

“No pain, no palm;
No thorns, no throne;
No gall, no glory;
No cross, no crown.”
—William Penn

CHURCH CONFERENCE



Town Hall Meeting and Church Conference

We are hopeful in anticipating the ability to begin fully operating again some-time 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.

2020 General Conference

With the coronavirus disrupting lives worldwide, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church has been postponed until 2021.

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.

[Worship Viewing for March 21–22: 3500](#)

Summerhill (Video Online) 2,905 • Lake Deaton (Facebook Livestream) 570 • 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.

Celebrate God's Faithfulness!

This Palm Sunday marks 20 years that people have gathered as the Body of Christ that became known as New Covenant United Methodist Church. Today, we rejoice together and celebrate those that first cast the vision for our congregation. Their sacrifices, along with the many that soon followed, have given us a rich heritage of ministry; we renew our vision to reach The Villages and its surrounding communities as the “Hands, Feet and Voice of Jesus Christ!”

“There were 55 of us in attendance at the first service of New Covenant United Methodist Church held on Palm Sunday, April 16, 2000, in the St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church in Wildwood. We were a close-knit group of people who had been working and planning to grow a new church in The Villages. At the end of the service Rev. Gary Bullock had all of us circle the sanctuary with arms outstretched. He charged us to invite people to join us to fill in all the spaces. Since that day, it has been amazing to see how God has worked his wonders in making NCUMC the church it is today. We were excited on that first Sunday and continue to be amazed to see the growth during this past 20 years.” — Jim and Louise Clark (one of the original core couples.)

More information on the history of New Covenant is available in the Church Library.

Worship With Us Online

While we are not gathering in worship this weekend, we want you to stay connected to God and to your church during these times, so we are trying some new things. On weekdays, various staff share a scripture and prayer on the New Covenant United Methodist, Summerhill Facebook page and on our website (under Virtual Worship). We hope this will encourage you as we travel this new season. These short videos are posted Monday through Friday at 8 a.m.

Pastor Gary Cantrell is teaching a limited series, *The 7 Last Words of Love*. These videos are available on the church's Facebook page and on the church website on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 5 p.m. Join Pastor Gary for this great study during the Lenten season.

Our Family Ministry has guest readers sharing a nighttime story on the Children's Ministry Facebook page. We hope that this is a fun and exciting video time for you and your kids. Share it with your friends!

Grounded Youth has taken a new direction at this time. They have a chat session with Kayla on Instagram Live! Regular times are in place!

To continue our desire to be connected to our congregants, we have a team of callers reaching out to check on how you are doing. Don't be surprised to get a call from someone from New Covenant!

VIRTUAL CHURCH

Holy Week at Summerhill

Why do you look
for the *Living*
among the dead.
Luke 24:5

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

LIVESTREAM WORSHIP SERVICES*

PALM SUNDAY AT 9 AM
WITH PASTOR HAROLD

MONDAY–WEDNESDAY AT NOON

WITH PASTOR HAROLD

HOLY THURSDAY AT NOON

WITH PASTOR ELLEN

GOOD FRIDAY AT NOON

WITH PASTOR HAROLD

EASTER SUNDAY AT 9 AM

WITH PASTOR HAROLD

VIRTUAL WORSHIP SERVICES*

PALM SUNDAY WILL BE AVAILABLE

ONLINE BEGINNING SATURDAY,

APRIL 4 AT 5 PM

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

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

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.

Youth Summer Camps and Events

To register, go to our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select the camp or event of your choice.

Family Water Day & Cookout

- Saturday, May 30

Vacation Bible School

- Monday through Friday, July 6-10

Family Pool Party

- Saturday, August 8

If you're interested in being a part of the best Summer ever, volunteer at one (or more) of our Children & Youth camps. For information on volunteering, please contact Kayla at (352) 750-4529 or kdesimone@ncumcfl.com.

Our Next New Member Class

Monday, September 21 from 6–7:30 p.m.

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.

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>.

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.

New Concerns

Jennifer Bailey, Bryan & Howard Bond, Kristyn Briggs, Mike Brunson, Debbie Butler, Anthony & Nicole Cardella, Kathleen Cannon, Trisha & Jeff Conde, Denise, Carson Dore, Jan Douglas, Harold Ely, David Gerstner, Ann & Marty Kerrigan, Eloise Kitchen, Mark Huisman, Paul "PJ" Jones, Carol Lynch, Pat May, Jackie McCollum, Dr. Karl Michael, Peggy Miller, Patty Nuernberg, Donna Owens, Cherie Paisley, Veronda Powell, George Rainbolt, Wanda Richards, Bob Schuff, Tamara, David Thompson, Becky Townley, Lee Van Horn

Missions & Outreach



Wildwood Food Pantry Drive-thru Food Collection

Last Thursday and Friday, we had a drive-thru food collection for the Wildwood Food Pantry. During those two days, we collected over \$7,000 and six trailers of food. Thank you for your generosity during these trying times.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Days Off Without Pay

Most of us are retired and our income is still coming in. Definitely our IRAs and other retirement accounts have taken a hit. But you should know that in order to help our church, a number of our staff are taking days off WITHOUT PAY. That's a sacrifice they are willing to make.

Many employees in our country have been laid off and were not given a choice. So today I want to salute those members of our staff who choose to help.

As you might well imagine, with our inability to have church services, the income of the church is down. Just a reminder, you can mail your contributions to the Church Office (3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages, FL 32162), or drop off a check at either campus, or go to the church website (www.ncumcfl.com) to see other methods of giving.

I will continue to pray for your well-being, both physically and emotionally.

Charles Stuart, Chair of Finance Team