



# Weekly Word

*New Covenant United Methodist Church*

## MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Part 1: Rope Connected to Hope!

Hopeful Plans



Hopeful Future

- Jeremiah 29:11 -  
- Psalm 40: 1-8 -

### *Spiritual Reflection*

"To love means loving the unlovable. To forgive means pardoning the unpardonable. Faith means believing the unbelievable. Hope means hoping when everything seems hopeless."

**G.K. CHESTERTON**

**Viewing for Weekend Services from September 5 - 6**

**Worship 2494**

# **REGATHERING FOR** **WORSHIP**

**“DO NO HARM. DO GOOD.  
AND STAY IN LOVE WITH GOD.”  
-JOHN WESLEY**

The first week of in-person worship was a success! Pastor Harold preached to a live audience for the first time in 9 months.

We were so happy to see everyone’s masked faces, and we thank you for continuing to follow the guidelines for safe worship. ([Click here to view email sent with guidelines.](#))

**Please register below to save a seat. We have plenty of room!**

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



## SERMON SERIES

Pastor Harold begins a new sermon series, "**Hopeful Plans, Hopeful Future,**" based on Jeremiah 29:11.

He will speak on "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Register above for in-person worship or click the title to view virtual worship. We will be live on Facebook, Youtube, and the website on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

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# Hopeful Future

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## CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS

As a gift to the community, NCUMC is planning a special experience during the week of **December 14-18**. Many different volunteer teams and talents are needed, including actors (non-speaking), greeters, stage hands, set builders, props, costume alterations and traffic guides. Teams will be assigned for social distancing, with safety precautions a top priority.

For questions, or to volunteer, click the title to contact Daina.



## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Gene Murray**

In Loving Memory of Wife,  
Mary Alice Bishop Murray,  
for her 'un' birthday

**Karen Cleveland**

In Loving Memory of Husband,  
Jim Cleveland

A special thank you to those providing Altar flowers.  
Click the title if you would like to provide an arrangement.

## STEWARDSHIP

### **God has Provided Generously**

This week Pastor Harold starts a sermon series based on Jeremiah 29:11 in which the Lord says in part that He has "... plans to prosper you..." God has provided generously for us. Just look around.

In Paul's first letter to Timothy, who was in Ephesus, he said "Command them...to be generous and willing to share." (1 Timothy 6:18, NIV) Generosity is a virtue of our Christian faith. Consider what God might want you to give out of the wealth He has provided you.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee



**Did you know you can give via text message?**

**Text "Give" to 352-480-0528 to register.**

**Click here for more info!**







# SACRED TRILOGY

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

## DISCIPLE I

This 24-week study immerses the participant in both the Old and New Testaments. Participants have the opportunity to take a spiritual gift assessment and determine meaningful ways they can serve and live out their discipleship commitment.

**Tuesdays, beginning October 27, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

Click on the title to register!

# DISCIPLE

## FAST TRACK

Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study

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Into the Word, Into the World

## DISCIPLE II

This 24-week study will immerse you in the book of Genesis through Acts. "Into the Word, Into the World" identifies some needs in the world for which ministry is needed and suggests possible responses. The study then invites participants to summarize the scripture message that will shape their ministry and decide what response and commitment to make that message.

**Wednesdays, beginning October 14, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

Click the title to register!

## MEN'S SMALL GROUP

Disciples for Christ is a men's small group with openings for men interested in spiritual growth and bonding. They meet **Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m.** at NCUMC for Bible study. No one is embarrassed by being called on. We practice social distancing, and wear masks for our mutual safety.

To join our group, click the title and complete the form. You will be contacted.



Need a name tag? [Click here to purchase.](#)

## REGATHERING VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of Ushers and Greeters for worship services – **Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Strict safety measures are in place to protect volunteers, and training will be provided.

To volunteer, click the title.





# HOPE LETTERS

We are in need of **mentors to write to women in prison!** Your identity and location remain completely anonymous, as you write under your first name only, or a pen name. Replies are addressed to a P. O. Box in Lady Lake which is monitored by the facilitator. Your replies are then scanned and emailed to you. A one-hour Zoom training session is provided to answer your questions.

Click the title for more information!



## HELPING HANDS GENERAL MEETING

The Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings General Meeting will be held on Sunday, **September 27, 2020, at 3:00 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Center. All current volunteers and individuals wishing to find out more about working on construction or at Bargains & Blessings are encouraged to attend.



# GRIEF DEVOTIONAL

Perhaps you are becoming acquainted with grief. Grief is not a state of being that we would wish on anyone. We did not choose it. However, it is an inevitable result of having lost someone.

Pastor Jeff does not promise quick fixes or exemptions to your grief, but offers a new weekly resource for those experiencing grief.

Each Monday Pastor Jeff will continue his devotional for grief. **Click the title to begin the study.**



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



## NEW CONCERNS

Dale Appleby	Diane McDonald
Jack Armstrong	Baby Merrick's family
J.B. Bautista	L.P.
Connie	Wadney Simons
Tom Ferline	Hurricane Victims
Dr. Ruth Gibson	Jean Watts
Barbara Hays	John Wilson
Tammi Hynes	

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

Howard & his wife, Diane, family and friends on the passing of his father Byron Bond.

Peggy Adkison, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ronald "Ron" Adkison.





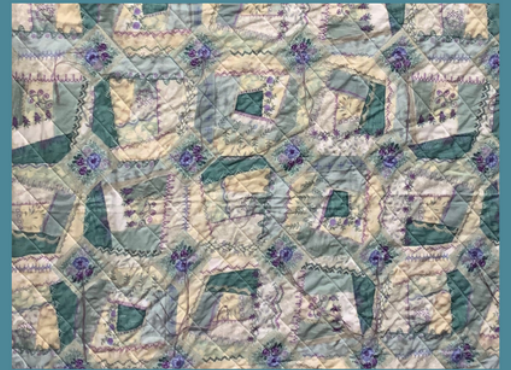
**Your prayers are requested for our virtual prayer quilts. If you have Facebook, please click on each quilt, pray, and then “like” the picture to symbolize the tying of a knot. Knots will be physically tied by staff as a tangible representation of all the prayers and love offered on behalf of those in need. Even if you do not have Facebook, you can still pray for those receiving the quilts.**



R.J. is suffering with cancer of the lymph nodes.



J. F. is battling lung cancer.



B.M. is recovering from knee surgery.