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New Covenant UMC Newsletter

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Dear friends and family,

Its finally here! After months of waiting my kitchen table set has arrived! I had to wait. Not something we are accustomed to doing. We want fast and immediately! And if we do not get what we want immediately we are trained to be most unpleasant. That is what society tells us. But as God's children we are taught the opposite.



They that wait on the LORD will renew their strength... [Isaiah 40:31]

We are encouraged to wait for our God to orchestrate and manage the circumstances because God knows how to address each situation because GOD IS God. God is smarter, greater, stronger, and better at giving good things to those He loves. But if we are honest, we don't like waiting. It takes too long. My attention span is very short. And my demand for God's intervention is very long.

We get pulled in two directions. We want to be faithful to our relationship with God. We also want God to work things out for us just like they do on situation comedies. "God"; we say, "you have 25 minutes to answer my prayer." Our relationship with God is **not** a romantic comedy. It is what we build it to be.

We can be grateful that we are the people He loves. God keeps choosing to love us.

We can be amazed. Waiting on God to move on our behalf overshadows any solution we might concoct.

We can make the investment in our relationship with God through Christ and be amazed at all He does for us.

There are three basic answers to our prayers: Yes. No. Wait. Which one is the hardest for you to accept? Before you answer that question consider this

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Blessings,

Pastor Althea

Bible Study



Wednesday at 5 pm on
Zoom

Topic: What Do We Do
Now?

A study from the Book of
Acts



June 6th Worship in the Sanctuary

**July
Newsletter Deadline
June 25, 2020**

**Send articles to Deb
Glasse at
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The church council has adopted a policy for reopening the church building to certain groups in-person as of June 1. The groups who can now meet in person, if they so desire, are: Worship, the 5 church committees, Wednesday Bible Study, NA, NARA-NON, and Literacy Volunteers. Zoom will also be available. **When in the church building you must continue to wear a mask and social distance regardless of your vaccination status.** Prior to leaving the building, all groups are required to wipe down pews, chairs, hand railings, door knobs and doors, and make sure bathrooms are clean and tidy.

There will be no coffee hours or other after worship service events, and no other groups will be allowed to meet in the building. The policy will be reviewed in September.



Sunday Worship In-person	10am
Wednesday Prayer Meeting on Zoom weekly	5pm
Every Tuesday & Thursday Take out dinners	5- 5:45 pm
Tue June 1 Drive Thru Com- munion	4:30 pm
Thur June 24 Finance Com.	7pm
Sat June 19 Trus- tees	10am
Monday June 21 Food box delivery	8:30 am To 1pm
June 26 Council Meeting zoom or in person	10am

How do we, as New Covenant United Methodist Church, spread the Good News outside of worship?

1. By making Bibles and other Christian literature/items available to members and visitors in the lobby on the display rack and outside on the ramp. The materials are free to everyone.
 - A. We give away more than 50 Bibles (English and Spanish) each year. This was no different during the pandemic. I often found the box empty when I visited the church. People from the dinners often take things for their neighbors, as well.
2. By having a presence on the internet with our Website and our Facebook page. These sites provide information to seekers as well as our members.
 - A. Each Bible study and Worship service posted gets as many as 16 hits.
 - B. Since the pandemic started, we have had a few email/phone contacts from those not in the church because they visited one of these sites.
3. By providing Drive-Thru/Walk-Up Communion monthly
 - A. While this is just getting started, it provides an opportunity to “talk religion” with those who attend the dinners and others passing by, as communion is given to them.

You can be a part of this ministry by

1. Taking Bibles and materials to friends and neighbors
2. Helping with keeping the display racks full
3. Volunteering to assist Pastor Althea with the distribution of Communion on the first Tuesday of each month