

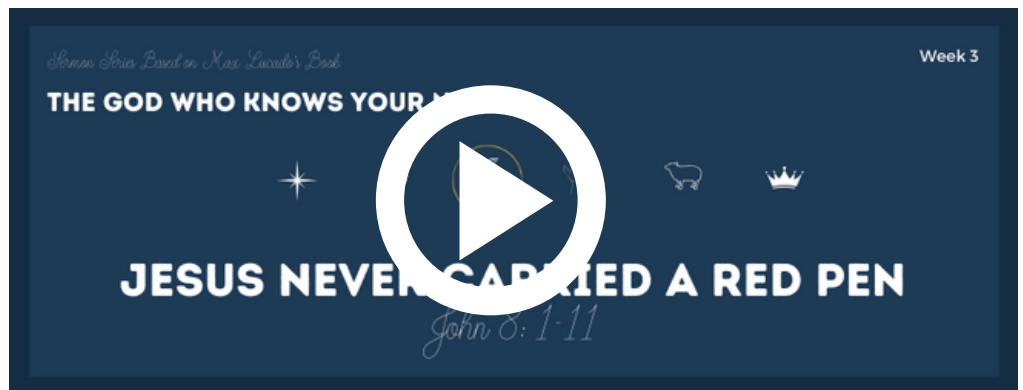


Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

"He stooped. Low enough to sleep in a manger, work in a carpentry shop, sleep in a fishing boat. Low enough to rub shoulders with crooks and lepers. Low enough to be spat upon, slapped, nailed, and speared. Low. Low enough to be buried. And then he stood. Up from the slab of death. Upright in Joseph's tomb and right in Satan's face. Tall. High. He stood up for the woman and silenced her accusers, and he does the same for you."

MAX LUCADO

Viewing for Weekend Services from June 13-14

Worship 2793 | Youth 16

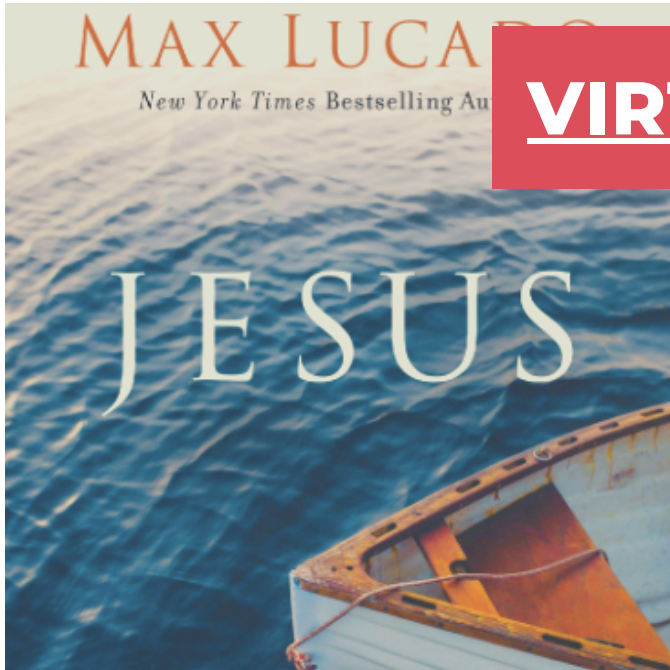
REGATHERING FOR WORSHIP

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

We will begin regathering for weekend worship service July 11 and 12. Our Contemporary Service will take place at 5:00 p.m. Saturday, with Blended Service Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Both will be modified worship services (no choir or congregational singing).

Both worship services will be held in the CLC. Registration is required to attend either of the gathered worship services. Beginning at noon on Thursday, July 9, and weekly thereafter, you will be able to register for the upcoming weekend by clicking the Registration button (under Pastor Harold’s weekly message) in the new WeeklyWord being sent to congregants at noon each Thursday. Following registration, you will receive a confirmation of your attendance and directions as to where to park. Please note that once the maximum registrations in the CLC have been reached, the Fellowship Center will be used for overflow seating, with the service in the CLC live-streamed into the Fellowship Center. We ask that you not arrive any earlier than 15 minutes before the service for which you are registered. Also, please bring your mask as masks will be required at all times. Please note that our digital Virtual Worship experience will continue. The Contemporary experience will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, with the Blended worship experience available beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday.





VIRTUAL WORSHIP

We are now live streaming two different types of Worship Services each week:

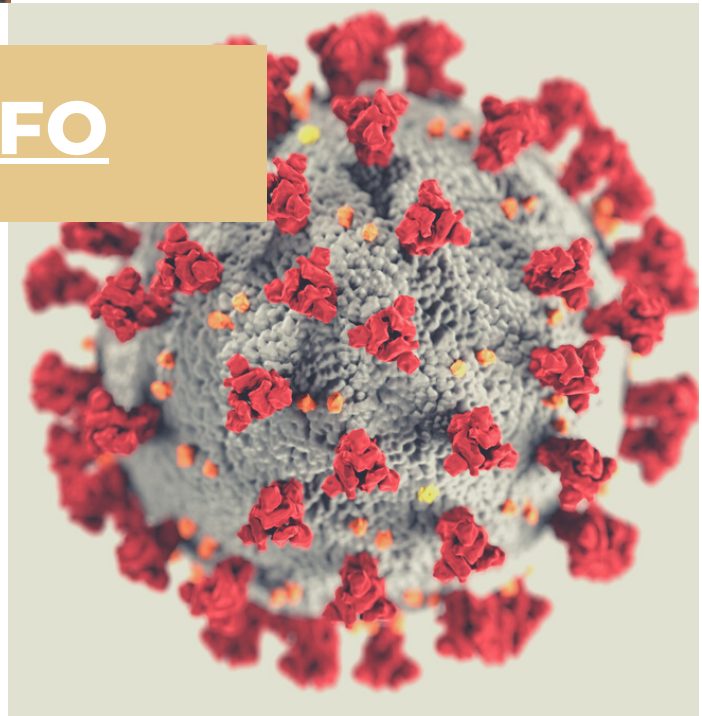
- **5 p.m. Saturday, Contemporary** - Worship with the Praise Team
- **9 a.m. Sunday, Blended** -Worship with favorite hymns, piano, organ, and special music

Click the title to watch worship!

COVID-19 INFO

Click here to watch a webinar with Dr. Frederick Southwick, Professor of Medicine Infectious Diseases and former head of Infectious Diseases at UF Health Shands. Also available:

- Testing Options
- How to watch Virtually
- Small Group Regathering
- Cancellations
- Outreach



The July / August Upper Room Devotions are available at the Welcome Center.

FREE COVID-19 TESTING

DATES:

Monday, June 29th
Tuesday, June 30th
Wednesday, July 1st
Thursday, July 2nd

TIME:

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
(all days)

LOCATION:

New Covenant United
Methodist Church
3470 Woodridge Dr.,
The Villages, FL 32162



COVID-19 TESTING

The Sumter County Health Department will conduct COVID-19 testing at New Covenant in the East parking lot. Please come in your car or golf cart to be tested. Beginning Monday, June 29 - Thursday, July 2 from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. You do not have to have symptoms to be tested, it is open to all residents, no antibody testing available, and registration required.

Pre-Register at

SUMTER.FLHEALTH.GOV/EVENTS



Questions?
Call 352-569-3102 or
email AskSumter@FLHealth.gov

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Click the title above to register!

WEBSITE UPDATES

With the launch of Lake Deaton UMC, New Covenant has updated our website at www.ncumcfl.com. On our website we have cleaned up the pages and added some new features:

- You are able to see our worship times from the home page.
- Our social medias (Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo) are easily accessible.
- Under the title page of most pages, you will see underlined words. If you click the word for which you are trying to get information, it will take you straight to that section.

Please note that we strongly recommend using Google Chrome (multi-colored icon) or Safari (blue icon) instead of Internet Explorer or Firefox. If you use Google Chrome or Safari, you will be able to use the new feature on our website. If you are using anything other than Google Chrome or Safari, this feature may not work.



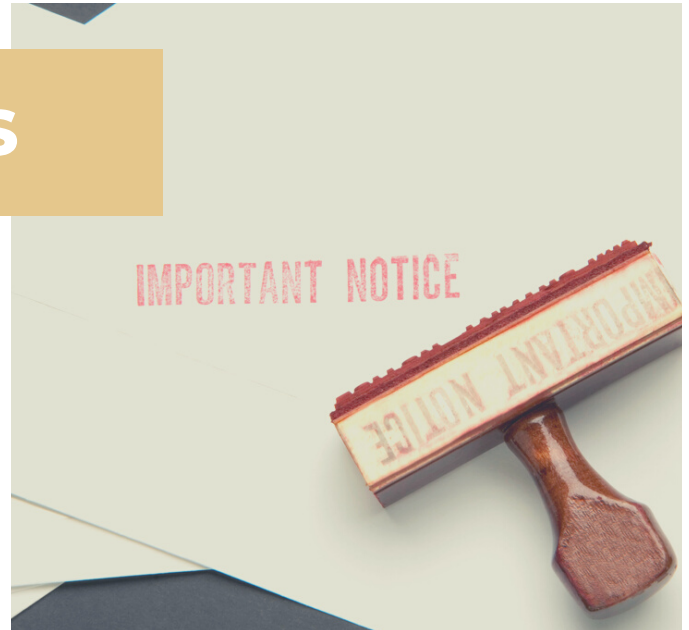


GIVING

During this time, we continue to appreciate your generosity on supporting your church. Click the title to give.

CONTRIBUTIONS

For those who give via scheduled online giving through their financial institution, or from their IRA, please be aware that effective June 22, New Covenant UMC was no longer able to process Lake Deaton contributions. They will be processing donations from their church.

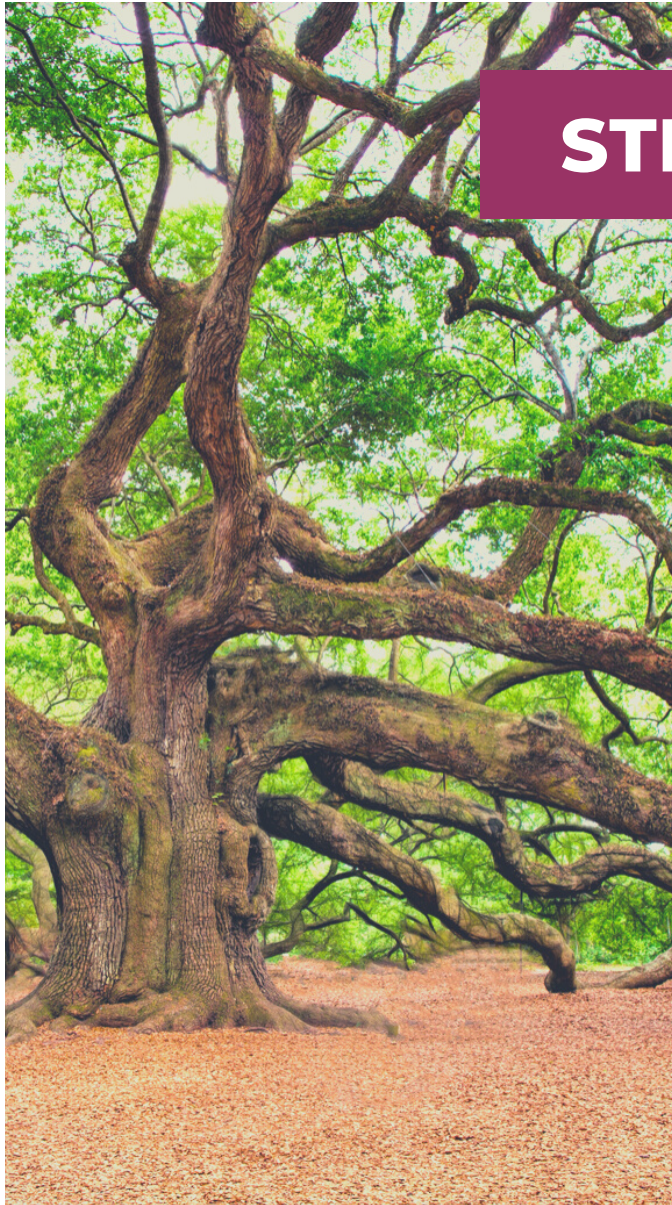


SERVICE FOR PEACE AND RACIAL RECONCILIATION

On Wednesday, June 17, our weekly Virtual Prayer Service had a special focus on racial reconciliation and prayers for our nation. Pastor Harold, other staff members, and congregants and community leaders led us in the service. The service was beautiful, emotional, meaningful and loving. It was videotaped and is available by clicking this link. We encourage you to watch the video.

"As Jesus' people, we begin with the knowledge that all persons are created in the image of God. We believe all lives won't matter until black lives matter. We seek to name the injustices and work toward healing and unity. We acknowledge our collective need to develop greater self-awareness. We commit to listening. We commit to peace with justice. We commit to the urgency of educating ourselves. We commit to change. We ask people to move towards one another and build new relationships."
(Excerpt from a statement by the Cabinet of the Florida Annual Conference)

To watch all the Virtual Prayer Service's click here!



STEWARDSHIP

Jesus was always inviting us to act—follow me, go out into the world, give to the poor, feed my sheep, etc. In the Beatitudes (Matt. 13-16), Jesus gives us a picture of how we are to live and in doing so “you will be blessed.” The pandemic has limited our ability to act, to use our God-given talents. Some of you have called our church members to check in on them. Others have made masks to be distributed and still others have done grocery shopping for those who dare not go out. For whatever you have done to help others during this time, we thank you and I am sure you were blessed. We also want to thank each of you for your continued financial support. All of our bills have been paid and, more importantly, our entire staff has continued to receive their full salary.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee



NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Our next New Members Class is:
**Monday, Sept. 21 from 6:00 p.m.-
7:30 p.m.**

Click the title to register!

SMALL GROUPS

While the church building has been closed to large groups, Connect Small Groups have been meeting.

If you are not a part of a group and want to join click on the title.



CARE

If you are feeling anxious, please contact the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 and one of our staff would love the opportunity to talk to, and pray with, you. Also, call if you need assistance with any of the following: groceries, medications, pet food, or prescription pick up. For more Care programs, click the title above.

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



NEW CONCERNS

Andrea
Dick Clark
Ruth Ann Eppley
Sylvan Franklin
Sabrina Huffman
Sally Lenz

Kathy Murphy
Wanda Richards
Charles Schmidt
Paul Watkins
Tony Weiler

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Joe Douglas, family and friends on the passing of his wife Janis "Jan."

Alan Carroll, family and friends on the passing of his wife Penny.

Ron Pitts, family and friends on the passing of his wife Beverly "Bev."



Click 'Our Love & Sympathy' to see scheduled Celebrations of Life!

B&B TRUCK

The Bargains & Blessings (B&B) truck will be in the church parking lot on Wednesday, July 8 and Thursday, July 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day.

[Click here for donation guidelines.](#)



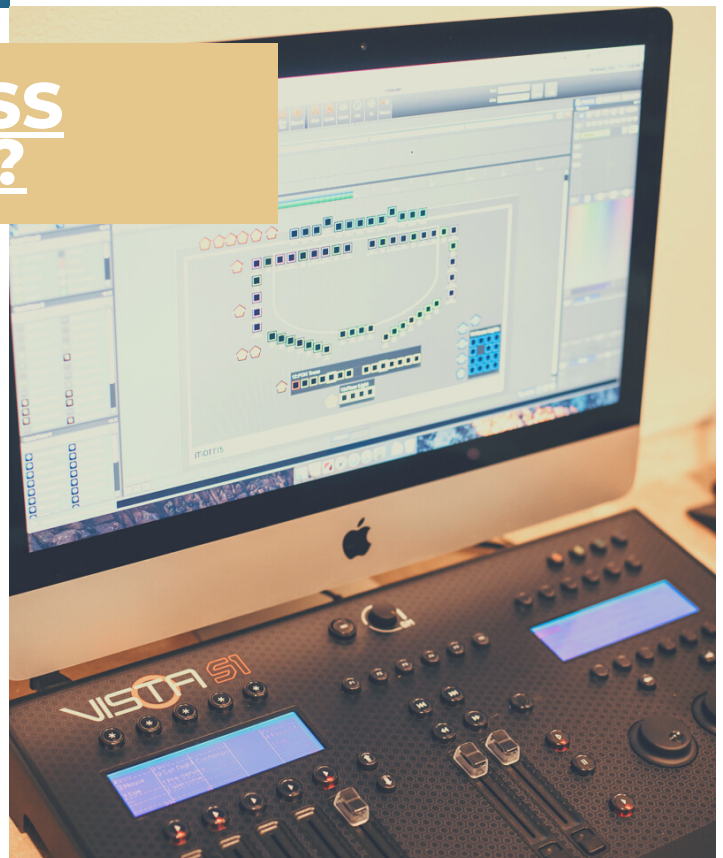


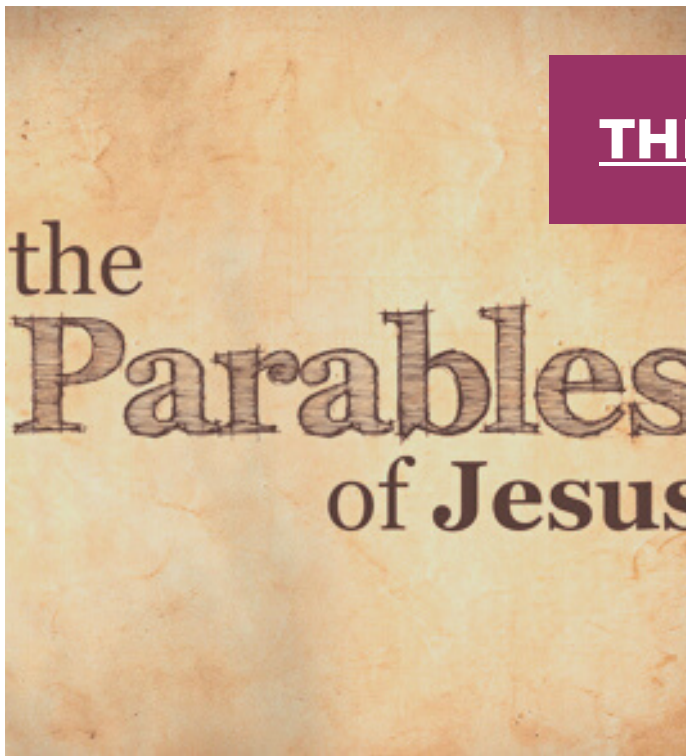
DISCIPLESHIP

By clicking the title above you can access 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!





THE PARABLES OF JESUS

Join Pastor Jeff Vermilya for this four-week video series, which began June 21. The video will be available Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and the study materials will be available the week before. Pastor Jeff will provide a PowerPoint slideshow and questions each week of this series that you can download. We hope this will be a valuable resource for Sunday Education classes and Connect Small Groups. Click the title above to access available study materials and videos.

BISHOP CARTER'S BIBLE STUDY

Begin with Matthew 1, and read all four gospels – 89 chapters, one a day, over the 90 days of summer. Bishop Carter began recording the webinars with Kendall Soulen, Dana Robert, Edgardo Colon-Emeric, and Bob Tuttle. The corresponding book, *A Beginner's Guide to Scriptural Imagination*, is available to purchase for \$10. Please note that the book is not required for this study. If you would like a copy of the book, call the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 and ask for Ashley Hill.

You must have a Facebook account to join this Bible study group. Click the title to join!

