

# Weekly Word

*New Covenant United Methodist Church*



## MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



### *Spiritual Reflection*

“The Kingdom of this world is become the Kingdom of our Lord,  
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;  
And He shall reign forever and ever, forever and ever, forever and  
ever,”

**GEORGE FRIDERIC HANDEL - 'THE MESSIAH'**

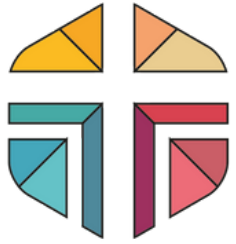
*For Thanksgiving week, registration is live Wednesday at  
noon until Saturday at noon.*

If you need help registering, please call the church  
office Wednesday before 4:30 p.m. No staff member will  
be in the office Thursday or Friday.

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



# Ministry Spotlight

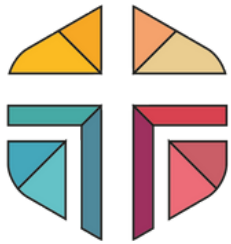
*Click the title to give in support of the ministry highlighted below*

## **SUPPORT GROUPS**

One of the ways we offer care in our church is through the invitation to participate in support groups. Sometimes the most effective and meaningful help comes when those with similarities in their journeys can share, cry, pray, and listen together.

Please click the title for the groups we currently offer, either virtually or in-person.





# Announcements

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



## HOPE & HEALING SERVICE

On **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. Please call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 with any questions.

## CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

Christmas Wish Tree giving **ends November 30**. Please remember to send a check or gift card to support one of the following ministry partners: The Wildwood Family Resource Center, The Refuge at Jumper Creek, Voices for Children or the Wildwood Middle High School Mentor Program. Thank you for supporting these ministries.





## THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

Please join us as New Covenant United Methodist Church presents "The Story of Christmas: A Drive-Through Experience." From the comfort of your vehicle, you and yours can experience the joy of the Nativity story by driving through the church grounds and witnessing scenes rich with live performers, music, and animals.

This event will be **December 16-18 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Click the title for more information!

## 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**



## 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 lot. Our youth and volunteers will be safely distributing all evergreen orders on the following dates & time frames:

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

## CAROLS & CANDLIGHT

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.

Registration is required. Registration will be open December 3 at noon.

VIRTUAL

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



# STEWARDSHIP

## **Give Thanks**

As we go through this Thanksgiving week, I thought that Paul's statement in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 was very appropriate for the year 2020. "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances."

Although this has been a crazy year, God has provided so much for which we can be thankful. Just think about all the good things that have happened in your life this year.

In addition to numerous personal things, I am extremely grateful for our congregation's continued support of our church and its mission. To date, even with an extremely limited budget, over \$75,000 has been spent for our church ministries, including our Care Department.

As you go through the rest of this special week, "...give thanks to Him and praise His name" (Ps 100:4b) in all circumstances.

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

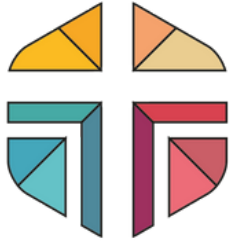


## ALTAR FLOWERS

**Barbara & Bill Mahoney**

**In honor of their anniversary on November 27**

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



# Discipleship

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

## **BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ADVENT**

"Light of the World: A Beginner's Guide to Advent" is a four-week Zoom study with Pastor Ellen. Advent is not only the perfect time to read the story of the birth of Jesus; it's also a great time to dive deeper into the biblical texts that surround the event. Author, professor, and biblical scholar, Levine, shows how the Gospel narratives connect to the Old Testament.

Tuesdays, Dec. 1, - Dec. 22 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Click the title to register!

AMY-JILL  
LEVINE

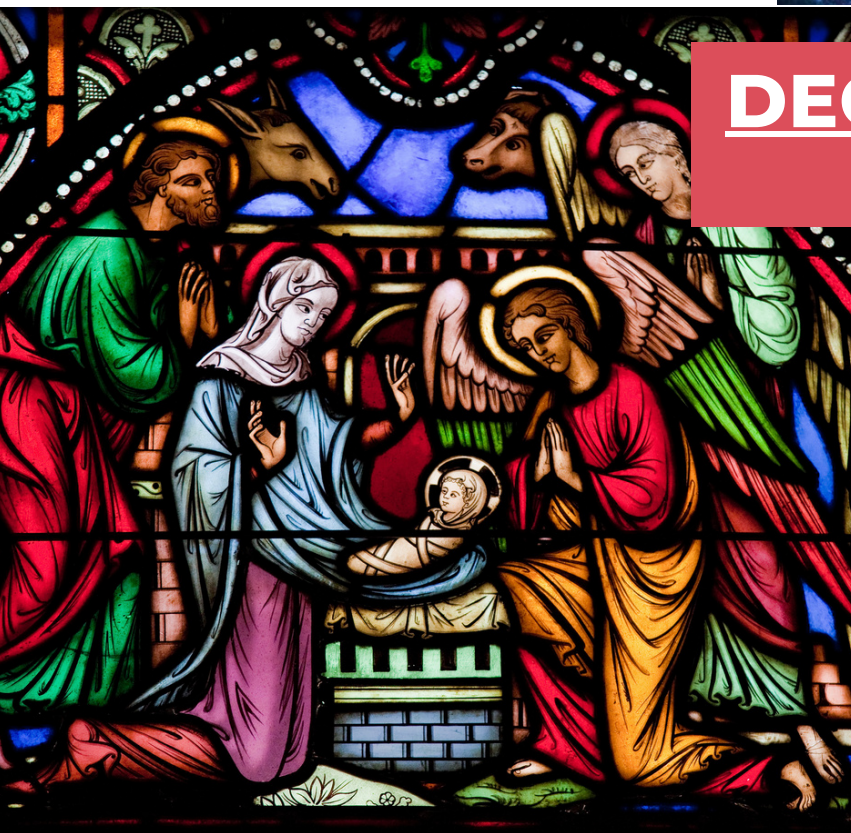
## LIGHT *of* the WORLD

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE to ADVENT

## **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.

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!

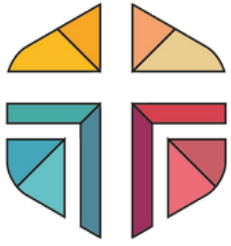


## VIRTUAL DISCIPLESHIP

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.







# Congregational Care

*Please click the title to access Care.*



## NEW CONCERNS

Meredith Brown	Kayla
Family of Lynda Bryant	Kiersten
Joy Buckner	Lindsey
John Fleming	Millie Murray
Sonia Frazier	Sam
William Freeland	Dennis Sibrt
Chris Hedgepeth	Gennie Wiengen

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

Viewing for Weekend Services from November 14 & 15  
total **2,222**

**VIRTUAL**

**Worship 1,653**

**IN-PERSON**

**Sat 5PM 153 | Sun 9AM 227 | Sun 11AM 170 | Youth 19**