



Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church

MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

“Christmas forces us to deal with all the mess of our humanity in the context of God who has already entered that mess in the glorious birth of Jesus.”

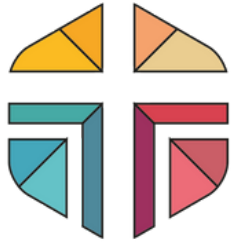
EUGENE PETERSON

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

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



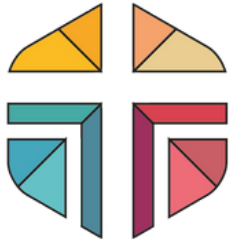
Ministry Spotlight

NEW MEMBERS CLASS

Did you know that we are offering a virtual New Member Class? This class overviews the history of our church and provides information on programming. While we cannot meet in large groups, the completion of this online class allows you to become a member of NCUMC. Each person that registers will get a packet of information sent to them via email or regular mail. It will include a video to watch, a short list of questions to answer, and a registration form to complete. The class can be done at the participant's leisure. Once you have completed the course and we can resume without restrictions, we will ask all of our new members to come in to be welcomed by our congregation.

To register online and for a description of membership types, click the title. If you have any questions, contact Barb in the church office at (352) 750-4529.





Announcements

Below are the three key announcements for the week!



HELPING HANDS

The Helping Hands Ministry will complete house #31 for a very deserving family later this month. For further information, please contact Carl Pearson by clicking the title.

THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS

Dec. 16, 17, & 18 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Each night of "The Story of Christmas, a Drive-Through Experience," will feature one of our Outreach ministries to bring awareness and support.

Thursday, December 17

Wildwood Soup Kitchen will be accepting cash donations. This ministry provides on-site meals and delivers 162 meals to home-bound individuals six days a week, including holidays. They also distribute 100 snack packs to Wildwood Elementary school students weekly.

Click the title for a description of the other Outreach ministries being supported through this event.





GIVING IN THE SPIRIT

Giving in the Spirit is a unique opportunity for us to give a very special gift at Christmas. The Giving in the Spirit catalog can be picked up at any of the kiosks in the church building.

Click the title to access the catalog and give online.

[Click here to register for Carols & Candlelight Services!](#)



CAROLS & CANDLELIGHT

IN-PERSON

Tuesday, December 22 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, December 23 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

[Click here to register for in-person services!](#)

VIRTUAL

Thursday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m.



ALTAR FLOWERS

Nancy Oberle, Debbie, Tammy, and Family

In loving memory of Tom Oberle

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



Thank you!

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS PLANNING FOR NOVEMBER'S FOOD DRIVE. YOU ALL CAME THROUGH WITH FOOD ITEMS THAT WE ALWAYS NEED, SO IT MAKES THIS MINISTRY EFFECTIVE IN BEING ABLE TO FEED THE POOR IN SUMTER COUNTY. IT REALLY TAKES "MANY VILLAGES" TO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DO THIS FOR 15 YEARS. YOU ARE ALL SO FAITHFUL. BE SAFE AND ENJOY THE ADVENT SEASON!

**BLESSINGS, DON AND MARLENE HUGGINS
COORDINATORS OF WILDWOOD FOOD PANTRY**

STEWARDSHIP

Jesus' Great Commission

As we approach the end-of-the-year, your church's Finance Committee is looking into next year. We hope you will too by considering what you are going to give to your church in 2021.

Why do we give to our church? So that we can fulfill **Jesus' Great Commission in Matthew 28:19**, "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

For 2021 our "assignment" will not change, and your continued support is important.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

HOPE FOR HURTING PARENTS

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you - the parent or grandparent. **Thursdays at 2:00 p.m.**, we welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members. For more information, call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.

NEW CONCERNS

Buddy & Sharon Acton

Pat Affleck

John Klipsch

John and Joan Beam

Terry Loden

Bruce

April Ackerley-Malara

Ted Cahalane

Joe & Monique Morgan

Phil Chapman

Greg Pollock

Megan Collins

Larry Rottman

Celia Craft

Nancy Schaffer

Jay Douglas

Don Schreifels

Audrey Gibbs

Roger Shug

Howard Glitt

Gene Vance

Bill Harrod

Don Whipp

Barbe Hays

Maggie Zarycki

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

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.



MH battling lung cancer.



HG is a victim of a stroke.



CR in need of strength and healing.

Viewing for Weekend Services from November 28 & 29
total **2,692**

VIRTUAL

Worship 1,928 | Doxology 174

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 123 | Sun 9AM 178 | Sun 11AM 189 | Doxology 100

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Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.