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TidBits



Lake Deaton Campus

As we are in the final stages of our Lake Deaton construction, please continue to pray for our new building, but please do not go into the building. This is for the safety of you and the workers.



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.



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Don Piper Books Available to Purchase

We still have a few copies of Don's book available to purchase in the Administration Office. The cost is \$20; cash or checks only (no credit cards). Please make your checks payable to "NCUMC" with "DPiper book" on the memo line.

In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshipers, please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.

YOUR SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

	GENESIS TO REVELATION	AS EVENTS OCCURRED CHRONOLOGICALLY	NEW TESTAMENT	THE GOSPELS
December 9	Ephesians 1-3	Romans 8-10	Sunday: No Reading	John 5
December 10	Ephesians 4-6	Romans 11-13	1 John 3:10-4:11	John 6
December 11	Philippians 1-4	Romans 14-16	1 John 4:12-5:21	John 7
December 12	Colossians 1-4	Acts 20:4-23:35	2 John	John 8
December 13	1 Thessalonians 1-5	Acts 24-26	3 John	John 9
December 14	2 Thessalonians 1-3	Acts 27-28	Jude	John 10
December 15	1 Timothy 1-6	Colossians; Philemon	Revelations 1:1-2:7	John 11
December 16	2 Timothy 1-4	Ephesians	Sunday: No Reading	John 12

Humble yourself before the lord and he will lift you up. (James 4:10)
Lord, keep us humble before you. We are so blessed. Help us not to take for granted what you have granted. Everything has come from you. In Jesus' name, we pray.

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	Studying Today's Lectionary Passages	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders	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	Our Love for God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Book of Acts	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Living Well in an Outrage Culture	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

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.

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 UMC, Summerhill Campus](https://www.facebook.com/newcovenantumcsummerhill)
We regularly update our Facebook page with photos, announcements, and events.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,706
 (Fresh Expressions) 130 • (Celebrate Recovery) 22
 (Orchard Worship) 12 • (Grounded Youth Group) 36
 (Saturday Contemporary) 282 • (Sunday Summerhill) 7:45-214 • 9:15-923 • 10:45-574
 (Sunday Lake Deaton) 9:00-262 • 10:30-251

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



DECEMBER 8 & 9, 2018

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

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

New Covenant United Methodist Church

Lake Deaton Campus

6500 CR 143 • The Villages

Consecration Ceremony

December 22 • 11 a.m.

The Lake Deaton Campus Consecration Ceremony will be held on December 22 at 11 a.m. Please join us as we "welcome" the Lake Deaton "building" into our community!

We will also have an Open House with Prayer Stations immediately following the ceremony until 3 p.m.

The "Grand Opening" will take place on Sunday, December 23.

Please plan to attend a Worship Service at the new campus after the first of the year!

Outreach



Giving in the Spirit

Remember to make your gift selections from the *Giving in the Spirit* catalog. Your *Giving in the Spirit* gifts selection envelopes may be put in the collection plate during Saturday or Sunday services through December 30. You may pick up a gift card at the Welcome Center or Ticket Kiosk to let people know you have made a donation in their name for Christmas.



Christmas Wish Tree

Thank you to the energetic shoppers who provided such beautiful, overflowing abundance of Christmas gifts for children of all ages. The Christmas Wish Tree Ministry provided 443 tags for New Covenant Christmas Angels.

These gifts benefited children from...

- **Voices for Children:** Foster children through the Guardian Ad Litem Program
- **Mentor Program:** Wildwood Middle High School Mentees
- **Kids Central, Inc.:** Children through the Wildwood Family Resource Center
- **Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings:** Children who received beds through Beds & Blankets
- **House of Hope:** Children of the men currently residing at House of Hope

Monetary donations were used to provide additional gifts, as well as Christian and secular books for children's gift bags. A special thanks to all the many dedicated volunteers who made this all possible. The Christmas Wish Tree Committee wishes everyone a joyous and blessed Christmas!



Helping Hands/Bargains and Blessings

Our Helping Hands/Bargains and Blessings Ministry recently donated \$133,000 to charitable causes throughout our community. This brings our grand total to-date to \$440,000.



ZOE — Zimbabwe, Africa Trip

June 26–July 5, 2019

Next year, you will have an opportunity to make a 10-day trip to Zimbabwe, Africa to meet and encourage a group of orphans sponsored by New Covenant through ZOE (pronounced Zoey). ZOE provides a 3-year education/training program to vulnerable children to help ensure that they will never again need a hand out of food, clothes, etc.

We will meet the in-country staff members and the incredible young people who are being empowered by our sponsorship with ZOE.

For more information about this trip, please contact Charles Stuart at cstuartspk@gmail.com or (352) 561-4263, or Kathy Hudak Yoakum, Missions Coordinator, at khudak@newcovenantumc-fl.org or (352) 750-4529.



Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is located in the Resource Room which is in the hallway between the West Narthex and the Chapel. Look for our signs.

Due to the number of things left behind, our process is...

- Newly-found items will be placed in the top drawer labeled "Week 1."
- On a weekly basis, items will be moved down one drawer.
- On the first of each month, all items in the bottom (fourth week) drawer will be donated to Bargains & Blessings.
- High-value items (jewelry, phones, etc.) will be taken to the Administration Office.

REMINDER

In order to welcome any visitors to our Worship Services, please remember to park in the East Parking Lot to allow our visitors to park in the West Parking Lot. Thank you.

connections



Discover New Covenant — THIS Weekend!

Saturday, December 8 — After Worship Service — Fellowship Center
Sunday, December 9 — After Worship Services — Fellowship Center

The Fellowship Center is located directly across from the Christian Life Center. Visitors, non-members, and members are encouraged to attend to learn more about New Covenant and get answers to questions about getting connected to service opportunities, Bible Studies, Connect Small Groups, and Membership.

If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



Yoga Classes

Monday, December 10 from 4–6 p.m. — Chapel

We will have yoga classes this week, then Yoga will be canceled through January 21 due to the holidays. We will resume on January 28.

For more information, please contact Kayla DeSimone at kdesimone@newcovenantumc-fl.org or Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



Connect Small Groups

Love God! Love Others! Together is Better! Do you want to connect with a group of five to twelve others who are interested in growing in their walk with Christ and with each other, and in living out the values, mission, and vision of New Covenant? If so, get connected in a Connect Small Group! Groups focus on becoming a Christ-Centered, Connected, Caring Community. There are for Couples, Women, Men, and Singles Groups available.

For more information on joining a small group, please contact Jenny Sweat at (352) 750-4529 or jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org.



New Covenant Church Library

Our Library provides easy access to Christian-based literature and audio/visual materials. It has over 9,500 titles available. The Library is open whenever the church is open, and an online catalog is available on a computer. New items are received mainly as donations. "Come in and check us out!"

In addition, our Library has study materials available for Small Groups (multiple copies, plus leaders' guides and DVDs). Our church history, dating back to 1999, is also available for viewing — including newspaper clippings and photos of members, friends, and ministries. You will also find rare books, including hymnals carried by the old circuit riders. DVDs of our pastors' sermons, church events, and concerts are available for check out.

Christmas Eve at New Covenant

Summerhill Campus

4:30* and 7 p.m.*

"Carols & Candlelight"

with the Chancel Choir and Brass

Christmas Message by Rev. Harold Hendren

*Childcare up to fifth grade will be provided.

"Christmas Message" Family Walk-through Experience

(30 minutes before and after each service)

5:30–6:30 p.m. "Open Communion" in the Summerhill Chapel

Lake Deaton Campus

5 and 7 p.m.

"Carols and Christmas Stories"

Congregational Care



HOPE HEALING

Worship Service

THIS WEEKEND!

Hope and Healing Service

Sunday, December 9 at 5 p.m. — Chapel

We are so grateful to serve a loving God who grieves with us, as we journey through the seasons of loss and pain.

Our Congregational Care Ministry designs this annual service to give those who recently experienced grief, a chance to reflect on their loved one, on God's goodness and grace, and the Christmas holiday.

We welcome you to this contemplative service and pray for God's peace to surround you and to comfort you. By combining special music, scripture, and a meaningful message, we hope that you will walk away feeling as though your loved one was honored and celebrated as God is glorified. There is also a time to recognize your loved one by name and light a candle in his or her memory.

Prayer warriors will be available to pray with you. Please invite someone to come with you who has experienced a loss.



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, December 13 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Chapel

Prime Time will meet in the Chapel for our special December program, *Christmas Traditions Around the World*.

Also enjoy a sing-a-long with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, easy exercise with Kayla DeSimone, and a devotion and Communion by Ellen Pollock.

Menu: Glazed Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Praline Souffle, Steamed Vegetables, Savory Green Beans, Scalloped Apples, Dinner Rolls, and Holiday Spice Cake with White Icing.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, December 10 at noon.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Zellie Werblin who had open heart surgery; Lorenzo Michael Wagner, an 8-month old baby with possible liver cancer; Barbara Schott who is undergoing special treatment for her cancer; and Rich Harrinskiy who has multiple illnesses. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Connie & Marc Giguere, family and friends on the passing of her mother Joyce Groat; and David & Katrina Berardi, family and friends on the passing of her father William (Bill) Foster.

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

New Concerns

Aikers Family, Annamay Baldwin, Philip DeBose, Ann Eicker, Grocutt Family, Jerry Gruber, Hayes Family, Marcella Jones, Keaton Family, Danny Markley, Pighee Family, Janice Porter, Debbie Sherman-Lechner

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).



December Women's Gathering — SOLD OUT

Thursday, December 13 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: If you purchased a ticket(s) for the December Gathering and realize you or someone you have invited cannot attend, please email Jenny Sweat at jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org or call the Church Office as soon as possible and let the Receptionist know how many tickets you have available for someone else to use.

We will not be issuing refunds, but greatly appreciate your willingness to share your tickets so as many women as possible can attend. Thank you!



Season of Joy! — New Covenant Christmas Concerts

Sunday, December 16 at 3 & 7 p.m. — Summerhill CLC

If you have tickets that you will not be able to use, please return them to the Administration Office so we may give them to others.

Please note the following door opening and seating schedule.

- **3 p.m. Performance:** Ticket holders who present their tickets will be admitted to the CLC between 2–2:45 p.m. At 2:45 p.m., all persons will be admitted (no ticket required) until all seats are filled.
- **7 p.m. Performance:** Ticket holders who present their tickets will be admitted to the CLC between 6–6:45 p.m. At 6:45 p.m., all persons will be admitted (no ticket required) until all seats are filled.

If you are attending with a group of persons holding tickets, we respectfully request that you do not Reserve or Hold seats for persons who have not yet arrived.



“Hits of the 70s”

Thursday, January 10 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill CLC

(Please note time change)

Sean, Angie Rose, and guests present *Hits of the 70s* in this annual concert benefiting “Backpack for Kids.” Always one of your favorite concerts — enjoy a great night of music, energy, and excitement as we return to the 70s!

Tickets available now!

\$25: Artist Circle (non-assigned)

\$20: General Admission (non-assigned)



The Kramers in Concert

Sunday, January 13 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill CLC

Returning to New Covenant, join the Kramers for an evening concert. The Kramers will also be joining us in Sunday morning Worship Services.

A love offering will be accepted.



The Good Stuff Festival

Saturday, January 26 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m. — Summerhill East Parking Lot

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

FREE (No Admission Fee)



The Villages Wind Ensemble

Sunday, January 27 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Fellowship Center

The Villages Wind Ensemble in concert, with a portion of the proceeds benefiting the Wildwood Food Pantry.

Tickets will be on sale beginning December 15.



Laura Story in Concert

February 15 & 16, 2019 — Lake Deaton CLC

Join us at our Lake Deaton campus in our PREMIER concert event featuring Laura Story who is best known for her number one hit song, *Blessings*.

Attend her concert Friday night and/or enjoy "Conversation with Laura" on Saturday morning. Individual event or package tickets will be available.

Laura Story has built a life — and a career — around submission to her calling. She's led worship at Atlanta's Perimeter Church for the past 12 years. In addition to penning songs recorded by artists like Chris Tomlin, Laura has found success as a recording artist in her own right. Since the release of her solo debut in 2008, Story has amassed a GRAMMY® Award, a Billboard Music Award, multiple GMA Dove Awards, and an RIAA Gold certification for her massive number one hit song, *Blessings*. In addition, she's also the author of two books, including the latest, *When God Doesn't Fix It — Lessons You Never Wanted to Learn, Truths You Can't Live Without*.

Tickets will be on sale beginning December 8.

\$35: Concert and Conversation with Laura

\$25: Concert ONLY (Friday at 7 p.m.)

\$25: Conversation ONLY with Laura (Saturday at 9 a.m.)

Watch for the "Winter Events Brochure" coming soon.