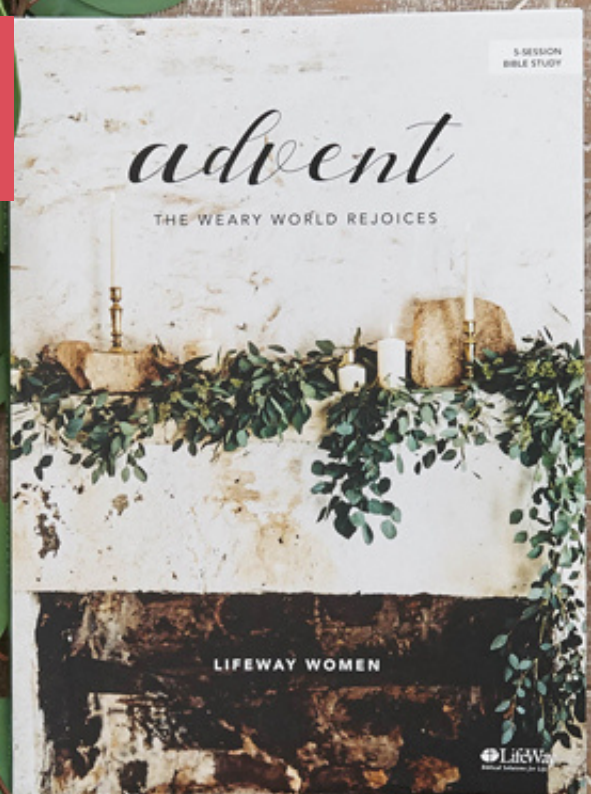
"Tidings of Comfort and Joy" program is **Thursday, December 10 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the CLC.** Ladies are invited to attend December's Women's Ministry gathering to celebrate the Comfort and Joy of the Christmas season, and fill our hearts with all the Christ child brings. The same social distance spacing as live church services will be implemented, and masks will be required.

**Registration will be live Saturday, November 21.** Click the title to register. This is a free event, and space is limited.

## WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

Most will agree that 2020 has been a wearing year. One of our Women's Connect Small Groups, LOL (Ladies of Light) will be doing an Advent study this year from LifeWay Women, "Advent: The Weary World Rejoices." They meet **Monday mornings from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** in Classroom 11. The study will begin November 30 and continue weekly through December 28.

Please click the title to find out more and join the group!





## A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON RACIAL JUSTICE

The United Methodist stance on racism is clear: It is a sin. We will read the book “White Awake” by Daniel Hill, and work through our perceptions and attitudes through personal reflection and discussion. Then we will identify ways we can support racial justice. **Tuesdays, December 1, 2020 to March 9, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Click the title to find out more about this book club!

## SACRED TRILOGY

Please enjoy our Sacred Trilogy. Every Wednesday we have Sacred Prayers, Sacred Songs, and Sacred Stories.







# Congregational Care

*Please click the title to access Care.*



## HOPE & HEALING SERVICE

On **Sunday, December 6, 2020**, we are offering this service of celebration and reflection as a way to find peace and joy in the Advent and Christmas season. We acknowledge that in the midst of loss holidays are difficult, and we join with others during this time to pray and worship, and to find a little comfort and gladness. Call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 if you are planning on attending.

### NEW CONCERNS

Pat Ashburn	
Jennifer Austin	Doug Macaulay
Tim Bensema	John McKnight
Chuck Boehme	Laurie Parham's Son
Rev. Sarah Campbell	Pearl Plaster
Neil Clark	Keith & Marianne Reinke
John Comp	Joe Valentino
Joe Douglas	Ann Whitt
Wanda Eavers	Ginnie Windham
Family of Jan Long	Michael Zipser

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

Family and friends on the passing of Holly Baumgartner.



[Click here to access Celebration of Life services.](#)

[Click here for the current list of Weekly Prayer Concerns.](#)

**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.**



D.J. has a mass in their colon.



S.T. is a 16 year old battling anorexia.



D.M. is battling throat cancer.

**Viewing for Weekend Services from November 7 & 8  
total 2,275**

**VIRTUAL**

**Worship 1,742**

**IN-PERSON**

**Sat 5PM 117 | Sun 9AM 217 | Sun 11AM 188 | Youth 11**

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