

Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Pastor Harold speaking from Empire Pass just outside Park City, Utah, altitude 9200 feet.

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

Saturday @ 5PM

Sunday @ 9AM

Sunday @ 11AM

Spiritual Reflection

"Are we going to order our inner worlds, our hearts, so that they will radiate influence into the outer world? Or will we neglect our private worlds and, thus, permit the outer influences to shape us?"

This is a choice we must make every day of our lives."

GORDON MACDONALD

Viewing for Weekend Services from September 26 - 27
total **2,437**

VIRTUAL

Worship 1,970

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 130 | Sun 9AM 156 | Sun 11AM 164 | Youth 17

SHOP "AMAZON SMILE"

As you start thinking about Christmas shopping, remember that by shopping at AmazonSmile, you are automatically supporting New Covenant, at no cost to you!



The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price on all eligible AmazonSmile purchases. We've received \$866.35 since 2018.

Click the title to begin. Login to your Amazon account or set up a new account. Under "AmazonSmile" on the menu, choose New Covenant UMC as your charity. If you have any questions, please call Judy in the Church Office at (352) 750-4529.



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

CARE CARDS

We can only CARE when you SHARE!

We have a team of pastors, staff and volunteers ready to come alongside you during your hospital stay, an outpatient surgery, improving in a rehab, or convalescing at home. When allowed, one of our pastors or staff will visit you. When visits are not permitted, we'll give you a call 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.






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, a candidate for ministry 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.



**We are welcoming 20 New Members on
Sunday, October 11, 2020 at our 9:00 a.m. service.
[Click here to see the full list of New Members.](#)**

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 face masks are still required.

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



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!



STEWARDSHIP

Tithe?

In Paul's first letter to Timothy, who was in Ephesus, he said "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." (1 Timothy 6:18, NIV) God has generously provided for us. Just look around.

So why not consider tithing? After all, generosity is a virtue of our Christian faith. A quote by Victor Hugo I like is "As the purse is emptied, the heart is filled." So why not tithe? It will fill your heart.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee



**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.**



ERT VOLUNTEERS

The Early Response Team (ERT) provides assistance with disaster relief efforts at the request of The Florida Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Volunteers are needed to participate in this ministry. If you are interested in participating, please contact Gary Musch by clicking the title. Continue to pray for the families that are affected by these disasters, and the volunteers who support them.



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



ACTORS/ACTRESSES NEEDED

The 15 scenes of the Christmas drive through Experience include over 60 non-speaking roles of all ages. Each scene consists of a 30-second story that is looped throughout the experience. All actors/actresses will be assigned to a scene and each scene rehearsed individually to social distance. This is a great opportunity for families or friends to do together!

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

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Do you play electric bass, drum set, or acoustic guitar? The Worship Band is in need of additional musicians that know basic styles and can read chord charts.

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





ALTAR FLOWERS

Maggie Butler

In loving memory of Tom Twitanger.

Connie & Marc Giguere

**In loving memory of Joyce Groat,
our mother.**

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

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

John Beam

Lynn Bell

Martha Buck

Theresa Buckner

Richard Stephenson

Annette & Ernie Thacker

Barbara Tignor

Keith West

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Barbara Bell, family and friends on the passing of her husband Bob Bell.

Charlotte Moore, family and friends on the passing of her husband Carl Thomas “Tom” Moore.



[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.



K.M. suffering severe neck pain, also,
daughter and son-in-law exposed to
COVID-19.