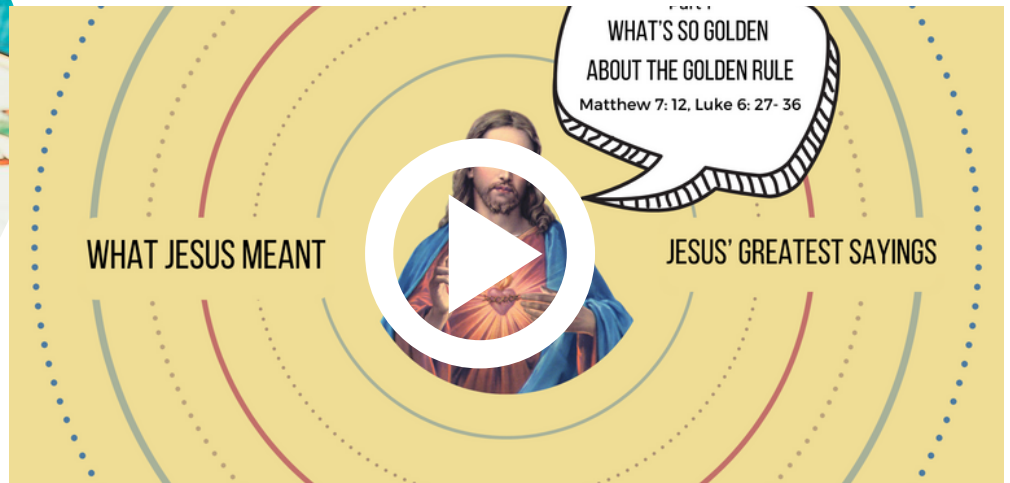




Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church

MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

"Nothing in the Golden Rule says that others will treat us as we have treated them. It only says that we must treat others in a way that we would want to be treated."

ROSA PARKS

Viewing for Weekend Services from July 18-19

Worship 2898 | Youth 3

REGATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Our SALT Committee has decided to delay our regathering based on the increasing trend of COVID-19 cases in the area. The committee will continue to monitor the public health issue, and at their next meeting on August 18, they will reassess the situation. Our hope is to be able to regather sometime in September. More information will be provided as it becomes available.



VIRTUAL WORSHIP

Pastor Harold is beginning a new sermon series, "What Jesus Means-Jesus' Greatest Sayings."

- **5 p.m. Saturday, Contemporary-** Worship with the Praise Team
- **9 a.m. Sunday, Blended-** Worship with favorite hymns, piano, organ, and special music

Don't forget to have your communion ready for this weekend!

Click the title to watch worship!

WHAT JESUS MEANT



JESUS' GREATEST SAYINGS

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

Not only can you watch the services on the website, you can also watch them on Facebook and YouTube. We are almost at 200 subscribers on YouTube! Help us get to reach our goal of 300.

Click the title to subscribe to our YouTube page.



Sacred Songs A Time of Prayer

SACRED SONGS – A TIME OF PRAYER

Our Worship Leaders, Sean Pollock and Angie Rose, lead us in a time of worship, prayer, and reflection each Wednesday. **Starting in August, our Sacred Songs will be at 1:00 p.m.** “Sacred Songs” includes hymns, praise choruses, and modern praise songs - something for everyone. Sean and Angie are joined each week by special musical guests, with a short devotional by one of our New Covenant pastors. Please join us on our website by clicking here.

STEWARDSHIP

Although our congregation has continued to give, I thought that it might be time to review how you can give to New Covenant, your church.

Some of us just want to get out of the house, so it's fine to drive to the church and drop off your donation with Cindy in the Church Office. Others like to mail things, so you can mail your donation to the church (3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages, FL 32162).

Directions for two other methods can be found on the church website. Click on the title above. You will find instructions for both TEXT and ONLINE giving. TEXT giving is amazingly easy. Once set up, each week you simply TEXT to the church the amount you wish to give. ONLINE giving is even easier. On set up, you state when and how much you wish to give. You can have the donation charged to a credit card or drawn directly from your bank. You simply "Set it and forget it." Thank you for your continued giving. Please stay safe, and protect others by wearing a mask.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





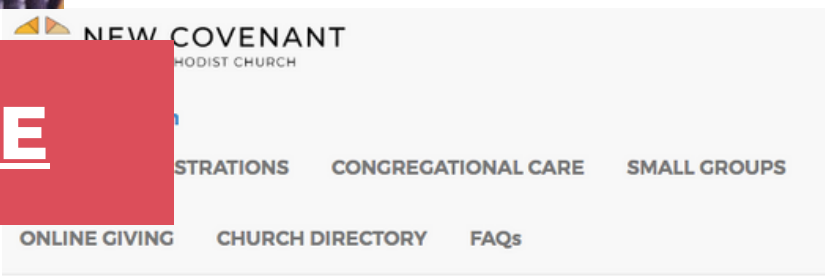
FOOD PANTRY

The Wildwood Food Pantry needs your help. The number of people needing assistance with food is increasing, so we need to restock the pantry shelves.

The following are needed at this time: macaroni and cheese, jelly, soup, canned pasta (SpaghettiOs, Beefaroni, ravioli), canned fruit, and canned tuna or chicken.

Donation bins for the Food Pantry are located at the West Narthex entrance. Thank you for supporting the Wildwood Food Pantry. Click the title to find out more about the Wildwood Food Pantry.

UPDATE PROFILE



touch with you!

- Have you moved?
- Do you have an email address?
- Did you get a new phone number?

Please make sure we can get in touch with you by updating your profile in Portal. Click the title above to log in and update.

Please Login to Your Account

[Forgot User Name](#)

[Forgot Password](#)

[Login](#)

Tell your story...

SACRED STORIES

COMING SOON! Sacred Stories, testimonies about how Jesus has impacted congregant's lives.

The Aug/Sept Upper Room Devotionals are available at the Welcome Center.



Happy Retirement!

Jo Jones is retiring! Jo is our Communications Director and has been with the church for 6 years. We thank her for all of her hard work and dedication, thank you!

VOLUNTEER

You can still volunteer! Even though we are not meeting as a large group you can still be involved.

Click the title to see some volunteer opportunities.



LETTERS TO TEACHERS

We are seeking volunteers to write note cards to the teachers and staff at Wildwood Middle High School and Sumter PREP Academy. We would like just a short note encouraging those returning to work during these uncertain times. Please let them know that New Covenant is praying for all the teachers, staff, and children. Note cards can be dropped off at the Church Office no later than Friday, August 10. Each card will be included in a snack bag which will be delivered to the schools. Thank you!



HOPE LETTERS – WOMEN'S MENTORING

You are invited to make a measurable difference in the life of an incarcerated woman through Hope Letters, a ministry that offers Christian mentoring through letter-writing. Ninety women at Lowell signed up, and right now we are short at least 25 mentors. Getting a real letter through snail mail can light up anyone's day, but for a woman who may have NO contact with the outside world because of broken relationships, a letter from you will not only make her day, it will make her week. Will you answer the call? For more information or to sign up, click the title above.



ALZHEIMER'S VOLUNTEER

We continue to offer support group weekly calls to caregivers. Those who have been participating have shared how helpful they find these sessions. If you would like to participate, simply contact the Care Office and someone will be in touch with you. We are currently not able to offer our "Joy Room" ministry to those dealing with Alzheimer's. This ministry is loved by all who participate, those partaking in the activities, and the volunteers. We are not sure when we will be able to offer this ministry again. We do know that when we re-open this ministry, we will be in need of volunteers. In particular, we are looking for 2 volunteers who would become co-leaders. The co-leaders help in many ways: contacting volunteers, scheduling, and arranging for themes for the weekly sessions, to name a few. If you think this is a ministry for which you have a calling, please contact Pastor Jeff in the Care Office.

CARE

During these times, we want you to know we care about you and are praying for you. We are continuing to have our Congregational Care Ministers (CCMs) reach out to you when you offer a prayer request. If you would rather, you may make a request through the Portal, or you can call the Care Office. A CCM will contact you for prayer and to let you know we are seeking to care for you and walk alongside you during these times of need.



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



NEW CONCERNS

Bob & Stephanie Burns	Sylvia Wagner
Kathleen Cannon	Sonia Waites
Bonnie Fisher	Scott Werner
Diane Golden	Sue Wyman
Gladys Hayes	
Joy Johnson	
Lewis Manee	
Kathy Murphy	
Bob Ream	
Ed Spicer	

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Cathy Baker Johnson, family and friends on the passing of her husband Don Johnson.

Doris Rainbolt, family and friends on the passing of her husband George Rainbolt.

Robert "Bob" McCollum, family and friends on the passing of his wife Jacqueline "Jackie" McCollum.



CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Steve Garman
George Rainbolt

During this time, since we are not able to pray over the prayer quilts like we usually do, we have implemented virtual prayer quilts. If you have Facebook please click on each quilt, pray, and 'like' the picture to symbolize tying a knot. Knots will be tied by staff as a tangible representation of all the prayers and love offered on behalf of those in need. If you do not have Facebook please still pray for those receiving the quilts.



J.S. suffered a bad fall.



L.M. is battling prostate & bladder cancer.



J. C. diagnosed with stage one lung cancer & underwent surgery.



L.R. is battling COVID-19.

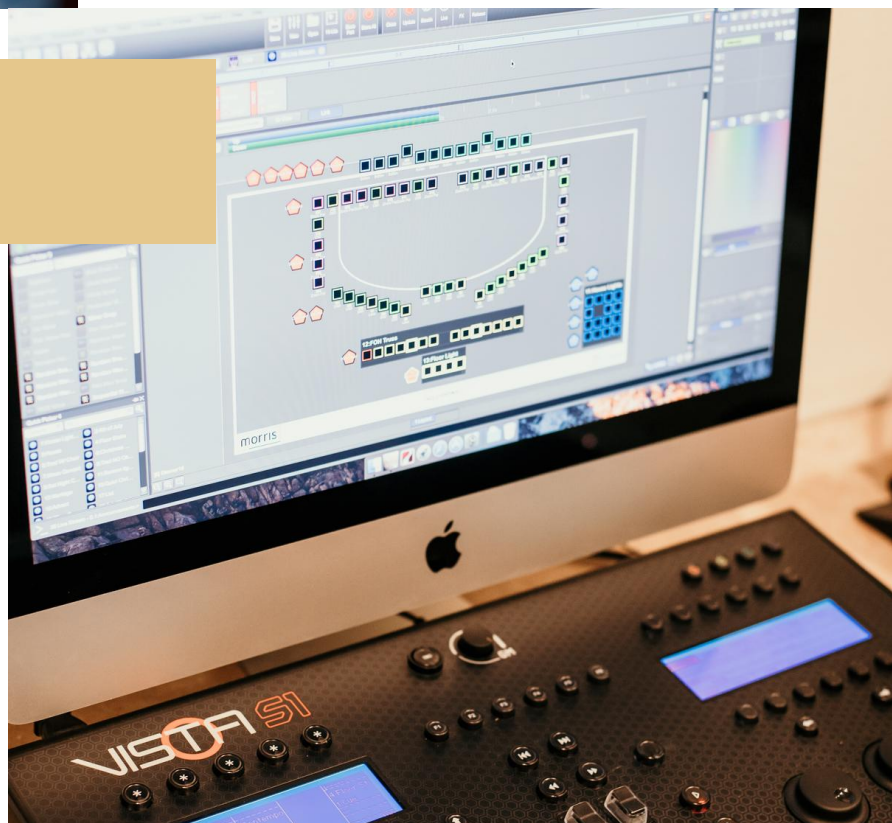


DISCIPLESHIP

By clicking the title above, you can explore all of our online and in-person Bible Studies, Prayer Services, Daily Devotions, and much more!

IS YOUR CLASS "ZOOMING"?

Many of our groups are conducting their discipleship classes virtually through Zoom conference calling. Does the thought make you nervous? Are you hesitant to join? If so, help is only a moment away. Bob Wile has been helping others to get online with Zoom. He says that if you have a computer, iPad, or phone that has a microphone and a camera, you can Zoom it, too. Please contact Bob by clicking the title above. He's glad to help you Zoom it!





VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

- Who saved the Jewish nation from being annihilated?
- Who gave birth to two nations?
- Who ran from a wicked nation?
- Who went to heaven in a chariot on fire?
- How did Jesus respond to His opponents?

We will visit the Old Testament and David, Esther, Elijah, Jonah and Rebekah. New Testament studies will include stories about those who opposed Jesus and His response to the opposition through the parables. All Sunday Education Classes are FREE!

Join a Sunday morning ZOOM Bible study, from 10:30 - 11:30, beginning Sunday, Aug. 2, with Chris Wile as our leader. Register by clicking the title above.