



Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Register to save your seat for this weekend's services!

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM

Spiritual Reflection

"Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen in every nation and among people to witness faithfully to your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at heavenly banquet."

**EXCERPT FROM THE GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR WORLD
COMMUNION SUNDAY,
THE UNITED METHODIST BOOK OF WORSHIP**

Viewing for Weekend Services from September 19 - 20
total **2,553**.

VIRTUAL

Worship 2120 | Youth 12

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 128 | Sun 9AM 146 | Sun 11AM 147

UPCOMING GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

New Covenant offers many ways to give during the Christmas season!



- **October:** Samaritan's Purse "Operation Christmas Child"
- **November:** Wildwood Food Pantry Fall Food Drive
- **November:** "Christmas Wish Tree"
- **December:** "Giving in the Spirit"
- **December:** Christmas Eve Love Offering "Mentor Program Scholarship"

Continue scrolling to learn more about "Operation Christmas Child." Information about the other events listed above will follow in future editions of the WeeklyWord.

Would you rather watch the services virtually?
[Click here to view Sat & Sun Worship!](#)

REGATHERING FOR WORSHIP

We continue to have in-person worship! Just a few reminders:

- **Please continue to register.** We have seen an increase in walk-ins, and want to ensure we have a seat for everyone.
- Although Governor DeSantis has initiated Phase 3 of Florida's recovery plan, we continue to abide by the safety recommendations of the CDC. **Social distancing, as well as masks that cover both nose and mouth, continue to be required.**
- Face shields are welcome, but still need a mask.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding as we continue to navigate in-person worship.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Saturday, October 10 through Sunday, November 1

Operation Christmas Child is an opportunity for you to make a difference in the life of a child at Christmas. This year there will be an option to build a shoebox online through Samaritan's Purse, or you may pick up a shoebox after Worship Services at New Covenant.

Click the title to build your Shoebox online!



YOUTH CAR WASH

Come out and support New Covenant's Youth Ministry at our Fall Car Wash Fundraiser on Saturday, **October 3** from **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Only \$5.00 per car/golf cart, funds raised will go towards 2021 Youth Mission Trips.



WORLDWIDE COMMUNION

Worldwide Communion is this weekend. In celebration, we invite our virtual and in-person attendees to participate in Communion. Additionally, a drive-through Communion will be offered on **Sunday between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m.** Please enter off of CR 101.



STEWARDSHIP



Why Give: We have received much of God's grace in abundance – excessively so. If we would simply stop and take stock of our blessings, we would quickly see how truly overwhelming the Lord's generosity is toward us. This statement applies to believers in every condition and situation, for in Christ we have

become heirs of God's kingdom (James 2:5; Romans 8:17) and of the unlimited assets that pertain to it: "For all things are yours ... and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's" (1 Corinthians 3:21-23). According to the Bible, abundant blessings imply weighty responsibilities; "for everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask for more" (Luke 12:48). The message is clear; our possessions are to be used not merely for our own enjoyment, but for the benefit of the world around you. "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matthew 10:8). Our responsibility to give is primarily a response to God's generosity. It's an expression of joy and gratitude for the bounty of God's goodness (Focus on the Family).

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee

You can create or modify a recurring gift quickly and easily by logging into the Portal. Click "PORTAL", then "Online Giving" on our website for more information.



PASTORS' APPRECIATION

On **October 17 & 18**, we will observe Pastors' Appreciation Weekend as a time set aside to recognize the personal and spiritual contributions our pastors make to their New Covenant family. We hope you will take a moment to send a card or an email to our clergy, Pastor Harold and Pastor Ellen, and others who serve in a pastoral role, to help recognize the support and guidance they have provided to all of us during this difficult year. You may drop your notes off at the church office, or baskets will be available at the registration kiosks. Click the title if you would prefer to send an email directly to the person you would like to thank!

BISHOP'S OFFERING

'Fill the Table' is an initiative launched in July 2020 by The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church. Through a network of statewide partnerships and collaboration, our goal is to feed 3 million Floridians. Join us as we **#FillTheTable** to fight food insecurity through a lens of justice and mercy. Click the title to join the fight!





ANNUAL CHARGE CONFERENCE

Sunday, October 18 at 4:00 p.m. - VIRTUAL

The Annual Charge Conference provides members the opportunity to vote on the upcoming year's Leadership Team, Pastors' compensation, and the removal of church members after a two-year absence. If you are interested in joining this Virtual Zoom meeting from your home, please contact the church office as soon as possible, as virtual space is limited.

B&B MONTHLY PICK-UP

The weekend of October 3 & 4 - West Parking Lot

The first Saturday and Sunday of each month, the Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the church parking lot to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Service. Click the title for donation guidelines.





ERT VOLUNTEERS

The Early Response Team (ERT) has been asked by the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church to assist with Hurricane Laura relief efforts. The team will be working in Fort Walton Beach from **October 4-8**. Volunteers are still needed. If you are interested, please contact Jay Schmidt by clicking the title. Continue to pray for the volunteers, as well as the families affected by the hurricane.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of Greeters and Ushers for Celebration of Life Memorial Services. Strict safety measure are in place to protect volunteers. Training will be provided.

To volunteer, click the title.

SERENITY  GARDEN



CHRISTMAS VOLUNTEERS

As a gift to the community, NCUMC is planning a special experience during the week of **December 14-18**. Many different volunteer teams and talents are needed, including actors (non-speaking), greeters, stage hands, set builders, props, costume alterations and traffic guides. Teams will be assigned for social distancing, with safety precautions a top priority.

For questions, or to volunteer, click the title to contact Daina.

REGATHERING VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of Ushers and Greeters for worship services - **Saturday 5 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.** Strict safety measures are in place to protect volunteers. Training will be provided.

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ALTAR FLOWERS

The Kassing Family

**In celebration of Jeanette & Roger Kassing's
57th wedding anniversary**

The Kassing Family

**In celebration of Roger Kassing's
80th birthday**

A special thank you to those providing Altar flowers.
Click the title if you would like to provide an arrangement.

Do you want an NCUMC logo mask?

**They are available for \$10.00 at the front desk of the Administrative Office during
business hours or at the Welcome Center kiosk during services.**

SACRED TRILOGY

Please enjoy our Sacred Trilogy. Every Wednesday we have Sacred Prayers, Sacred Songs, and Sacred Stories.



WOMEN
- OF -
THE NEW
TESTAMENT

Strong Was Her Faith

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP

"Cast of Characters" (COC) meets **weekly on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Zoom**. We are a mix of married and single women, who love to study together. We have selected our next book to study, "Strong Was Her Faith," by Ellsworth Kalas and will begin that study in mid-October. Each of us serves as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus to our church and community. In early summer, as a group, we helped some of our church missions by supplying them with hard-to-find sanitizers, disinfecting cleaners, batteries, toilet paper, paper towels, and face masks (adult & children). A few members also helped with gifts for our NCUMC graduates. If you would like to study and serve with COC, contact Ashley Hill by clicking the title.

OCTOBER WOMEN'S GATHERING

"Path of Parables" **October 15 from 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in the West Parking Lot**. This will be a drive-through event. Enter through Woodridge Dr, into the West Lot, follow the signs, and admire the artwork illustrating various parables painted by members of ABBA Art, an art ministry at New Covenant. No registration is required.





PRAYER DEVOTIONAL

For the next 21 days, we invite you to enjoy our “In Times Like These” devotional so that you may firmly grip the Solid Rock, Jesus, the anchor that holds. Our devotional will be posted daily on our website and Facebook page. Printed copies will be available in the Care Office. We encourage you to participate in this churchwide focus on prayer.

Click the title to begin this prayer devotional.

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



NEW CONCERNS

Sallie Abraham

Steven Ballard

Gary Barraclough

Leanne Bollinger

Mike Bollinger

Wendy Crouch

Don Efremoff

Kayla Guzman

Jack & Kathy Keyes

Karen Menard

Dennis Sibrt

Scott Wangen's mom

Dorothy and Carolyn Webb

Roberta Whitmore

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Sallie Abraham, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ron Abraham.

Ampy Bautista, family and friends on the passing of her husband Jovito “JB” Bautista.

Pat Briegel, family and friends on the passing of her husband Richard “Dick” Briegel.

[Click here to access Celebration of Life services.](#)

Your prayers are requested for our virtual prayer quilts. If you have Facebook, please click on each quilt, pray, and then “like” the picture to symbolize the tying of a knot. Knots will be physically tied by staff as a tangible representation of all the prayers and love offered on behalf of those in need. Even if you do not have Facebook, you can still pray for those receiving the quilts.



W.C. is battling stage 4 breast cancer.