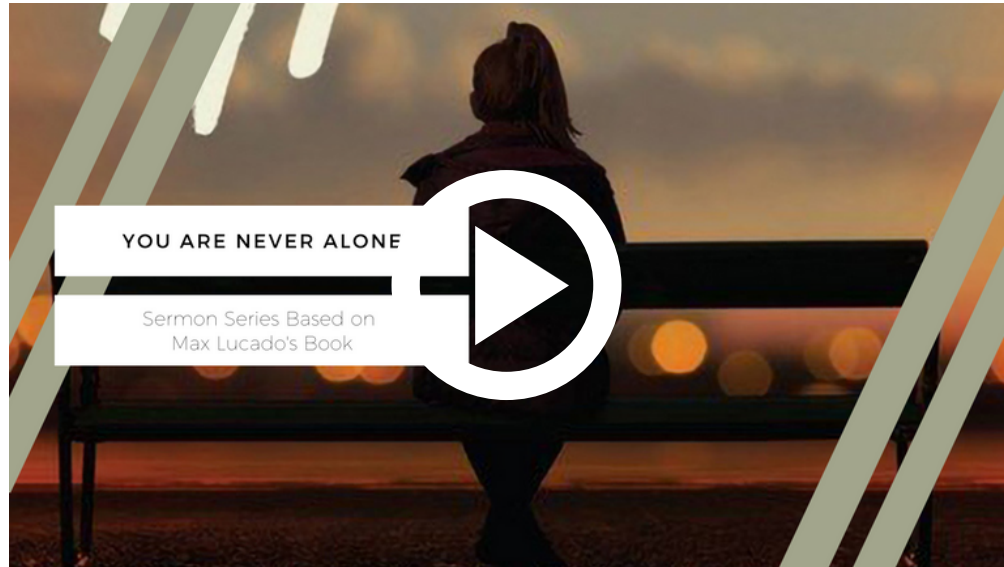


Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

"Belief is not some respectful salute to a divine being. Belief happens when we place our confidence in God. It is a decision to lean entirely upon the strength of a living and loving Savior."

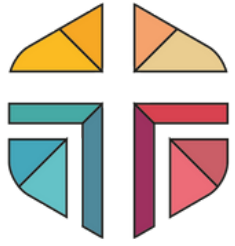
MAX LUCADO

Registration is live Thursdays at noon until Saturdays at noon.

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



Ministry Spotlight

Click the title to give to the ministry highlighted below.

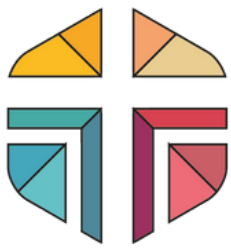
NEW IMPROVEMENTS

The end of 2020 is here and many are very happy to see it through the "rear view mirror". However, the Trustees and support groups should be quite happy with their accomplishments during this trying year. Through the leadership of Dale Newland, outgoing chairman and John Kelley, incoming chairman, here is a list of some of the 2020 activities:

- Treatments of our buildings for COVID-19 protection and ongoing testing by our facility maintenance staff
- New flooring installed in both narthexes (Fellowship Hall scheduled for January)
- Playground equipment updated
- New partnership with Brightview for our landscape maintenance
- Trimming and thinning of nearly 60 Oak trees on our campus
- Roofing renovation
- New contracts with UPS for use of our property for drone project with local pharmacy
- Renovation of the Columbarium

Please click the title to see the upcoming year's Leadership Team. We look forward to what they will accomplish in 2021.





Announcements

Below are the key announcements for the week!



SERMON SERIES SMALL GROUPS

This weekend, Pastor Harold will begin his seven-week sermon series based on Max Lucado's new book, "You Are Never Alone." The Connect Small Groups are leading discussions about the book if you are interested in studying with a group. They are offering the following sessions to anyone, **beginning the week of January 4:**

- Mondays 10:00 a.m. - in-person
- Mondays 6:00 p.m. - in-person
- Wednesdays 6:00 p.m. - in-person or through Zoom (your choice).

They will use the video study and study guide. The cost for the study guide is \$12.00. Please click the title and contact Roberta Hays if you are interested. Select the date and time you would like to attend.

B&B

The B&B truck will be on campus to accept donations during worship services **this weekend on January 2 & 3** (not January 9 & 10 as advertised last week).

We need volunteer drivers and helpers for donation pickups and purchase deliveries. If you are interested in becoming a B&B volunteer, please click the title.



MENTOR PROGRAM

Thank you for your support of our Mentee Scholarship Program during the Carols & Candlelight services. Your Love Offering will be used to help our students continue their education.

We are always in need of mentors. For more information on this program, please contact Anne Foote Hill, Director of Administration and Mentor Program, by clicking the title.

STEWARDSHIP

Generous People are Happier

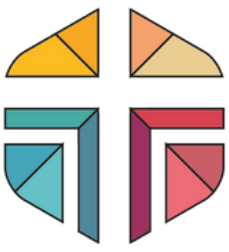
As we head into a new year, we often make resolutions which we rarely keep. So, what might be your financial new year's resolution (commitment) to New Covenant, which, with the Lord's help, you will keep?

Studies have shown that generous people are happier, less self-centered and have less stress. Dave Ramsey says that "Giving is the most fun you will have with your money."

One of our membership vows—promises, is to support our church with your gifts. So, as we begin this new year, consider your membership vow in your giving, and as a result be happier with less stress in your life.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





Discipleship

Please click the title to access all Discipleship opportunities.



VIRTUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Please continue to check the church website for virtual study opportunities, daily devotions, and our Sacred Trilogy. Click the title to explore!

SMALL GROUPS

Our Disciples of Christ Men's Small Group is looking for new members! This group meets in-person, at New Covenant, on Wednesdays from 8:45 - 10:00 a.m.

If you have any interest, or any questions, please contact Ashley Hill by clicking the title.



BIBLE IN A YEAR

We have four options from which to choose for your daily Bible reading. Each of the four choices now has interactive links. Just click the scripture link to be directed to Bible Gateway. If you prefer a Bible version other than NIV, just choose from the drop-down on their website. Click the title to read your bible in a year!



Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUPS

Are you struggling because a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or another form of dementia? Join one of our three Alzheimer's Support Groups, meeting every Thursday at 10:00 a.m., by teleconferencing and on Zoom. For more information or if you would like to participate, call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



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

NEW CONCERNS



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| Ken Alt | Norm Isbell |
| Brad Cameron | Bob Krey |
| Verna Coleman | Andy Meser |
| Mary Courtney | Judy & David Meyer |
| Mel Edwards | Eric Puryear |
| Carroll Fisher | Sandee Quitter |
| Audrey Gibbs | Pat Rivet |
| Amanda Godin | Linda Robacker |
| Jo Hazlett | Melva Williams |
| Lily Parker Hilgenfield | Sue & Kelley Wood |

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Family and friends on the passing of Jennifer Austin.

Darlyne, family and friends on the passing of Neal Jorgensen.



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

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.



R.R. is battling pancreatic cancer.



A.G. is 44 years old and battling stage 4 lung cancer.



D.B. is battling cancer and going through chemo treatments.

**Viewing for Weekend Services from December 19 & 20
total 3,080**

VIRTUAL

Worship 2,549

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 100 | Sun 9AM 193 | Sun 11AM 222 | Youth 16

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