



Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church

MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

"If we do not receive what we pray for, it is not because God grudgingly refuses to give it but because he has some better thing for us. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer. The answer given may not be the answer we desired or expected; but even when it is a refusal it is the answer of the love and the wisdom of God."

WILLIAM BARCLAY

Viewing for Weekend Services from August 22 -23

Worship 2257

**It is the first weekend of September.
That means it is Communion. Don't forget your elements!**

REGATHERING FOR WORSHIP

**“Do no harm. Do good.
And stay in love with God.”**

-John Wesley

This coming Monday, September 7, you will receive an email on the changes, precautions, and registration details for regathering. Please watch for this email and read it fully.

We are very excited to bring back in-person worship beginning September 12 & 13!

Click the title for more information about regathering for worship.

B&B TRUCK

The Bargains and Blessings (B&B) Truck will be in the church parking lot on Thursday, September 10 from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Click the title to see the donation guidelines.





DR. BILL BARNES' STUDY

The idea for “The Bible in Twelve Words” came to Dr. Bill Barnes years ago when he found himself often being asked for a way for people to understand the history, theology, and unity of the Bible in a concise manner. He has found that those who are new to Bible study appreciate a bit of a road map, and those who are veterans appreciate being able to understand the direction of the Biblical narrative and the development of theology.

In addition to being our own Pastor Harold’s mentor, Bill was appointed Lead Pastor of St. Luke’s UMC of Orlando in June of 1992. He held this position until July of 2014 when he was appointed Co-Lead Pastor as part of St. Luke’s strategic leadership transition plan.

This study will begin Sunday, September 13.

**Virtual worship will take place Saturday at 5:00 p.m. & Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
Click here to view online worship!**



STEWARDSHIP

It's all God's Money

“Since my money is God’s money, every spending decision I make is a spiritual decision.”

- John Hagee

Every time the church has a special fund drive I give serious thought as to how much God would want me to give. Each year I consider my tithe and how much “extra” to give.

But the quote above surely gives us a point to ponder. Every spending decision I make is a decision as to how I will spend God’s gift to me.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee

**You can see your Giving Statements and Pledge status on the Portal.
Log in, then click “Online Giving” to view yours.**

GIVE

HURRICANE RELIEF

Hurricane Laura struck as a Category 4 storm and dropped rain inland in places already damaged by multiple spring and summer storms. UMCOR is providing funding to meet immediate needs and will continue to work with conferences in the days and months to come.

Click the title to help our neighbors!



WILDWOOD FOOD PANTRY

Wildwood Food Pantry celebrates 15 years of providing for food-insecure families in Sumter County. Since its inception, they have distributed over 3.2 million pounds of food. This year, the pantry has served 2,700 families and distributed 173,000 pounds of food. A special thank you to all of those who donate, and to the wonderful volunteers who make this happen for families in the community.

Click the title to visit their website and find out more ways to help!



GLEANNING

We would like to thank the Gleaning Ministry for their work to provide food for those in need. On August 17, a truck from Marjon Specialty Foods in Plant City, FL, delivered 1,512 boxes of food to our parking lot. The Gleaners, along with our Youth Group, distributed the 30,000 pounds of food contained in those boxes to 16 local food pantries. "This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:12 NIV



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SACRED TRILOGY

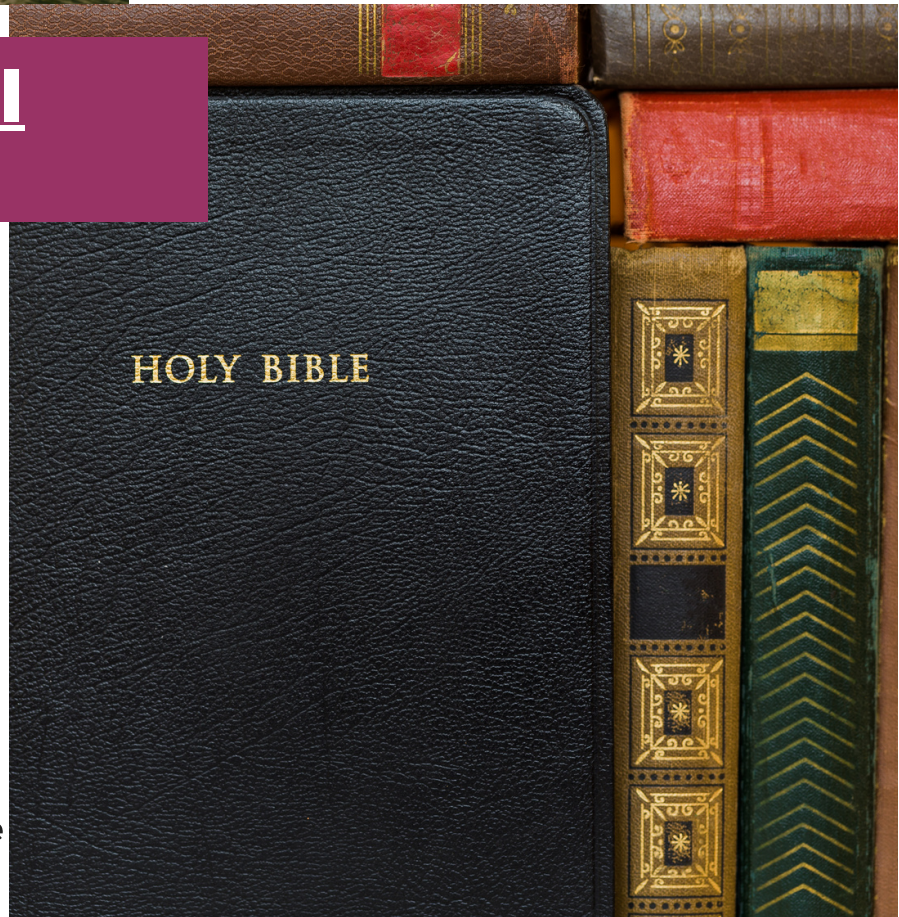
Please enjoy our Sacred Trilogy. Every Wednesday we have Sacred Prayers, Sacred Songs, and Sacred Stories.

Click on the title to see all the new videos from Wednesday!

DISCIPLE I & II CLASSES

The DISCIPLE Bible Study series is published by Abingdon Press, a United Methodist publisher, and it is written and taught by United Methodist leaders. It is a deep exploration of the Bible and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. DISCIPLE Bible studies have remained the number one choice for some of the most vibrant congregations in the world--transforming the lives of more than two million participants!

Click the title to discover both of these classes.



PASTOR HAROLD'S CLASS (VIRTUAL)

John Wesley and our Wesleyan Heritage is a Member Path class. This class will move you closer to fellowship, ministry, and relationship with Jesus Christ. This is a two-day class held on consecutive Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Click the title to register.



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

This class will be an overview of our history, as well as an information session on the programs of our church. Once you complete this class, the group members will be welcomed into the church at a future date when we regather.

Click the title to register!



PRAYER SHAWL

If you know someone who would be blessed by a beautiful handmade prayer shawl, the Happy Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry has several shawls to choose from in the Care Office. Just stop by and make your selection. Each shawl is wrapped in prayer.



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



NEW CONCERNS

Thelma Airey	Debbie & Gary Search
Jim Arnold	Joyce Trewartha
Dorothy Brown	Bob & Sandy Rahall
Cathy Fallon	Shirley West
Teresa Hatfield	Mark Yorkston
Barb Hinebaugh	
Janet Naples	
Jim Scarlett	

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Barbara Bettler, family and friends on the passing of her mother Ruth Spitson.

Family and friends on the passing of Virginia "Joan" Kelso.

Family and friends on the passing of Bernice Martel.

Jean Puckett, family and friends on the passing of her daughter Sabrina Huffman.

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.



P.W. is having open heart surgery.