

Sharon & Jim Law; Anita Grede in memory of Fred Grede.

TidBits



Trunk or Treat is Coming Soon!

Wednesday, October 31 from 5-8 p.m. — West Parking Lot

This year we will be hosting Trunk or Treat at our Summerhill Campus. Join us in your decorated car or golf cart as we pass out candy to the children and families in our community.

We encourage those who are able to decorate their vehicle as well as dress up themselves. Please keep "spooky" themes mild, as we always have little ones in attendance. We ask that you bring 400 pieces of candy to pass out, as our average Trunk or Treat attendance is over 300. If you are passing out candy, please arrive by 4:30 p.m. and plan to stay for the duration of the event. Children will be walking around and we do not want moving vehicles. We encourage you to bring chairs, umbrellas, water, etc. No concessions or extra activities will be held. Candy donations are accepted and can be dropped off in the Administration Office or outside the Children's Room.



Don Piper Presentation

Wednesday, November 7 at 5:30 p.m. — Christian Life Center

The Dinner with Don Piper is SOLD OUT. However, due to an overwhelming response, his presentation will be in the CLC. A love offering will be accepted.

If you were not able to purchase a ticket for dinner, please come to hear Don's presentation and be among the first to purchase his new book, *People I Met At The Gate of Heaven*.



Veterans' Day Parade

Friday, November 9 at 8:30 a.m. — The Villages CS Primary Center

All veterans are invited to participate in The Villages kindergarten and first grade teams' "Third Annual Primary Center Veterans Day Parade." Please arrive by 8:15 a.m. (parade departs at 8:30). Veterans do not need to wear their uniforms to participate, but if you can, please do so. Also, you must bring a photo ID for check-in at the school.

For more information about registration or participation in this event, please contact Dave Johnson at (352) 259-8875.



Holy Land Trip 2019 Informational Meeting

Tuesday, November 13 at 9:30 a.m. — Chapel

Pastor Harold will lead another trip to the Holy Land from March 18-27, 2019. If you are interested in going and would like to know about the trip, please join us for an informational meeting. Please pick up a brochure and add your name to the "Interest List" at the Welcome Center or Ticket Kiosk in either Narthex.



Attendance Pad Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to pull the attendance sheets following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service. If this is something you feel led to do, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org for a complete job description and questions.



Newspaper Recycling

Did you know that you can recycle your newspapers here? We have a large recycling container behind the church kitchen. All proceeds from your recycled newspapers are returned to the church to be used for our various ministries. **Please note: We do not accept cardboard.**

	Genesis to Revelation	As events occurred Chronologically	New Testament	The Gospels
October 21	Mark 14	Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9:28-62	Sunday: No Reading	Matthew 24
October 22	Mark 15-16	Matthew 18	Colossians 2:1-3:11	Matthew 25
October 23	Luke 1	John 7-8	Colossians 3:12-4:18	Matthew 26
October 24	Luke 2-3	John 9:1-10:21	1 Thessalonians 1-2	Matthew 27
October 25	Luke 4-5	Luke 10-11; John 10:22-42	1 Thessalonians 3:1-4:8	Matthew 28
October 26	Luke 6-7	Luke 12-13	1 Thessalonians 4:9-5:28	Mark 1
October 27	Luke 8-9	Luke 14-15	2 Thessalonians 1-2	Mark 2
October 28	Luke 10-11	Luke 16-17:10	Sunday: No Reading	Mark 3

They asked [Jesus], "What miraculous sign will you do, that we can see and believe you? What will you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the wilderness, just as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ... Jesus replied, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (John 6:30-31, 35)

Lord, we are blessed to have so much. Your word teaches us that "we are blessed to be blessing." As we live out your prayer, let us pay close attention to the daily needs of others. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

REMINDER: Please take your weekly bulletin home as you leave today. Use it as a prayer guide for the scheduled activities and the ministries of our church.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Book of Romans	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders Class	Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Genesis	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Book of Acts	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Boycott	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Living in the Goodness of God — The Twenty-third Psalm	Classrooms 6/7
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven	Classroom 11

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Summerhill Contemporary Worship
Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Summerhill Blended Worship
Sunday 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 a.m.

Summerhill Children's Orchard Worship
Sunday 10:45 a.m. (Classroom 1)

Lake Deaton Worship (Eisenhower Rec Center)
Sunday 9:00 • 10:30 a.m.

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♿ Accessible • Hearing Assistive Devices are available at the Welcome Center.
Handicap seating is available throughout the Christian Life Center.

Like us on Facebook: [New Covenant United Methodist Church ~ A Place to Call Home](#)
We regularly update our Facebook page with photos, announcements, and events.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,494
(Celebrate Recovery) 31 • (Fresh Expressions) 75
(Orchard Worship) 5 • (Grounded Youth Group) 36
(Saturday Contemporary) 304 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-210 • 9:15-770 • 10:45-599
(Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00-245 • 10:30-219



Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

Our Vision: To be a thriving body of Christ by being His hands, feet, and voice in the World.

Our Core Values: Spiritual Growth
~ Hospitality ~ Generosity ~
Community ~ Invitational
~ Service ~ Caring

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor
Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor
Rev. Kristyne Young, Pastor of
Congregational Life
Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor



Did You Know?

More than 500 people are connected in Small Groups from the Summerhill Campus

Are YOU Connected in a Small Group?

Do YOU want to learn more about what Small Groups offer?

"Come and See" if a Connect Small Group is the "Right Fit" for You
Join us this weekend immediately following each Worship Service in the Fellowship Center.

- "Grab" a cup of coffee or tea and a snack
- "Chat" with facilitators and Small Group participants
- "Ask" questions
- "Find Out" if a group is the "right fit" for you
- "Sign Up" for more information or to connect in a group



Groups are available for: Couples, Men, Women, Singles, "Seasonals" and "Year-Rounders."

Caring • Connected • Christ-Centered • Community

Connect With God — Connect With Others

- Groups help make a large church "smaller" by offering the opportunity to know and be known by a **CARING** group of five to twelve others.
- Groups can help you, regardless of where you are on your faith journey, to be **CONNECTED** in a more authentic, transforming relationship with God.
- Groups offer a relaxed, comfortable and confidential **CHRIST-CENTERED** environment where you can discover more about how to apply God's Word to your real life thoughts and actions.
- "Group life" is an ideal setting to make progress in living out the behaviors of our New Covenant values and vision of "making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world," while being "His hands, feet, and voice in the world," our church, and our **COMMUNITY**.

Outreach



Operation Christmas Shoebox

Shoeboxes are still available for you to purchase for \$1 in the Narthexes between Worship Services. When you pick up your shoebox, it will contain complete instructions on how to fill and return it. You will be asked to include \$7 to cover the cost of shipping. **All boxes must be returned to the church by Sunday, October 28.**

Christmas Shoebox is an opportunity to provide special treats and, most importantly, a note letting them know that Jesus loves them. The best boxes have a balance between toys, creative presents, and school supplies.



Christmas Wish Tree

Our annual Christmas Wish Tree is coming in November. Would you like to volunteer to hand out tags and help with gift returns? This is a wonderful way to contribute to the joy of Christmas for children and families.

Please stop at our kiosk in the East Narthex for more information and to sign up. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Brown at (319) 321-8934 or pamdonin@aol.com.



Emergency Response Team (ERT)

Friday, November 9 from 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. — Classroom 11

If you are interested in becoming an ERT (Emergency Response Team) volunteer, this is the required certification training! Lunch will be provided.

You must register for this training at <https://florida-reg.brtapp.com/EarlyResponseTeamTrainingNewCovenantNovember92018> or at FLUMC.org and click on #FloridaRestores and follow the prompts. If you want more information, please contact Jim Watson at (352) 205-8553.



UMCOR Sager-Brown Mission Trip Information Meeting

Thursday, November 15 at 4 p.m. — Classroom 6/7

Are you interested in learning more about UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief)? New Covenant's UMCOR group is holding their first informational meeting for their 2019 Spring Mission Trip to Baldwin, Louisiana.

Volunteers assemble, verify, and pack relief-supply kits to be sent to areas where they are needed most. They also help with outreach programs in the depot's local communities.

If you have any questions about UMCOR or this trip, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum, Outreach Coordinator, at (352) 750-4529 or khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



A Message from Bishop Carter

Friends in the Florida Annual Conference

Many of you watched with horror and disbelief as Hurricane Michael raged through the southeast. Our neighbors in the panhandle of Florida, located in the Alabama-West Florida Conference, have experienced catastrophic damage.

The majority of the severe damage was located in the Marianna-Panama City District which includes areas such as Mexico Beach, Port St. Joe, Panama City, Marianna and surrounding areas. The District Superintendent, Dr. Doug Pennington, lost his home. I invite you to give generously to our United Methodist brothers and sisters who desperately need our help. I ask you to keep this conference in your prayers as they continue to assess the damage.

If you wish to make a donation, please make your check out to NCUMC with "Michael" on the memo line and drop it in the offering plate, or take your check to the Administration Office.

With Gratitude, Bishop Ken Carter, Resident Bishop, Florida Annual Conference



Computer Help Needed at Bargains & Blessings

We are looking for volunteers who will help in accessing recorded donation phone messages, returning calls, and scheduling donations for pick up using a computer template. Basic ability of using a computer is needed. We will provide adequate training on the system. For more information, please call Ryan or Denny at the store at (352) 330-3333.

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New Member Class — THIS WEEK!

Summerhill Campus: Monday, October 22 from 6–7:30 p.m.

Did you know there are different types of church memberships? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

Please fill out a New Member Registration found at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex, Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex, or the Administration Office. The completed forms may be left at the Connectional Ministry kiosk. For more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Connect Small Groups: Two-Part Facilitator Training

Tuesday, October 30 and Wednesday, November 7 from 2-4 p.m.

This workshop is for people who enjoy connecting with, caring about, and engaging others in a discussion around applying God's Word to their lives and would like to learn more about facilitating a group. Current facilitators who would like to interact with other facilitators and gain additional insights are also invited to attend.

For more information or to register for the facilitator workshop, please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call (352) 750-4529.



Old-Fashioned Hymn Sing

Sunday, October 28 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Ken Wadley returns on the piano as Sean leads us in our favorite hymns. You name them — we sing them! Always a great night of music.



Men's Chorus

Tuesdays in November at 9 a.m. — Classrooms 8/9

The Men's Chorus, under the direction of Bonnie Fisher, will rehearse each Tuesday in November. Join the rehearsals and be prepared to lead in music worship on **Sunday, December 2.**



Veterans' Day Celebration

Sunday, November 11

Join us as we honor our veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve our nation during our Veterans' Day Worship Services. To be recognized during worship, all New Covenant Veterans are asked to submit either a photograph or digital photograph of yourself in uniform.

Photographs may be dropped off in the Administration Office. Please include your name and contact information on the back of each photo. Digital photos may be emailed to Sean Pollock at spollock@newcovenantumc-fl.org. All photos must be submitted by Monday, November 5.



Volunteer Opportunity

If you are interested in learning how to operate the lighting during our week-end Worship Services, please contact David Berardi at (352) 750-4529. Training will be provided.



Look, Learn, Lead Guides

If you would like a "Look, Learn, Lead" study guide for those who want to delve deeper into Pastor Harold's sermon series, they are available on a table in front of the Ticket Kiosk, and a kiosk and a table in the East Narthex.

All "LLL" study guides are also available on our website. Just click the "Worship" button and select "Sermon Series." Choose whichever series you wish to download.



There have been many questions about "The Way Forward" as they pertain to the upcoming February 2019 specially-called General Conference. Recently, the church leadership was invited to a "Point of View" Conference which presented different perspectives on the human sexuality topic. The intent of the gathering wasn't to influence people's theological understanding, but to help our leadership to be empathetic to other points of view. The "Point of View" Conference and material was provided by the Florida Conference. Our leadership did not vote or decide anything about New Covenant's direction on the human sexuality topic. The leadership was merely given information. If you would like to know more about "The Way Forward" and other important information about this topic, we have provided some links that might be helpful. We also have listed the link to the full report provided by the Council of Bishops. In the upcoming weeks, we will schedule a church-wide meeting to answer any questions you might have.

- Kenneth Carter, Address to Western North Carolina Conference, United Methodist Church, June 23, 2018
<https://www.wnccumc.org/newsdetail/bishop-carters-address-on-a-way-forward-11525150>
- Finding a Way Forward: Resources for Witness, Contextual Leadership and Unity
http://s3.amazonaws.com/Website_Properties/council-of-bishops/COWF_Handbook_2017_REVISED.pdf
- Bishop Carter's book, *Embracing the Wideness*, is a wonderful resource as well.
<https://www.abingdonpress.com/product/9781501871566#.W73rgmhKjic>

Congregational Care



Toby's Encouragers

Toby's Encouragers is looking for a few good men (and women)! This Visitation Ministry visits shut-ins in area assisted living, nursing homes, and memory care facilities that may not receive a visit otherwise. This team sees the same person each time, and develops a relationship with that person.

For more information please, contact Carolyn Merryman at (352) 753-7778 or ckmjem@comcast.net.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Henrie Gardner who has multiple health issues; Chris Rehkemper who has cancer that has spread; Frederick Funk who has pancreatic cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Judy Gregory, family and friends on the passing of her husband Lew; Joanne & Jim Houston, family and friends on the passing of their son Pete; and Terry Dunigan, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dr. Jay Dunigan.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

New Concerns

Maddy Adams, Prabok Beeman, Booker Family, Susie Carr, Dillon & Jen, Mike Davidoff, Earl Doughman, Sloane Ferguson, Debbie Flynn, Henrie Gardner, Randall Greenfield, Robert Grieve, Johnson Family, Keaton Family, Betsy Markward, Larry McCormick, Delaine Mitchell, Pighee Family, Sharon Nyman, Samuel, Ed Schlaff, Eileen Schoene, Barbara Schott, Sherry, Fred Sikkema, Dawn Vanderhoof, Bev Vender, Joan West, Ali Wright, Virginia Wolfe

tickets

The Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex is open between Worship Services. Stop by to purchase tickets supporting the various ministries of New Covenant (unless otherwise noted).

Tickets are also available on our website (credit card fees will apply).



The Music of Michael Bublé with the Clark Barrios Band and Horn Section

Friday, November 9 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Presented by Clark Barrios and One Voice Entertainment.

The music of Frank Sinatra to Willie Nelson, Nina Simone to Van Morrison. Join Clark and his band as they bring you the best of a musical catalog from one of today's premier crooners. From original Bublé hits to remakes of your favorites, this will be a night to rekindle your passion with these hit songs and the one you love.

Please Note: Clark returns Friday, March 1, 2019 and will present The Atlantic City Boys.

Tickets: \$29 (Artist Circle) • \$25 (General Admission)

Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.



Celebration Brass Band's Salute to Veterans

Sunday, November 11 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

The Celebration Brass Band, with Jill Van Syckle conducting, will present a concert of patriotic music to honor our military veterans. Civil War tunes, America the Beautiful, Stars and Stripes Forever, and a tribute to Leonard Bernstein will highlight this special program.

Tickets: \$15

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit the Summer Mission Trips of New Covenant's Youth Ministry.



November Women's Gathering

Thursday, November 15 at 10 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Thankful for the Small Things — Mother Theresa said, "Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."

God uses small things to teach us, and this month, we're going to look at some small things that God sends to remind us of His huge loving presence, the size of our faith, and thousands of little blessings.

Menu: Glazed Petite Turkey Meatloafs; Sweet Potato Spears; Broccoli Slaw with Pineapple & Almonds; and Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Topping

Tickets: \$7 (Includes Lunch)

You must purchase a ticket by noon on Monday, November 12.



The Booth Brothers in Concert

Friday, November 16 at 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center

Tickets: \$25 (Artist Circle) • \$20 (General Admission)

Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.

A portion of the net proceeds benefits our Summerhill Men's Ministry.

Get your copy of the NEW "2018 Fall Concerts & Events Brochure" in the East or West Narthex.



The Villages Flute Choir

Thursday, November 29 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Under the direction of Linda Quinn, The Villages Flute Choir is an ensemble of approximately 14 musicians playing flutes of various sizes, including piccolo, C flute, alto flute and bass flute.

The wide range in pitch afforded by the various sizes of flutes creates a “choir or organ-like” sound. The group plays a wide variety of challenging and eclectic music, including popular music, swing and jazz, classical, religious music and more.

At-Door Suggested Donation of \$10

A portion of the net proceeds benefits the New Covenant’s Congregational Health Ministry.



The Choralettes — Too Old for Christmas?

Tuesday, December 4 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Under the direction of Janie Berry, The Choralettes present an original musical with trumpet and flute solos, dancing, and sing-a-longs that you are sure to enjoy.

A Love Offering will be accepted with all proceeds supporting the Summer Mission Trips of the Youth Ministry.



Bach with a Beat “Swingle Bells”

Thursday, December 6 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Join Bach with a Beat as they present their annual Christmas concert.

Tickets: \$15

Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office beginning November 1.

A portion of the net proceeds will benefit New Covenant’s Beds and Blankets Outreach Ministry.



VCS “Winter Follies”

Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m. — Fellowship Center

The Villages High School Music Theater Department with the Women’s Choir, Men’s Choir, Chamber Singers, Jazz Band, First Grade Honors Choir, and La Hacienda Catering Service present a creative new vision of the Charles Dickens classic, *A Christmas Carol*. This promises to be an unforgettable holiday experience you will not want to miss.

Tickets: \$30, \$40, \$50

Tickets on sale at the Villages Charter High School office.

A partnership arrangement with The Villages Charter School and New Covenant.

Watch for More Information on These Upcoming Events

New Covenant Choirs and Orchestra present “Christmas at New Covenant”

Sunday, December 16 at 3 and 7 p.m.

Annual Concert Benefiting “Backpacks for Kids”

Sean Pollock, Angie Rose, and guests

January 10, 2019

The Kramers join us in Worship and present an Evening Concert

January 13, 2019

The Good Stuff Festival

Support Amanda Perrone, one of our Youth members, in her Girl Scout ‘Gold Star Award’ project.

January 26, 2019

The Villages Wind Ensemble

A portion of the proceeds benefits the Wildwood Food Pantry

January 27, 2019