

Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church

MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

**“I want the whole Christ for my Savior,
the whole Bible for my book,
the whole Church for my fellowship,
and the whole world for my mission field.”**

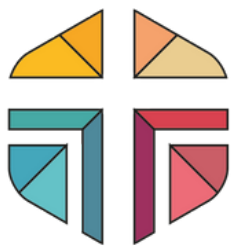
JOHN WESLEY

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

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



Ministry Spotlight

Click the title to give in support of the ministry highlighted below

GIVING IN THE SPIRIT

Giving in the Spirit is a unique opportunity for us to give a very special gift at Christmas.

The Giving in the Spirit catalog can be picked up at any of the kiosks in the church building. You may also click the title to access it online.



The catalog includes a list of items from our Outreach Ministries, from which you may choose to provide a monetary gift that touches your heart. You may complete the form inside of the catalog and insert it, along with your donation, in the envelope provided. Your envelope must be returned by **Sunday, December 27**. Please place your envelope in the collection basket as you leave the Worship Service, or donate online.

Please click the title for online access and more information.



Announcements

Below are the three key announcements for the week!



HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, December 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the CLC. 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. We join with others during this time to pray and worship, and to find a little comfort and gladness. This service will also be available virtually on Facebook, Youtube, and our website. The video on the website will be live on the date and time listed above. Click the title to watch.

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

Each night of "The Story of Christmas, a Drive-Through Experience," will feature one of our Outreach ministries to bring awareness and support.

Wednesday, December 16

Wildwood Food Pantry will be accepting canned goods and monetary donations. This ministry is celebrating 15 years of providing food, diapers, and some paper products to food-insecure families, other food pantries, and faith-based organizations in the tri-county area.

Click the title for a description of the other Outreach ministries being supported through this event.



[Click here to register for Carols & Candlelight Services!](#)



CAROLS & CANDLELIGHT

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

[Click here to register for in-person services!](#)

VIRTUAL

Thursday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.



GREENERY PICK-UP

Thank you to everyone who helped support New Covenant's Youth Ministry by purchasing some fresh Christmas greenery for the holidays! Greenery drive-through pick-up will be available under the church breezeway in the West Parking Lot:

- **Saturday, Dec. 5 from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**
- **Sunday, Dec. 6 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

STAFF LOVE OFFERING

As the Advent season approaches, we think of those who are special to us. The Staff Parish Relations Team invites you to remember our church staff, who has worked with dedication during this trying year to meet the needs of our congregation. All gifts received will be distributed equally among all staff members. Checks may be made payable to NCUMC with "Staff Gift" indicated on the memo line. Thank you.

-Doris Drewes, Chair, SPRT



Bargains

&



Blessings

New Covenant United Methodist Church

B&B TRUCK

The Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the West Parking Lot on **Saturday, December 5 and Sunday, December 6**, to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.

Please click the title for donation information.

STEWARDSHIP

Giving Season

As we leave our season of Thanksgiving, we enter our season of Gift Giving. Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:7 "...God loves a cheerful giver."

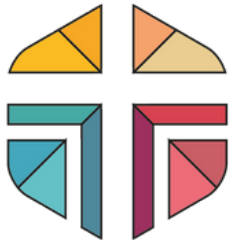
New Covenant has numerous opportunities to give over the next few weeks: The Story of Christmas Drive-Through Experience, the Staff Love offering, the Carols & Candlelight Services, and Giving in the Spirit.

One opportunity that benefits many of our church ministries is the annual "Giving in the Spirit" where you can choose one or more ministries to support. Look at our Ministry Spotlight to learn more.

Funds sent to New Covenant are dollars well deployed. Help us to be good stewards of His blessings.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





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 the December Women's Ministry Gathering to celebrate the Comfort and Joy of the Christmas season, and fill our hearts with all the Christ child brings. We will practice social distancing, and masks will be required.

Click the title to register. This is a free event, and space is limited.

VIRTUAL DISCIPLESHIP

There are many virtual studies to choose from. Daily devotions, bible studies, and sacred trilogy, just to name a few. Click the title to explore.



NEW MEMBERS

Rebecca Bautista

Dolores Cutrie

Jodie Dolan

Mike Dolan

Stacy Fitzgerald

Victor Hidalgo

Judy Jack

Elouise Kitchen

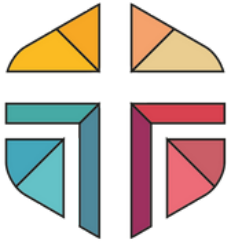
Becky Nehring

Patricia Patzke

Sandra Stephens

Gina Vallat

If you are interested in becoming a new member during the pandemic, we are currently offering a video option. Complete the process from the comfort of your own home.
[Click here to register!](#)



Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Now, more than ever, we need to pray. Our prayer team gathers each week to pray for those who are in the hospital or rehab, have an upcoming test or procedure, and for each prayer request that was submitted (by phone, email, online, or through a prayer card). When you, or someone you know, is in need of prayer, please let us know. **If you do not share, we cannot care.** Maybe you have the Spiritual Gift of Prayer and would like to join our Praying Together Team, if so, call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



NEW CONCERNS

- | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Jan Andrews | Prentiss & Myra |
| Phil Arnold Family | Tristan Priser |
| Nancy Harmon | Sue Rainey |
| Patricia Hoey | Ben Reinke |
| Peggy & Bill Miller | Judy Schulman |
| Jim Morris | Shawn, Ryan, & Betty |
| Areteis McKarney | Dulaney Grace Spalt |
| Chuck Place | Van Swanson |
| Kathy & Herb Van Benthuisen | |

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Family and friends on the passing of Joyce Trewartha.

Wadney Simons, family and friends on the passing of her husband, Edward Simons.



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

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

Viewing for Weekend Services from November 21 & 22
total **2,147**

VIRTUAL

Worship 1,620

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 128 | Sun 9AM 203 | Sun 11AM 178 | Youth 18

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.



MS is recovering from surgery.



CO is battling mesothelioma cancer.

PHONE
(352) 750-4529

EMAIL
ncumc@ncumcfl.com



WEBSITE
ncumcfl.com

OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Thurs 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.