

Weekly Word

New Covenant United Methodist Church



MESSAGE IN A MINUTE



Spiritual Reflection

"What's the alternative [to seething anger]? Jesus offers two remarkably specific, practical commands. Be reconciled; make friends... it's impossible until you look at Jesus... Jesus himself refused to go the way of anger. Instead, he took the anger of his enemies within Israel, and of Israel's own enemies, the Romans, on to himself, and died under its load."

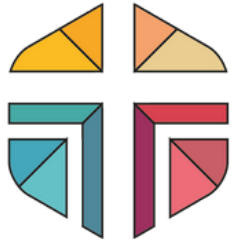
N. T. WRIGHT

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 SERVICES

IN-PERSON CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

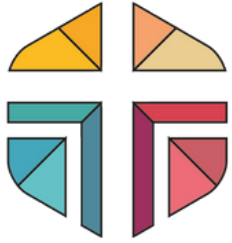
- Tuesday, December 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, December 23 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.
- Thursday, December 24 at 4:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m.

Please remember that for all in-person services, masks and registration are required. We ask that you register to make sure everyone has a seat and families can sit together.

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

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





Announcements

Below are the three key announcements for the week!



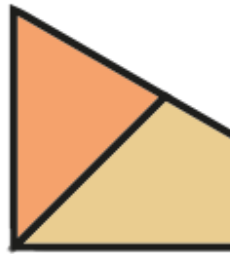
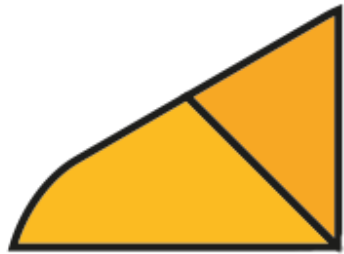
HOLY LAND TRIP

Pastor Harold is taking a trip to the Holy Land in **April 2021**. If you want more information, there is an information meeting on **Tuesday, November 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel**. Click the title above to contact the church office if you would like to participate by Zoom, and we will get you connected!

CHRISTMAS WISH TREE

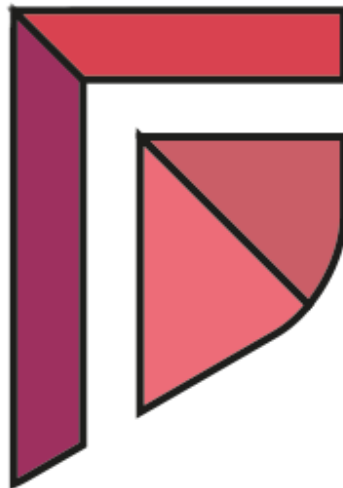
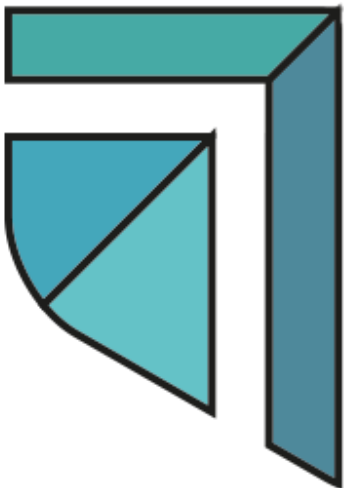
Help us meet the needs of children in our community. **Please donate a gift card, or make a monetary donation for the organizations we are supporting this year.** They are the Wildwood Family Resource Center, Voices for Children, the Wildwood Middle High Mentor Program or the Refuge at Jumper Creek. Please stop by the table in the East Narthex to pickup an envelope for the organization you are supporting. Your support is greatly appreciated.





STATIC CLING WINDOW DECAL

We all love our church and want to be able to share that with others. As you leave in-person worship, please pick up a New Covenant static cling window decal. These are easy to apply to and remove from your car or your golf cart window! Displaying our logo can be a great conversation starter, an evangelism tool, or an opportunity to make our presence known in the community. For our virtual community, if you are local, you can stop by the office and pick one up. If you are out of town, call (352) 750-4529 and let us know where to mail yours!



A GREAT DOXOLOGY

Please join us for Hymns and Prayers for Thanksgiving, in the East Parking Lot, **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 26, 2020.**

Details to follow in next week's WeeklyWord.





IN-PERSON WORSHIP

We are incredibly thankful to continue to be able to have in-person worship. A few reminders:

- Please continue to register. With an increase in walk-ins, we want to make sure there are seats for everyone.
- Thank you for continuing to wear your mask. Your safety is important to us.

Please click the title to see what in-person worship looks like!

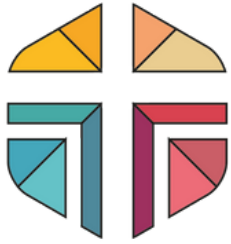
STEWARDSHIP

Tax-free Giving through IRAs

For those who are 70-1/2 and older, there is a provision in the IRS code that allows you to make charitable gifts directly from your Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA) without having to pay taxes that would otherwise be due. Although a special pandemic provision for 2020 waived the Requirement Minimum Distribution (RMD), it is still possible to make tax-free donations from your IRA for 2020. Consult your financial advisor about how this could benefit you specifically, or contact our Finance Department at (352) 750-4529 for more assistance.

-Charles Stuart, Chair, Finance Committee





Missions

Please click the title for all mission opportunities.



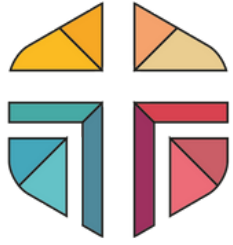
FALL FOOD DRIVE

The Wildwood Food Pantry Fall Food Drive will take place on **Saturday, November 14 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 15 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.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

We are close to reaching our goal of completing 500 shoeboxes online with just 12 days left. You have the option of building a shoebox online (click the title to participate), or you can send a check to NCUMC with “Operation Christmas Child” on the memo line. Deadline for in-person shoebox return is **November 15, 2020.**





Volunteer

Please click the title for all volunteer opportunities.



GLEANNING VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are needed to help unload the next food truck on **Monday, November 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.** in the West Parking Lot.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Val Harris by clicking the title.

HOME COMMUNION VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers who feel called to this important ministry of the church; to take and serve Holy Communion to God's people who are unable to attend church due to health limitations.

To learn more, contact the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.





ACTORS/ACTRESSES NEEDED

We are in need of **silent actors and actresses** of all ages for "The Story of Christmas Drive Through Experience." You will be assigned to a small group and socially distanced with limited rehearsals necessary. This presentation will be a great evangelistic opportunity in The Villages and surrounding communities.

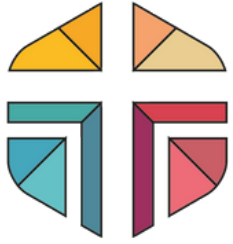
Please contact Daina by clicking the title.

USHERS AND GREETERS

As more people return to in-person worship, the need for Ushers and Greeters also increases.

To volunteer, click the title.





Discipleship

Please click the title to access all Discipleship opportunities.

RELISHING RUTH

Relishing Ruth

FOUR-WEEK BIBLE STUDY ON THE
BOOK OF RUTH WITH PASTOR ELLEN

Join Pastor Ellen for "Relishing Ruth," as we look into this short book with lasting lessons and impact. We will explore the emotions and experiences of this family, while we learn takeaways on how we can live a life that is completely sold out to our great God! **This is a virtual, four-week study.**

Click the title to begin the study.

SACRED TRILOGY

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

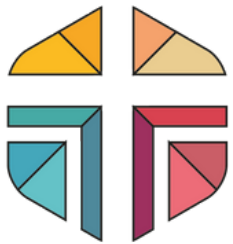




A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON RACIAL JUSTICE

The United Methodist stance on racism is clear: It is a sin. We will read the book “White Awake” by Daniel Hill, and work through our perceptions and attitudes through personal reflection and discussion, then ways we can support social justice. **Tuesdays, December 1, 2020 to March 9, 2021 from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

Click the title to find out more about this book club!



Congregational Care

Please click the title to access Care.

NEW CONCERNS

Pastor Ken Alt	Bruce & Defore Mcdonald
Jane Alpha	Dale Morgan
Brad Blume	Kris O'Kelly
Carol Davis	Rick
John Fleming	Pat Rivet
Audrey Gibbs	Jeffrey Siegel
Jerry Hall Jr.	Barry Smith
Thelma Harris	Judy Stubbs
Diane Johnson	Charles Trask
Katie	Brandon Wright
Francis Lundy	

OUR LOVE & SYMPATHY ARE EXTENDED TO...

Jan Long, family and friends
on the passing of her husband
Clyde Long.



[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.



N.D.M. is in need of a kidney.



L.R. had open-heart surgery and is having a difficult recovery.



A.O. is an infant with a hernia and enlarged skull.

**Viewing for Weekend Services from October 31 - November 1
total 2,653**

VIRTUAL

Worship 2,114

IN-PERSON

Sat 5PM 120 | Sun 9AM 215 | Sun 11AM 192 | Youth 12

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