



Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE

Sermon Series Based on Max Lucado's Book:
THE GOD WHO KNOWS YOUR NAME

Week 5



GOD PROVIDES

John 1:29-36

Spiritual Reflection

“God himself will provide the lamb.”

GENESIS 22:8

Viewing for Weekend Services from July 4-5

Worship 3487 | Youth 6

CONGRATULATIONS! MENTOR PROGRAM GRADUATES

Sunday night we celebrated our Mentee Graduates and honored their accomplishments. We held a dinner and a small ceremony to reward the class who has lost and persevered. We had videos, scholarship awards, and speeches by each Mentor. Another special part of the night was the presentation of Prayer Quilts. Last week on Facebook, the WeeklyWord, and on the Prayer Altars the quilts were prayed for, then presented to the graduates!

Each Mentee was presented a scholarship of \$1,500! These scholarships are supported by the Christmas Eve love offering. Thank you to our congregation for your continued support of this program.

As our students leave NCUMC's Mentor Program we continue to pray for and encourage them as they move into their next phase in life!



REGATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Because of the increasing trend of COVID-19 cases, our SALT Committee has decided to delay our regathering. Based on the Florida Conference and State officials, our SALT Team will reassess the situation by the end of July to determine our next steps. More information will be provided as it becomes available!



MAX LUCADO
New York Times Bestselling Author

VIRTUAL WORSHIP

We are live streaming two different types of Worship Service 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

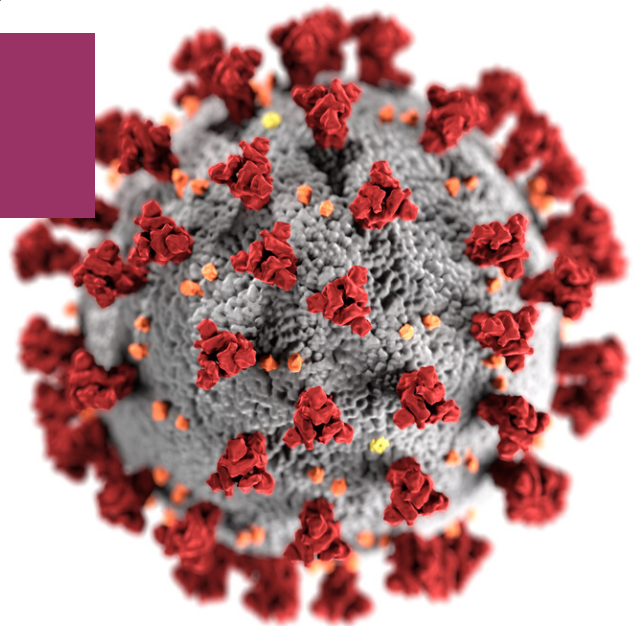
Click the title to watch worship!

JESUS

COVID-19 INFO

Click here to access helpful resources and articles for COVID-19 information. Also available:

- Testing Options
- FL UMC Conference Response
- How to watch Virtually
- Small Group Regathering
- Cancellations
- Outreach



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



SACRED SONGS – A TIME OF PRAYER

Our Worship Leaders Sean Pollock and Angie Rose invite you to join in a time of worship, prayer, and reflection each Wednesday at noon. “Sacred Songs” will include hymns, praise choruses, and modern praise songs - something for everyone. Sean and Angie will be 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](#).

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

This is your opportunity to help support the Florida United Methodist Children’s Home (FUMCH) by providing items for the children’s Rewards Store. The store allows the children to select rewards based on their successes at learning social and other skills.

Simply continue to the gift registry, select your item(s), and continue through the payment process. All your items will be delivered directly to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. Click the title above to shop!





B&B TRUCK

The Bargains & Blessings (B&B) truck will be at the church on Tuesday, July 21 & Wednesday, July 22, from 10:00 a.m. to noon both days. We welcome your donations!

[Click here for donation guidelines.](#)

WEBSITE TIDBIT

Do you know NCUMC staff? Or do you need to email a staff member? Remember a face but not a name?

We have our staff photos on the website to better serve you!

[Click on the title to go to 'Our Staff.'](#)



GIVING

Do you want to give but don't want to go online or drop it off? Please mail your check (no cash) to:

**New Covenant UMC
3470 Woodridge Drive
The Villages, FL 32162**

[Click the title if you want to give online.](#)



STEWARDSHIP

Did you ever realize that Christ's teachings about money in the Sermon on the Mount is followed by His teaching about worry? (Mat. 6:19-33) He tells us to save up heavenly treasures, not treasures on earth "where moths and vermin destroy." Christ reminds us that "... where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Mat. 6:21)

Then he teaches that God will take care of all of our NEEDS (not our wants, our needs). I refer to this teaching as the "Don't Worry, Be Happy" teaching. He talks about how God takes care of the birds and the flowers. (Mat. 6:25-26) Won't He take care of us equally as well?

In this trying time, it is difficult not to worry, or at the very least be concerned. So I ask that you continue to support your church by storing up heavenly treasures, reduce your worries by remembering that God will watch over you, and, then, do your part by staying safe.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





GET CONNECTED

During this time of not being able to connect in person we can still connect virtually!

Click the title above to learn all the different ways to Get Connected at New Covenant!

SMALL GROUPS

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

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



STREAMING CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

We have begun scheduling Celebrations of Life. To accommodate social distancing and COVID-19 concerns, mask and social distance seating will be required at each service. If you are uncomfortable with attending in person we are also offering live streaming.

To stream a service go to the 'Events' tab on our website and select 'Celebration of Life.' Or click the title above. Select the name of the service you are trying to watch. The Celebration of Life will be available the time and date listed.



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



NEW CONCERNS

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| Sarah Boeke | Gladys Hayes |
| Janie Charon | James |
| Sue Corley | Neal Jorgensen |
| Joan Corona | Tuff King |
| Gino & Sandy Demyan | Pastor Eric Titus |
| John Duroe | Doug Webster |
| Jas Hollner and baby | Chip Worster |

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Bonnie Thompson, family and friends on the passing of her husband David.

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

Penny Carroll
William Deitzer
Sandy Miller
Steve Garman

Click 'Celebrations of Life' for more information.

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.



G.L. suffering from CRMO.
(Very rare form of osteomyelitis.)



L.H healing from foot surgery.



R.B. suffering from Cerebral
Amyloid Angiopathy.



T.G. battling bladder cancer.



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!

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.





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 throughout 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.

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!

