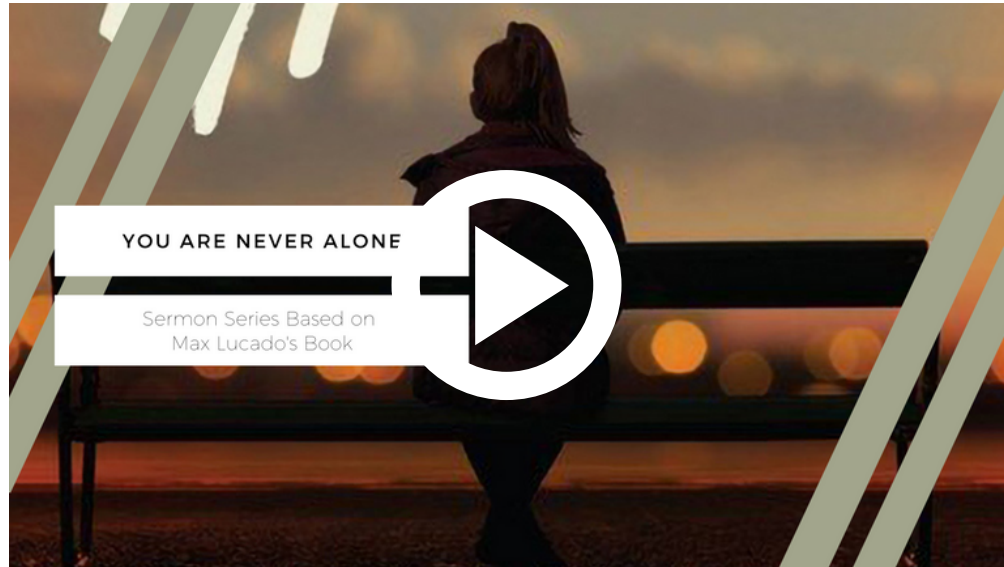


Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

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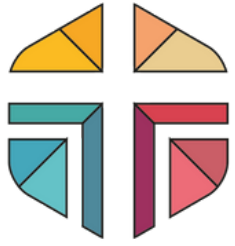
MAX LUCADO

Registration is live Thursdays at noon until Saturdays at noon.

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



Ministry Spotlight

Click the title to give to the ministry highlighted below.

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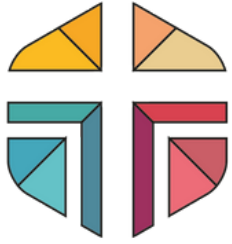
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Announcements

Below are the key announcements for the week!



BIBLE IN A YEAR

We have four options from which to choose for your daily Bible reading. Each of the four choices now has interactive links. Just click the scripture link to be directed to Bible Gateway. If you prefer a Bible version other than NIV, just choose from the drop-down on their website. Click the title to read your bible in a year!

SERMON SERIES SMALL GROUPS

The Connect Small Groups are leading discussions about Pastor Harold's sermon series based on Max Lucado's new book, "You Are Never Alone." They are offering the following sessions:

- **Mondays 6:00 p.m.** - in-person
- **Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.** - Zoom

They will use a video study and study guide. The cost for the study guide is \$12.00. Please click the title and contact Roberta Hays if you are interested. Select the date and time you would like to attend.



— YOU ARE —
Never Alone



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

Your 2020 Contribution Statement is being finalized and will be sent via email or mail by the end of the month. We hope you take the time to read the stewardship letter from Pastor Harold along with an Impact Report for 2020 sharing how your giving has impacted our community around us! If you have not received your statement by January 31, please call the Finance Office at (352) 750-4529.

B&B

The Bargains & Blessings truck will be on campus again this weekend, **January 9 and 10**, to accept donations during worship services.

Volunteer drivers/loaders are still needed for pickups & purchase deliveries. If you are interested in becoming a B&B volunteer, please click on the title.





IN-PERSON MEETINGS

As a reminder, please call us if your group is unable to meet at the church as scheduled. Due to social distancing and sanitizing guidelines, space is limited, and our facility team must set up and sanitize each room before and after every meeting. If you are interested in meeting at the church, we do have outdoor areas available that we would be pleased to reserve for you.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CLASSES

The Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church is offering beginner and advanced courses via Zoom beginning January 19. If you feel called to begin this important journey, or wish to continue your studies in that path, you are invited to participate.

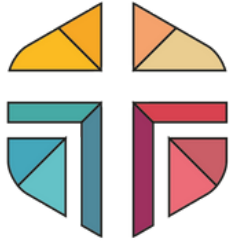
Click the title for more information and to register.





VIRTUAL NEW MEMBER CLASS

This online class will allow you to enroll as new members while we are unable to meet in large groups. Each registrant will receive a video to watch, a short list of questions to answer, and a form to complete. The class can be done at the participant's leisure. Once you have completed the course, we will invite you to join on a Sunday to be welcomed by our congregation. Click the title for more information!



Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

PRAYERS & SQUARES

You have probably seen the prayer quilts on the rail during worship and online. If you know someone who is on a difficult journey to wellness and would appreciate a quilt that has been bathed in prayer, you can order a quilt by clicking the title.

You do not have to sew to be a member of the quilt ministry. While new quilters are always appreciated and needed, volunteers to cut fabric and attach the strings are also a blessing to this important ministry of New Covenant. Call (352) 750-4529 to join as a volunteer.



NEW CARE BUTTONS

We want to be in prayer for you and your concerns, and wish to make it as easy as possible! Below we have added buttons for all of your care needs. Please utilize the Weekly Prayer Concerns, Prayer Request, and Quilt Request buttons.



Weekly Prayer
Concerns

Prayer
Request

Quilt
Request

NEW CONCERNS



Kerry Bower

Franklin Doverspike

Carleen Eriksen

Thelma & Don Harris

Dane & Kristen Hutchman

Pat Jarvis

Patricia Jerue

Richard Jordan

Pat Tennis

Bob Traina

Gene Vance

Cheryl Walsh

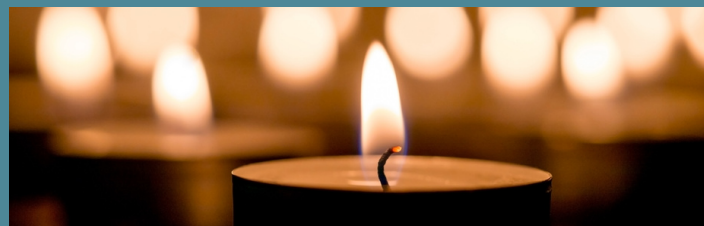
Maggie Zarycki

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Carol & Chuck Zimmerman, family and friends on the passing of Bill Harrod.

Kris O'Kelly, family and friends on the passing of Chuck O'Kelly.

Andrea & John Baker Jr., family and friends on the passing of Genevive "Gennie" Wiengen.



[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.



Viewing for Weekend Services from December 24 - 27
total **4,375**

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| VIRTUAL | Worship 1,954 Carols & Candlelight Service 1,200 |
| IN-PERSON | Sat 5PM 61 Sun 9AM 152 Sun 11AM 158 Carols & Candlelight Services 850 |

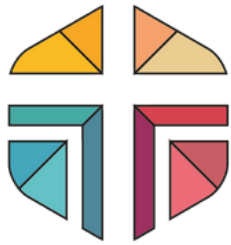
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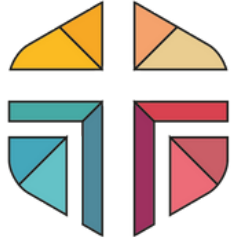
WEBSITE
ncumcfl.com

OFFICE HOURS
Mon - Thurs 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Volunteer

Please click the title for all volunteer opportunities.

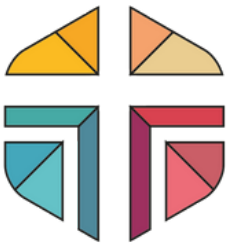


Missions

Please click the title for all mission opportunities.

We want to thank you for the gracious Christmas gift that you have extended to each of us. We all felt blessed by your generosity during the season of giving. We are honored to serve you, and with you, in the name of Jesus Christ.

NEW COVENANT STAFF



Discipleship

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