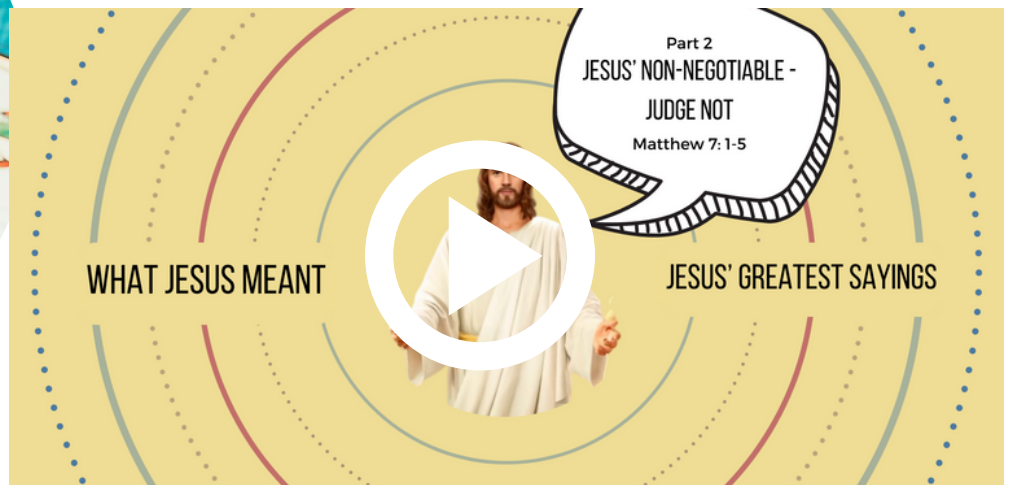




# Weekly Word

*New Covenant United Methodist Church*

## MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



### *Spiritual Reflection*

Often I have asked myself, "What would it be like if I no longer had any desire to judge another? Or be controlled by the judgments of others? I would walk the Earth as a very light person indeed!"

**HENRI NOUWEN**

**Viewing for Weekend Services from July 25-26**

**Worship 2682 | Youth 15**

# Volunteer Opportunity!

We are seeking volunteers to write note cards to the teachers and staff at Wildwood Middle High School and Sumter P.R.E.P. 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. We are in need of 120 letters, thank you!



# 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 has begun a new sermon series, "What Jesus Meant-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

Click the title to watch worship!

WHAT JESUS MEANT



JESUS' GREATEST SAYINGS

# SACRED STORIES

Sacred Stories are testimonies about how Jesus has impacted congregants' lives. They will begin Wednesday premiering after Sacred Songs.

Tell your story...

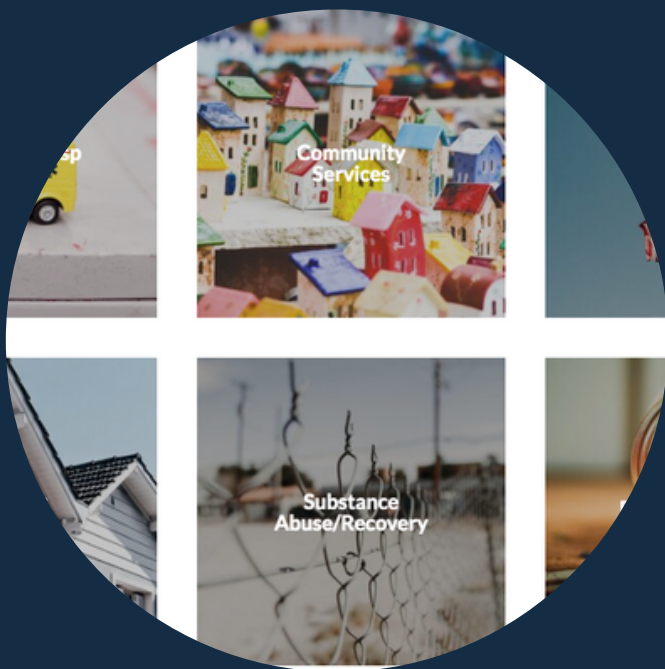




## JOHN ED MATHISON'S STUDY

Dr. John Ed Mathison retired in June 2008 after serving 36 years as senior minister of Frazer Memorial United Methodist Church in Montgomery, Alabama. Under his leadership, Frazer grew from 400 members to 9,000 and had the largest Sunday School attendance for United Methodist churches in America. In 2006, The Church Reporter magazine recognized Frazer as the 25th most influential church in America.

We have a unique opportunity for Dr. John Ed Mathison to lead us in a study on 'How to Handle Unprecedented History.' A handout will be available to view on Monday and the video for each week will be available the following Sunday (starting August 9, 2020).



## H.E.L.P

Helping  
Elders  
Locate  
Providers

We have rolled out a new program to help you! Click here to explore all the options available.



## SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATE

We encourage you to follow us on Facebook! You will see postings on our new studies, what is going on in the life of your Church, worship videos, and much more.

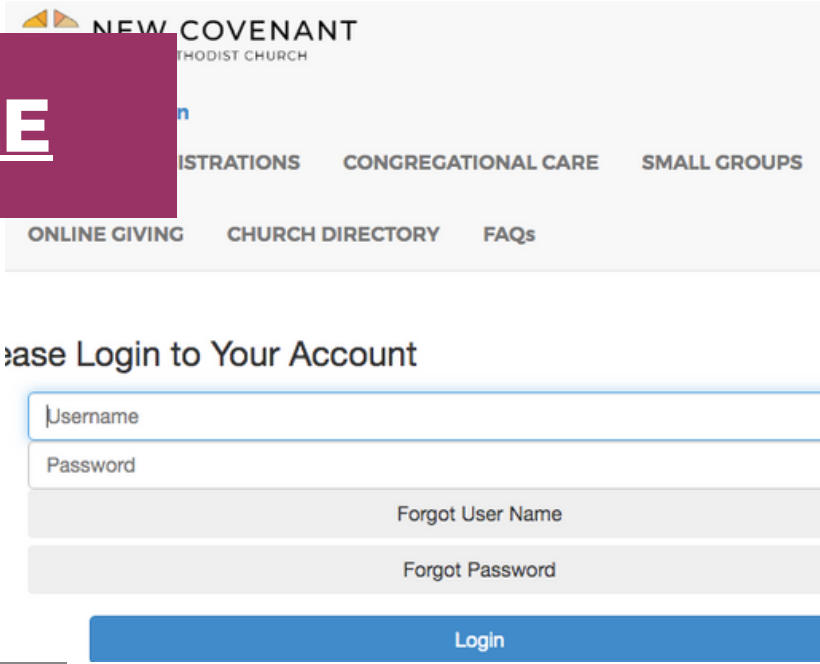
Click the title to follow our Facebook page.

## UPDATE PROFILE

During this crazy time, we want to keep in 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 the Portal. Click the title above to log in and update.



## WEBSITE TIDBIT

Did you know we have all of our core values right on the website? During a time of uncertainty it is good to look at our certainties: Our Mission, Our Vision, and Our Values.

Click on the title to explore this page.

# STEWARDSHIP

Being mindful of how we use our time is usually not the first thing we think of when we hear the word "Stewardship." "... My children- take time to sit quietly in My Presence. Bring Me the sacrifice of your time: a most precious commodity." (Jesus Calling, Sarah Young, August 2nd). The time we set aside and sit in the presence of our Lord is far more than just time well spent.

In addition to spending time with God, Moses instructs us in Deuteronomy 16:17 with, "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Our Lord has provided us with abundant streams of living water so that we have the ability and time to help others by using our God given talents wisely—being good stewards of our time.

During this time of restricted movement, consider what more you might be able to do with your time. Click the title above to see where you can volunteer.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee



# GIVE



## **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.

## **THANK YOU!**

Thank you to everyone who purchased gifts and provided monetary donations for the Florida United Methodist Children's Home "Christmas in July." The Children's Home was grateful for the support and expressed their appreciation to the New Covenant congregation.





## GLEANNING MINISTRY

The Gleaning Ministry has been working with the Society of St. Andrew and Marjon Specialty Foods to provide food to those in need during the pandemic. On July 13, the Gleaners, along with our Youth Group, distributed 30,000 pounds of food to 18 local food pantries. The Gleaners have also worked with Borden Dairy to provide 39,388.4 pounds of milk to the food pantries. We thank the Gleaners for their ministry and for being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in our community.

## 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. To make a prayer request, click the title above and go to 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.







## **ALZHEIMERS' VOLUNTEERS**

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.

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



### **NEW CONCERNS**

Alissa	Lauren Nish
Herm Healey	Col. Roger Reinhart
Dick Holcombe	Addie Romano
Kelly	Greg Seymour
Verna Kolman	Char Stenstrom
Lily	Rich & Yasuko Stuller
Marilyn	Roberta Whitmore
Barney Moore	
Tamra Muir	
Nick	

### **OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...**

Betsy Swepston, family and friends on the passing of her husband Robert E. Swepston.



### **CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE**

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.**



C.S. has a possible lung cancer diagnosis.



J.C. has an infection in blood stream, on antibiotics for 42 days.



M.B. has a rare form of 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!

## 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!





## 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](#).