

Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

"The splendor of God is used to satisfy the thirst of the longing heart."

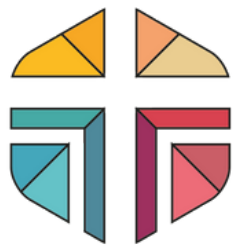
WILLIAM BARCLAY

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

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM



Ministry Spotlight

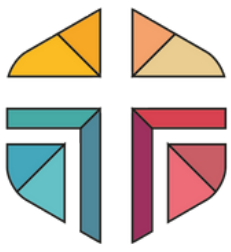
Click the title to give in support of the ministry highlighted below.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives. A Stephen Minister receives 50 hours of training in providing emotional and spiritual care. They listen, care, pray, support and encourage.



As Christians, we are called to share in the joys and sorrows of others. Sharing the joy is usually a lot easier than sharing the sorrow. We may not know how to comfort someone in pain – either physical or emotional. We may not know what to say when facing another’s grief. Well, the good news is that we don’t have to say anything. We just need to be there. But can we be there for as long as our friend needs us? There is someone who can – that person is a Stephen Minister. Your Stephen Ministers are trained to listen and not judge, to encourage through their presence and their prayers. If you or someone you know needs a Christian friend to walk with them until they are ready to walk on their own again, please call the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



Announcements

Below are the top three announcements for the week!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Remember to pick up an Operation Christmas Child shoebox when you come to worship services this weekend. If you would like to create a shoebox online, please click the link above. You also have the option of sending a check to support this ministry. Make the check payable to NCUMC and write "Operation Christmas Child" in the memo line.

Shoeboxes are due back Nov. 15, 2020!

COSTUME ASSISTANTS & ALTERATIONS

As a gift to the community NCUMC is planning, 'The Story of Christmas Drive-Through,' a special experience during the week of December 14-18.

Do you have a knack for **finding period costume pieces**? **Sewing**? **Alterations**? For questions, or to volunteer, click the title to contact Daina.



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



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.



**Don't want to use Online Giving or Text Giving? That's okay!
You can drop off your gift during business hours or mail it to the church.**

STEWARDSHIP

Honor the Lord with Your Wealth

Whether reading the Old Testament or the New Testament, we find money/treasures mentioned frequently. Here are a few examples: Honor the Lord from your wealth, and from the first of all your produce; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine (Proverbs 3:9-10). For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also (Matthew 6:21). You shall bring the choice first fruits of your soil into the house of the Lord your God (Exodus 23:10-11).

During this pandemic, our congregants have shown where their hearts are and have honored the Lord with their first fruits. The Finance Committee, as well as the staff of your church, have been amazed and blessed by how you have continued to give from your wealth. Through the end of September, the giving is down only 6.7%. In terms of dollars, that's \$153,000; however, our expenses are down significantly. As a result of your gifts to the church from God's gifts to you, we have paid all our bills, mortgage payments, and, most importantly, paid our staff their full salaries. Thank you.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





Missions

Please click the title for all mission opportunities.

HOLY LAND 2021

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 WISH TREE

Through Christmas Wish Tree this year, we will be supporting the Wildwood Family Resource Center, the Refuge at Jumper Creek, Voices for Children, and the Wildwood Middle High School Mentor Program. Please help these agencies provide gifts and other needed items to local families by:

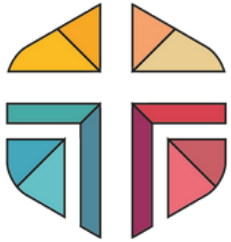
- Purchasing a gift card from a local department store (Walmart, Target, Marshalls, etc..) in the amount of \$25, \$50, \$75 or \$100 and delivering it to the church office between **October 31 and November 27**, or
- Sending a check made payable to NCUMC with Christmas Wish Tree in the memo line.



GLEANNING

Help the Gleaners unload the next food delivery scheduled for **Monday, October 26, 2020**, in the NCUMC West Parking Lot. Volunteers need to be here at **8:00 a.m.**

Please contact Val Harris by clicking the title for more details.



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.

NOVEMBER WOMEN'S GATHERING

Thursday, November 19 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. is the November Women's Gathering. If you registered for the March 2020 Women's Gathering, you have automatically been registered for the November Gathering. If you are unable to make this gathering, please contact Ashley Hill, by clicking the title, for a refund.



Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

CARE CARDS

Need a prayer? We have a team of pastors, staff and volunteers ready to come alongside you during your hospital stay, while undergoing outpatient surgery, during your improving in rehab, or while convalescing at home. When allowed, one of our pastors or staff will visit you. When visits are not permitted, we will call you to offer prayer support. In addition, our prayer team will pray for you. Please call the Care Office or click the title above with your prayer requests and let us know how we can pray for you.



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



NEW CONCERNS

Dottie Barron	Doug Pointer
Meredith Brown	Ida Poret
Elaine Buckey	Betty Ramsdale
Sharon Farrell	Judy Stubbs
Bonnie Fisher	Karen Tilton
Carol Hollows' Family	Carolyn Wilder
Denny Hutchison	Kathy Wright
Adrian Owens	
Bob Petrina	

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Bill Whipple, Jr., family and friends
on the passing of his father
William W. Whipple.



[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.



B.J. has stage 4 lung cancer.



L.T. suffering from lymphoma.



P.M. is battling COVID-19.



D.R. has a broken neck and traumatic brain injury.

Viewing for Weekend Services from October 10 - 11
total **2,346**

VIRTUAL

Worship 1,926

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 102 | Sun 9AM 167 | Sun 11AM 137 | Youth 14

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