



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 6

WHAT IS THIS WORLD COMING TO?

1 Corinthians 15: 50-58

Spiritual Reflection

“We soon learned the fallacy of the phrase “Telling Time.” We don’t tell time anything. Time does all the telling: Telling us to hurry through a yellow caution light, a boring sermon, purchasing a cemetery plot. The word “Time” attaches itself to other words like “In” or “On”. Either we do or don’t finish the job “in time” or we get to work “on time”. The demands of time steal the simplicity of life.”

MAX LUCADO

Viewing for Weekend Services from July 11-12

Worship 2834 | Youth 10

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

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

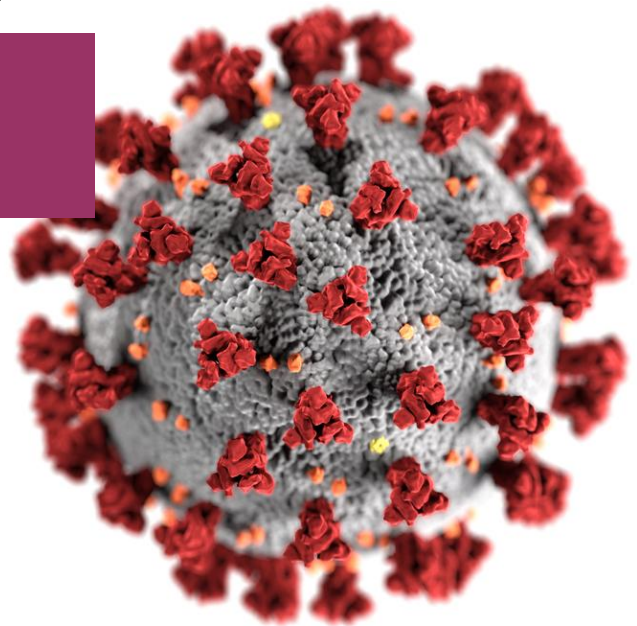
- **5 p.m. Saturday, Contemporary-** Worship with the Praise Team
- **9 a.m. Sunday, Blended-** Worship with favorite hymns, piano, organ, and special music

Click the title to watch worship!

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

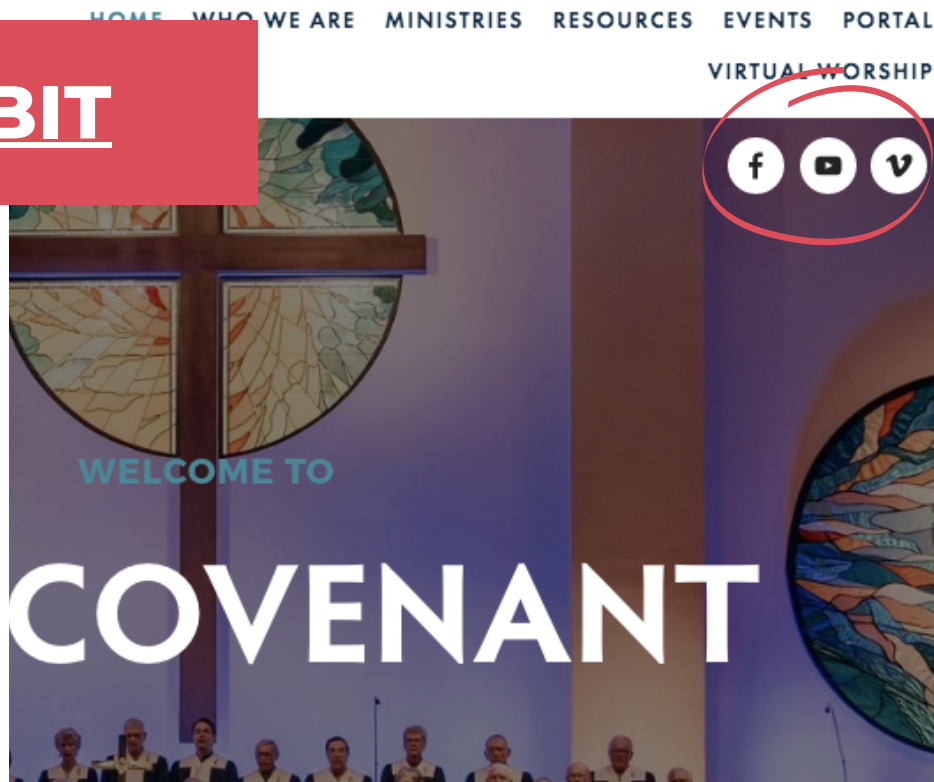


WEBSITE TIDBIT

Are you following our Social Media? We are on Facebook, YouTube, and Vimeo. Make sure you are following us for updates, photos, new videos, and much more!

If you go to our website you will see the three icons on the 'Home' page. (See the red circle in the photo.)

Click on the title to go to the website.



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” 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.



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!



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

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

A few days ago, I stumbled onto the following quote. I thought that it was too good to pass up. Unfortunately, it is an anonymous writing so I cannot give credit to its author.

“Givers can be divided into three types: the flint, the sponge and the honeycomb. Some givers are like a piece of flint – to get anything out of it you must hammer it, and even then, you only get chips and sparks. Other are like a sponge – to get anything out of a sponge you must squeeze it and squeeze it hard, because the more you squeeze a sponge, the more you get. But others are like a honeycomb – which just overflows with its own sweetness. That is how God gives to us, and it is how we should give in turn.” – From ViralBeliever.com

We are very blessed to have a church full of “Honeycomb” givers. Thanks to every one of you who give of your talents, time, and treasures.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





GET CONNECTED

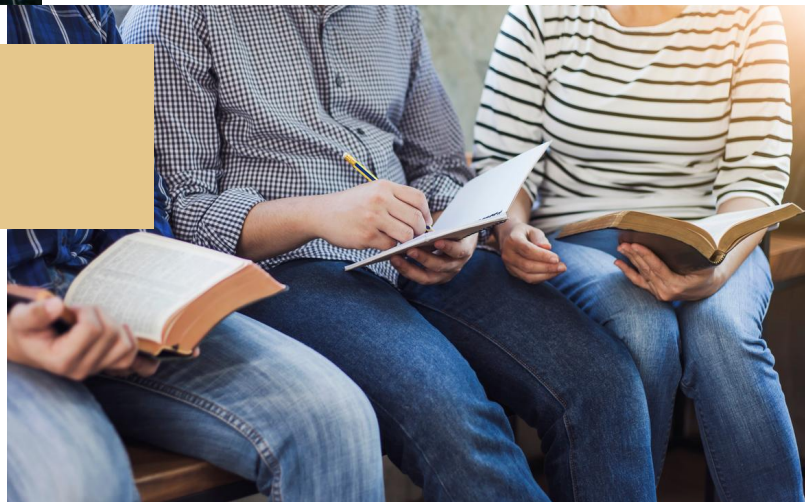
During this time of not being able to connect in person we can still connect virtually!

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 and select the name of the service you would like to watch. The Celebration of Life will be available at the time and date listed. Then after the service the video will be available in the same place for 30 days.



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



NEW CONCERNS

Dave & Mary Barrows	James Oddis
Bryce	Joe P.
Ed & Martha Buck	Nancy Robinson
Marcia Cochran	Lori Rueda
Jerry Hansen	Dennis Sauer
Tammi Hynes	Gary Seyler
Grace Ireland	Jeff Sippel
Cathy Johnson	Char Stenstrom
Bill & Joan Jones	Tom Swain
Cathy Mask	Bev Webb
Gay McCants	Jon Ziarko

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Gran & Jane Alpha, family and friends on the passing of his sister Lynn Alpha Smith.

Steve Curtiss, family and friends on the passing of his wife Carol Curtiss.



CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

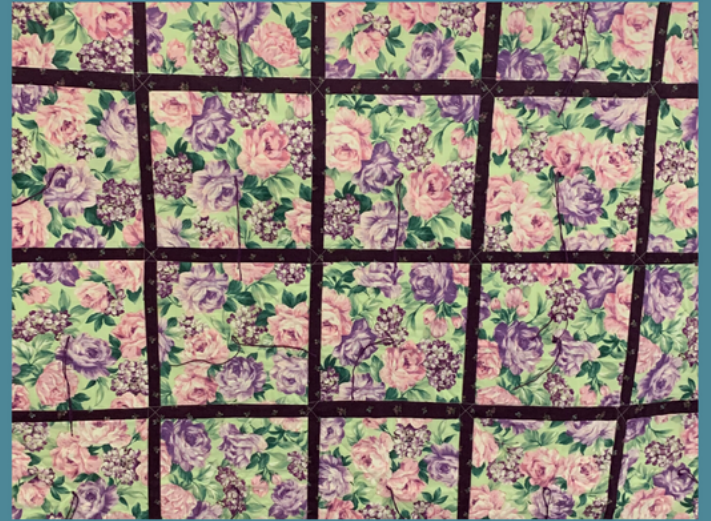
William Deitzer
Sandy Miller
Steve Garman

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.



D.C. battling leukemia.



R.E. had brain surgery and experiencing seizures.



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 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.

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!

