

## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

John & Sally Drake in celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Jack & Andrea Baker in celebration of their 53<sup>rd</sup> anniversary and in memory of their grandson Jacob Pisle; and Evelyn Davidson in memory of her son David Davidson.

## SPECIAL EVENTS



### The Good Stuff Festival

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

The Good Stuff Festival is an event showcasing the good in our community and creating inspiration for more. Our booths and organizations will show off ways you can help your community, yourself, and the world. You can find an organization at which to volunteer, discover a new hobby or method of well-being, or just see the wonderful things people are doing to help out.

This event will be organized and presented by Amanda Perrone, one of OUR youth, as a requirement in pursuit of the highest honor in the Girl Scout Organization, the Girl Scout Gold Award.

**FREE (No Admission Fee)**

## TidBits



### Town Hall Meeting

Wed., January 23 from 10–11 a.m. — Summerhill Fellowship Center

As you may know, at the 2016 General Conference there was great debate over two crucial points: allowing clergy the freedom to officiate at “Same Sex” unions, and allowing “self-avowed practicing” gay clergy to be ordained in the United Methodist church.

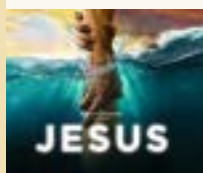
During the General Conference, the delegates did not vote on these amendments. Instead, the delegation asked for a group of people representing the diversity of our denomination to be assembled in order to discuss these points. The group of commission individuals was asked to propose “A Way Forward.” To facilitate discussions about preparing for the Way Forward and understanding the differing perspectives regarding human sexuality, a diverse Florida Conference team of clergy and laity created a structured, conversational experience called “Point of View” (POV). It was designed to equip participants to grow in empathy, have a broader understanding of different points of view and to create generative dialogue around challenging conversations. POV was developed by a cross-section of leaders across a theological spectrum and has been used as a resource in other conferences. In October, the New Covenant Leadership Team was invited to attend the training and received valuable information from Bishop Carter’s Assistant, Reverend Alex Shanks.

Reverend Shanks will host a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, January 23, at which he will address questions that were submitted by our congregation.



### Contribution Statements

For those with email, this week you should have received an email with your PIN so you can access your Year-end Contribution Statement when you receive it by the end of January. For those without email, your statement will be sent via mail by the end of January. For questions, please contact Marissa Carnevale or Dianne Letch at (352) 750-4529.



### Early Risers Sunday School Bus Trip

September 29 – October 5, 2019

Gary Cantrell’s Early Risers Sunday School class is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight & Sound theater in Lancaster, PA to see the production of “Jesus.” You will also be able to enjoy the many other Lancaster, PA attractions.

For more information, please contact Dale & Virginia Newland at [dnewland101@comcast.net](mailto:dnewland101@comcast.net) or (352) 751-4283.

## YOUR SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

James 5:16b (NIV)

*The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.*

*Prayer does not change God, but it changes him who prays.*

—Soren Kierkegaard

### SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	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	The Epistle of James — Proverbs of the New Testament	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Our Love for God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Apologetics	Learn How to Share Your Faith with Others	Classroom 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Book of Acts	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Climate Change and Love of Neighbor	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	Chapel
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	The Epistle of James — Proverbs of the New Testament	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 SUNDAY WORSHIP  
CONTEMPORARY 8 A.M. • BLENDED 9:30 A.M.  
TRADITIONAL 11 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  
WE REGULARLY UPDATE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EVENTS.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,472

(Celebrate Recovery) 39 • (Fresh Expressions) 52 • (Saturday Contemporary) 333

(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45–250 • 9:15–975 • 10:45–695

(Orchard Worship) 9 • (Grounded Youth) 24 • (The Kramers) 284

(Lake Deaton) 8:00–151 • 9:30–437 • 11:00–223

## SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

JANUARY 19 & 20, 2019



Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton  
Discipleship Pastor

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



Don't Miss  
this Time of  
Spiritual Renewal

MON, FEB 25 • 7:30AM–8:30PM  
TUES, FEB 26 • 8AM–3:30PM

LIFE ENRICHMENT CENTER • FRUITLAND PARK **SPIRITUAL RETREAT**  
OPEN TO WOMEN/MEN/COUPLES/SINGLES

**DO YOU WANT TO DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS CHRIST?  
ARE YOU IN NEED OF SPIRITUAL RENEWAL AND REFRESHMENT?**

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend two days with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ as Gary Cantrell leads an overnight retreat, which is open to all women, men, couples, and singles. Sessions will include digging into God’s word, spending time in prayer, and enjoying a good old-fashioned “Camp Meeting.” You will have time to relax, reflect, renew your spirit, and strengthen your walk with the Lord. SPACE IS LIMITED!

### You Can Commute or Stay Overnight

The cost includes five meals and all retreat materials (additional fee for overnight accommodations).

- Commuter: \$49/person or \$98/couple
- Sharing a room: \$88/person or \$176/couple
- Single room: \$99/person

### How to Register

You may register this weekend at the kiosk in the East Narthex, at Men’s Prayer Breakfast, or you may register on our website.

1. Go to our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org))
2. Click the “Registrations” tab at the top of the page
3. Select the “Browse Summerhill Open Registrations” button
4. Click “A Time of Renewal: Spiritual Retreat” and follow the prompts to register and pay
5. Full payment by debit/credit card (Master Card/VISA/Discover) or electronic check only

### Need More Information?

Retreat handouts with more detailed information are available at the kiosk in the East Narthex.

This retreat is being sponsored by the Summerhill Men’s Ministry. If you have any questions, please contact Don Buckey at (919) 662-6660 or [don.buckey19@gmail.com](mailto:don.buckey19@gmail.com).



Just a Closer Walk with Thee...

# volunteers **NEEDED**



## Welcome Team

We need volunteers during weekend Worship Services to welcome people dropping off someone in the drop-off loop or parked in the handicap parking near the entrances to the building. This may include opening car doors, helping with walkers/wheelchairs, and providing umbrella service when needed.

Training will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Worship Ushers

As assigned by the Head Usher, duties may include distribution of printed materials for worship, assisting special needs persons or late arrivals with seating, collecting the offering, counting assigned sections, assisting congregants during any emergency situation, directing persons to communion stations, returning attendance pads to correct locations, picking up trash and/or discarded bulletins.

If interested, or for more information, please contact Rick or Linda Fabing, Usher Co-chairs, at [fabinric@aol.com](mailto:fabinric@aol.com).



## Information Kiosk

We are in need of individuals or couples to serve at the Information Kiosk Saturday nights before the 5:00 service and Sundays before the 7:45 & 10:45 services. Training will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Host/Hostess for Discover New Covenant

We are in need of individuals or couples to serve at Discover New Covenant Saturday night and Sunday morning following each service. Discover New Covenant is held on the second weekend of each month. Supplies and Training will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Helping First-time Visitors

We are in need of help during the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service to serve at the First-time Visitor Kiosk. If you are interested, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## Volunteers Needed for Kids Central

Volunteers are needed at the corporate office in Wildwood (901 Industrial Drive, Suite 200, Wildwood; next to Russell Stovers Candy Shop) for the following positions:

- **Education:** Assist the Educational Liaison with a follow-up on the education of school-aged children in care (3-4 hours a week or more, if desired). A background with school systems is needed.
- **Resource Center:** Sort incoming donations, organize Resource Center, fill resource requests (3-4 hours a week minimum or more, if desired)

For more information, please contact Shawanna Felton, Community Facilitator, at (352) 748-1354 or (352) 857-1358 or [shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org](mailto:shawanna.felton@kidscentralinc.org).

## 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.**

# DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES



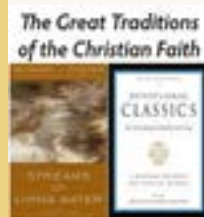
## Apologetics — NEW Sunday Christian Education Class

**Sundays at 10:30 a.m. — Classroom 6/7**

*Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have (1 Peter 3:15).*

Learn WHY you believe and HOW to share your faith with others! Explore the evidence for God, answers to Darwinism, why we can trust the Bible, historical and prophetic evidence for the Resurrection, and more.

Rev. Lynn Savron, Ph.D. is a seasonal resident from Ohio who winters with her husband, John, in the Village of Rio Ponderosa. She received her degrees from Springs of Life Bible College/Shalom Seminary in Ohio, where she has taught one course annually since 2002. She has been involved in jail/prison ministry in Florida and Ohio, served on retreat teams, such as REC, Kairos, and Koinonia, and has led numerous Small Group Bible Studies. There is no cost or sign-up/registration for this class.



## Great Traditions of the Christian Faith

**Fridays, January 25 – March 15, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.**

Experience an eight-week journey and conversation with Jesus and the saints of the Christian faith, from the New Testament to the present! This will be an intense, rewarding journey which will inspire you to a more mature, balanced faith. Rev. Ken Pyles will teach this class. The cost is \$28 which includes two books.

### Register This Weekend

You can register this weekend at a kiosk in the East Narthex, or you may register on our website. Go to our website ([www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org)); Click the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page; select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button; click "Great Traditions of the Christian Faith;" and follow the prompts to register and pay.

If you have any questions, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jsweat@newcovenantumc-fl.org) or call (352) 750-4529.

# connections



## New Member Class

**Monday, February 11, 2019 from 6-7:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center**

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. For more upcoming dates in 2019, please pick up a New Member brochure at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.

To register for the next class, click the "Registrations" tab on our website, then click the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations," and select "New Members." Registration is also available January 26 & 27 and February 2 & 3 at the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or [jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org](mailto:jdunne@newcovenantumc-fl.org).



## New Connect Small Group at Elan Buena Vista

A new Connect Small Group is forming and will be meeting at Elan Buena Vista in the Theater Room (5867 E. County Road 466, The Villages, FL 32162).

Meetings will be on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. This new small group is open to anyone interested in a Christ-Centered, Connected, Caring Small Group Community of 10-12 others.

**Love God! Love Others! Together IS Better!**

Joan Harding, one of our Connect Small Group Facilitators, will be leading the study on *Unshakable Hope* by Max Lucado. For more information or to register for this group, please contact Joan Harding at [joanpharding@comcast.net](mailto:joanpharding@comcast.net) or (301) 509-1429.

# Congregational Care



## Ready to Care for You!

Our newly-commissioned Congregational Care Ministers are now available to walk beside you in any and all needs. Whether you need a hospital visit or you or a loved one are in a facility, CCMs are ready to serve. Perhaps you need someone to just pray with you. We really want to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus here at New Covenant.

We are also blessed by being able to provide a Stephen Minister, who is prepared to walk alongside anyone who requests a long-term, one-on-one care provider to walk with them through any need for which you would like support. You can let us know your needs by filling out a prayer card, calling the Congregational Care Office, or sending us an email. You can also simply speak to a CCM or a Stephen Minister, who you can identify by their name tag.

For more information, contact the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



## Happy Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

**Wednesdays from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Classroom 14**

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each week. If you are interested in helping, just stop by for a visit. This ministry is also looking for donations of yarn. If you are able to help, please drop off your donations in the Congregational Care Department.



## Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

**Thursday, February 14 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center**

Next month, Prime Time will be having a spectacular program consisting of a dance troop doing Asian Dancing depicting various dances throughout China and Korea.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529 no later than noon on Monday, February 11.



## Columbarium

The ministry of the church touches its members in all areas of life, as well as in death. Since cremation is now increasingly used as an alternative to burial, in 2014 a Columbarium was built on the grounds of the Summerhill campus and is located on the north side of the East Parking Lot. This location has provided a place of quiet meditation and peace for the families and friends of our church.

There is also a Memorial Monument that is designed to accommodate bronze memorial plates for the purpose of remembering loved ones.

For more information, please pick up a Columbarium brochure from the brochure racks in the East or West Narthex, or call the Administration Office at (352) 750-4529.



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Kay Hart who has cancer that has returned; and Cindy McNeil who just lost her husband to double pneumonia. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

## Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Joan Seigworth, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ralph; Cindy McNeil, family and friends on the passing of her husband Chuck; Betty Bond, family and friends on the passing of her husband Gene; and the family and friends of Sandy Trammell on her passing.

*For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: [www.newcovenantumc-fl.org](http://www.newcovenantumc-fl.org).*

## New Concerns

Dan Adamson, Joyce Andrew, Dale Babbit, Jim Carroll, (Cynthia, Chuck, Dot, Barb & Marcia), Everly Kay Day, Furloughed Federal Employees, Janet Fordyce, Garner Family, Kay Hart, Judy Klinck, David Lawrimore, Gabriel Thomas Million, Danny Millsaps, Patty Nuernberg, Peggy, Stephen, Sam Willoughby, Chip Wockamurka, Alexandria Wright

# 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).

Pick up a NEW "2019 Winter Concert and Events" brochure at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex or the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.



## **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: \$15*



## **Helping Hands All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast**

*Sat, February 9 from 7:30–10 a.m. — Summerhill Fellowship Center*

The annual pancake breakfast tickets are available this weekend at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services and on our website (credit card fees will apply).

*Tickets: \$7 per person*

Net proceeds will benefit Helping Hands projects.



## **Toast of Tampa Show Chorus & Heralds of Harmony**

*Sun, February 10, 2019 at 5 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center*

Returning to our Winter Concert series, welcome back these two outstanding show choirs. Toast of Tampa Show Chorus is a dynamic, internationally-ranked chapter of Sweet Adelines International, one of the world's largest independent singing organizations for women.

The chorus of 90-plus women of all ages, from all over Florida, performs popular music in four-part a cappella harmony, in the barbershop style. Under the direction of Tony DeRosa, the chorus placed 4th in Sweet Adelines's 2017 International competition, and won the 2018 Coastal Harmony competition, qualifying for Sweet Adelines's September 2019 competition in New Orleans, LA. Performance, membership, and more information available at [www.toastoftampa.org](http://www.toastoftampa.org).

Guest performer, the Heralds of Harmony chorus from Tampa, and also under the direction of Tony DeRosa, represents the Barbershop Harmony Society's Sunshine District in international competition July 2019 in Salt Lake City, UT.

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

Tickets are available at The Villages Box Offices.

A portion of the net proceeds supports the Summerhill Women's Ministry.



## **The Villages High School Wind Ensemble and The Concert Band of The Villages**

*Tuesday, February 12 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center*

A joint venture with the Villages High School Wind Ensemble under the direction of Linda Quinn and The Villages Concert Band under the direction of Jean Butler are sure to delight you as the groups perform individually and also combine forces for a rousing concert. 'Love is in the Air' as young — and not so young — members share the stage.

*Tickets: \$10*

Tickets will also be available at The Villages Box Office locations beginning January 17.



## Laura Story in Concert

*February 15 & 16, 2019 — Lake Deaton Christian Life Center*

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*.

**\$35: Concert and Conversation with Laura**

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

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



## February Women’s Gathering

*Thur, February 21 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Summerhill Fellowship Center*

This month we will walk through the *Twenty-third Psalm* verse by verse and reflect on its beauty and meaning. Join us for ideas on how to use this verse daily as you speak with God.

Menu: Soup Bar (4 soups from which to choose); Assorted Breads and Crackers; Chocolate Cream Pie

**Tickets: \$8**

Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, January 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Please Note: If you are purchasing more than two tickets, you will be required to provide the names of the ticket holders at the time of purchase.

## Looking Ahead to Upcoming Events

*Recital by Meredith Hoffman*

February 19 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Fellowship Center

*Seeds of Hope Concert*

*with Mark Schmidt, Angie Rose and Billie Thatcher*

February 22 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

*Clark Barrios and The Atlantic City Boys*

March 1 at 5 and 8 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

(Villages Box office ticketing ONLY)