

“We Shouldn’t Be Surprised”

*From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. —Matthew 16:21
They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life. And the disciples were filled with grief. —Matthew 17:23*

Church Closure

To comply with Governor DeSantis’ order, the church and office will be closed until the end of April. We are available by phone at (352) 750-4529 during normal business hours: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Food donations for the Wildwood Food Pantry or your church offerings may be dropped off at the Church Office, Monday or Thursday: Summerhill Campus from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and Lake Deaton Campus from 9–11 a.m. We are also available by email at ncumc@ncumcfl.com. For updates, check our website at www.ncumcfl.com.

CHURCH CONFERENCE



Town Hall Meeting and Church Conference

We are hopeful in anticipating the ability to begin fully operating again sometime in May and are scheduling the following:

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

As we prepare for the Church Conference, we have scheduled two Town Hall Meetings to address questions that you may have.

- Wednesday, May 27 at 9 a.m. (Summerhill Campus)
- Wednesday, May 27 at 4 p.m. (Lake Deaton Campus)

Church Conference

- Sunday, May 31 at 4 p.m. — Christian Life Center, Summerhill Campus

A Church Conference will be held to vote on the following item on the ballot:

- As a member of New Covenant United Methodist Church, I vote to launch the Lake Deaton campus as a separate United Methodist Church effective July 1, 2020. (Circle one) YES NO

Following the Church Conference, if the launch is approved, the Lake Deaton members will remain and vote on the following:

- As a member of the newly launched Lake Deaton “UMC” I vote to support the following:
 - » To approve the new name of the church
 - » To incorporate under the new name of the church
 - » To request an interest-only loan for two years from the Foundation to be effective immediately
 - » To approve the 2020 slate of the lay leadership roster as presented

As a reminder, only Full Members who are present are permitted to vote. Associate and Affiliate Members may not vote, but may certainly attend. If you would like to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please contact Barb Prindle in the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 by Wednesday, May 13.

If the Church Conference vote is favorable, the intent will be to launch July 1. If not, there will be a reevaluation by the leadership team.

NEW COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: NEW COVENANT UMC, SUMMERHILL CAMPUS
WE REGULARLY UPDATE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EVENTS.

Viewing for the March 28-29 Weekend Services 3,551

Summerhill (Video Online) 2,866 • Lake Deaton (Facebook Livestream) 660 • Youth (Online) 25



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. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill Discipleship Pastor
Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor

Enjoy last year’s Resurrection Celebration concert with the New Covenant combined choirs. The video is available on our website at www.ncumcfl.com/events.



VIRTUAL CHURCH

Holy Week at Summerhill

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES*

HOLY THURSDAY AT NOON
WITH PASTOR ELLEN

EASTER SUNDAY AT 9 AM
WITH PASTOR HAROLD

GOOD FRIDAY AT NOON
WITH PASTOR HAROLD

***PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE
AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR
INFORMATION ON OUR ONLINE
WORSHIP SERVICES.**

**EASTER SUNDAY WILL BE
AVAILABLE ONLINE BEGINNING
SATURDAY, APRIL 11 AT 5 PM**

Why do you look
for the *Rising*
among the dead? Luke 24:5

He is
not here
for He has
Risen
Matthew 28:6

Easter Flowers

In lieu of Easter Flowers, the following people made a donation to the church.

Peggy Dresser in memory of Dick Dresser & Morgan Jones

Henry & Nancy Stoebe in memory of Christopher Benhoff

Anna May Baldwin in memory of William Baldwin & Tracy Scott

Joe & Karen Weber in memory of loved ones

Roxanne Landmann in memory of Howard Landmann

Jacqueline Schwartz in memory of Bill

Rev. Theo Gee in memory of Louise

Mark Gee in memory of Louise

Judy Kaserra in memory of Louise

Sonja Waites in memory of Larry C

Dianne Golden in memory of Vivian Arnold

Barbara H Jones in memory of Karl & Helen Hoerner

Connie & Marc Giguere in memory of our parents

Leon & Audrey Schien in memory of our parents

Anne & Mike Oliver in memory of our parents

Amy & Cary Robinson in honor of Barbara Pierce

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



Mark Your Calendars for the May Women's Gathering!

Thursday, May 14 from 10–11:45 a.m. with lunch to follow

The April Women's Gathering has been canceled due to health concerns. Registration for the May Gathering will begin April 18.

The cost is \$10. If you were registered for the March Luncheon, we have automatically saved you a spot! If you are unable, or not planning, to attend the May event, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com, so we can process a refund to you.



New Member Classes

Monday, September 21 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.

To register, please visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "New Member Class – Summerhill Campus."

For more information or to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please email Barb Prindle at bprindle@ncumcfl.com.

Congregational Care



"Fear Not" — the Congregational Care Office is Here for You!

Monday–Thursday from 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

For God has NOT given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

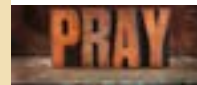
During these days of concern, not knowing what the proper protocols are to endure a worldwide pandemic, even Christians can find themselves living with anxiety. Do I have all that I need to weather the coming storm of uncertainty? God teaches us whatever may come our way: *Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

If you are feeling anxious, please contact the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 and one of our staff would love the opportunity to talk to, and pray with you.



Need Help?

We are encouraging you to call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 if you need assistance with any of the following: groceries, medications, pet food, or prescription pick up.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

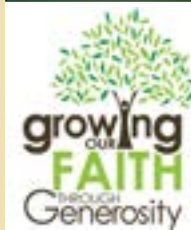
The family and friends of Carol Lynch on her passing.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.ncumcfl.com.

New Concerns

Diana & Pat Acton, Bailey, Julia Bostic, Roland Froskey, Barb Hays, Jed, Jim Hooper, Judy, Parker Landry, Linda, Morgan, RN, Pat Phillips, Sandie Prenetta, Robert, Linda Ryan, David Schlairet, Roger Schug, Fred Sikkema, Dave Thompson, Karen Tilton, Charles Trask, Sylvia Wagner, Sally Wood, John Wright, Nick Wright

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Caring for our Souls

We often think that the outreach of our church is to help the less fortunate some distance away. But outreach also reaches to the soul of our church, our staff and to **you**. With that in mind, this week the Finance Team decided, with your help, to continue to pay our staff throughout the month of April. Notice I said, "**with your help**." So temporarily our outreach is to those close by — not miles away.

Your continued giving, your help, is needed to pull this off. There are an untold number of small businesses and individuals who we know need help. We can't help them all, but we can help all our 50 plus staff whom we know and love.

Thank you for being such a loving and giving congregation. Please, please, please stay in your homes, be smart and only go out when needed.

Thank You for Your Support of our Ministries Our fundraising events allow us to transform lives in our church and community.

Concert/Event	Ministry Supported	Proceeds
Helping Hands Pancake Breakfast	Helping Hands Home Projects	\$3,668
Backpacks 4 Kids Concert	Backpacks 4 Kids	\$11,190

Have Questions about Cancellations at the Church?

If you have any questions about classes or event cancellations, please check the church calendar on our website. Click the "Events" tab at the top of the homepage, then "Calendar." You may also click this link, <http://50.192.211.137/virtualems/BrowseEvents.aspx>.