

Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

"Becoming a child is living the Beatitudes and so finding the narrow gate into the Kingdom."

HENRI J.M. NOUWEN

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

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



Ministry Spotlight

Click the title to give in support of the ministry highlighted below.

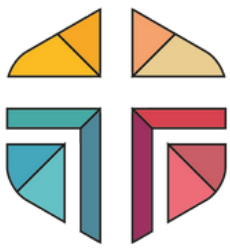
CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, selection of an angel gift tag from the Christmas Tree will not be an available option this year. However, you will still be able to meet the needs of children by purchasing a gift card, or giving a monetary donation in support of the Wildwood Family Resource Center, the Refuge at Jumper Creek, Voices for Children or the

Wildwood Middle High School Mentor Program. The need for food, clothing and shelter in our communities is increasing. Please help us continue to support families and touch the lives of children by fulfilling needs that otherwise might not be met.

Please deliver your gift card, or check made payable to NCUMC, to the church office between October 31 and November 27. For your convenience, specially marked envelopes will be provided during in-person worship to place your gift in and designate which organization you would like to sponsor.





Announcements

Below are the top announcements for the week!

NEW MEMBER CLASS

Our online New Member Class allows you the opportunity to enroll as a new member while we are still unable to meet in large groups. Each person that registers will receive information, a video to watch, a short list of questions to answer, and a registration form to complete. This can be done at the participant's leisure. Once you have completed the course, we will have you join on a Sunday, and be welcomed by our congregation.

Click the title to register.

FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Wildwood Food Pantry Fall Food Drive will take place on **Saturday, November 14th from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 15th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.** Due to COVID-19 restrictions, it will be a "Drive and Drop". The pantry trailer will be positioned at the entrance of the west parking lot, and volunteers will be there to receive your donations. Thank you in advance for helping us provide food supplements to food-insecure families in Sumter County. Click the title for a list of needed food items.





CHRISTIAN COUNSELING

Christian counseling at New Covenant offers you a pathway from your pain and suffering to a more vibrant and joyful life in your relationship with Jesus Christ. Typical problems addressed include: depression, prolonged grief, anxiety, stress, marriage and family conflict, problems associated with childhood and adolescence, as well as stage of life issues and emotional healing needs.

If you are in need of a counselor, or would like more information, click the title.

**Would you rather watch the services virtually?
Click here to view Saturday & Sunday Worship!**

CHRISTMAS ACTORS

As a gift to the community, NCUMC is planning 'The Story of Christmas Drive-Through,' a special experience during the week of December 16-18.

We need around **60 silent actors**. Over half will be Biblical Characters. The commitment will be 4 days. For questions, or to become an actor, click the title to contact Daina.





DAYLIGHT SAVING

Daylight Saving Time ends this weekend. On **Sunday, November 1, 2020** at 2:00 a.m., clocks are to be turned back one hour, to 1:00 a.m. Sunrise and sunset will be an hour earlier, giving us more daylight in the morning.

Click the title for more information.

**Did you know you can give via text message?
Text "Give" to 352-480-0528 to register.
Click here for more info!**

STEWARDSHIP

Last week we sent out contribution statements along with a letter from Pastor Harold (via hard copy, if we don't have your email address, or electronically, if we do.) At church last weekend we were asked several times as to why the statements were sent out and is the church financially okay. We have sent third quarter statements out in past years and found that it gave each of you a chance to review your annual giving, and correct any errors in your statement. For corrections, please call the church office at (352) 750-4529.



As Pastor Harold stated in his letter, "Even in the middle of a pandemic, you have supported the vision of our church...we are a healthy church, but not a wealthy church." "But as you probably anticipated, ... (our income is) running (approximately 7% or \$153,000) behind what we had budgeted. However, I believe that we can finish this final quarter strong. I say "we" because I believe we are all partnering together."

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee



Missions

Please click the title for all mission opportunities.



HOLY LAND TRIP

Pastor Harold will be leading a trip to the Holy Land next year, **April 20 - 29, 2021**. If you are interested in taking the trip and walking where Jesus walked, there will be an informational meeting on **Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m.** in the Chapel. If you cannot attend in person, you may still attend the meeting virtually. Please click the title to contact Cindy for more information on how to join the livestream.

CHRISTMAS CHILD

We've almost reached our goal! There is still time to pick up a Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox at Worship Services this weekend. You also have the option of building a shoebox online (click the title), or you can send a check to NCUMC with "Operation Christmas Child" on the memo line. **Deadline for shoebox return is November 15.**



Communion is this weekend!
Please prepare your elements for worship.



Discipleship

Please click the title to access all Discipleship opportunities.



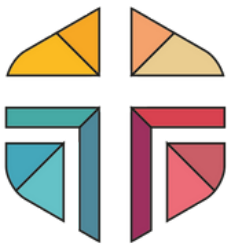
YOUTH FUNDRAISER

This upcoming holiday season, you can help New Covenant's Youth Ministry raise funds for their 2021 mission trips! With a variety of fresh evergreens through Sherwood Forest Farms, you're guaranteed to find something beautiful for your home. Click the title to view the fundraiser flyer, to place an order, or to contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, with any questions. Fundraiser flyers are also available at the Welcome Center.

SACRED TRILOGY

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





Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

Sunday, November 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Are you wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Our Surviving the Holidays seminar is especially for people who are grieving due to the death of a loved one.

To register, click the title or call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



NEW CONCERNS

Teresa Buckner

Tripp Hernandez

Merry Clegg

Anthony Johnson Family

Dr, John Drewes

Paul Kurt

Ruth Dobbie

Nicole

Andrew Dunne

Charles O'Kelly

Jen Dunne

John Tittle

Audrey Gibbs

Yoby Whipp

The Hansen Family

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

[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.



M.C. recovering from breast cancer surgery.



A.J. Family is suffering from COVID-19

**Viewing for Weekend Services from October 17 - 18
total 2,507**

VIRTUAL

Worship 2,071

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 103 | Sun 9AM 165 | Sun 11AM 154 | Youth 14

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