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Jack Bell and Bonnie Gaspari in memory of our beloved spouses, Catherine Mae and Robert; and Sylvia Worley in memory of her husband John and daughter Karen.





Our Website Is Improved!

We have a new website address, which we invite you to explore at <u>www.ncumcfl.com</u>. Our new website better organizes information and we hope you find it easier to maneuver!

A couple of key highlights: you can now find each campus weekly videotaped message (under "Media"), with the corresponding newsletter and study guide; and, the "Read Your Bible in a Year!" (under "Media"), broken into one of four paths. In addition, you can still reach the Member Portal (under "Portal") for online giving and registrations.

What this also means is that our church and staff email addresses have changed. Instead of jjones@newcovenantumc-fl.org, it is **NOW jjones@ncumcfl.com**. For example, to send an email to the church email box, you now send it to ncumc@ncumcfl.com.

If you have any questions, please contact Jo Jones, New Covenant Communications Manager, at (352) 750-4529.



February Women's Gathering – Waiting List Available

Waiting List: If you would like to put your name on the Waiting List for a possible ticket to be available for the February Gathering, please call the church office at (352) 750-4529.

Have a Ticket but Cannot Attend: If you purchased a ticket(s) for the February Gathering and realize you or someone you have invited cannot attend, please call the Church Office as soon as possible and let the Receptionist know how many tickets you have available for someone else to use.

Thank you for your patience as we work through our growing pains and try different options to meet the demands of women wanting to attend the monthly gatherings.



Yoga Classes have Resumed!

Wednesdays and Mondays — Summerhill & Lake Deaton Campuses

Yoga has resumed at the Summerhill campus on Wednesdays, and begin at the Lake Deaton's classes on Monday, February 11. Intermediate classes are at 4 p.m. and Beginner classes are at 5 p.m. at both campuses.

We encourage you to attend classes at either — or both — of our New Covenant campuses! There is a suggested \$3 donation per class that supports our Congregational Health ministry.

For more information, please contact Kayla DeSimone at kdesimone@ncumcfl.com (Summerhill campus) or Karen Hughes at kdesimone@ncumcfl.com (Lake Deaton campus) .



Tri-County Emmaus Gathering

Thursday, February 21 at 6:30 p.m. — Hope Lutheran Church

Please join us for our next gathering, which includes a covered dish dinner. Please take a salad, vegetable, or main dish that will serve at least 12 people. We will have Holy Communion, lots of singing, and a Fourth Day speaker.

Hope Lutheran Church is located at 250 Avenida Los Angelos in The Villages. The church is on the northeast corner of Morse Boulevard and CR 466 north of Lake Sumter Landing.

2019 Emmaus Weekends

- Men's Walks: March 7-10; October 3-6
- Women's Walks: March 14-17; October 10-13

Emmaus Walks are held at the Warren Willis United Methodist Camp in Fruitland Park. For more information about the walks, please go to www.aldersgateemmaus.org/emmaus/weekend.

For more information about the upcoming Emmaus Gathering or Emmaus Walk Weekends, please contact Nancy Casto at nancasto@gmail.com or (352) 633-3288.

YOUR SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

"Write your worries in sand but chisel yesterday's victories in stone."

Max Lucado

Prayer: Lord, give us the courage to face the giants in our daily lives.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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	The Armor of God	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	Deaths of Political Leaders	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 newsletter 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.

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WE REGULARLY UPDATE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EVENTS.

LAKE DEATON PHYSICAL ADDRESS: 6500 WESLEYAN WAY (COUNTY ROAD 143), THE VILLAGES

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,252
(Fresh Expressions) 83 · (Saturday Contemporary) 402
(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45–250 · 9:15–974 · 10:45–727
(Orchard Worship) 8 · (Grounded Youth) 15
(Lake Deaton) 8:00–145 · 9:30–452 · 11:00–196

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



Our Mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World.

<u>Our Vision</u>: 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. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

FEBRUARY 9 & 10, 2019

IF YOUR GIFT

IS SERVING,

THEN DEVOTE YOURSELF TO SERVING

■ ROMANS 12:7 ■

We are excited to launch our new "Volunteer Central," located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.

At Volunteer Central, you can browse our current open volunteer positions. This is just another way you can plug-in and get connected through service opportunities here at New Covenant. Job descriptions will be available at the Welcome Center for you to pick up beginning this weekend. Stop by and check it out today!

Have you ever thought... "Where can I get some information on becoming more involved at New Covenant?" If so, come to Discover New Covenant, which is held every second weekend of each month.

Discover New Covenant has been retooled to effectively meet the needs of our congregants and guests. Everyone is invited to experience Discover New Covenant following each Worship Service in the Fellowship Center. We are excited about our new five-minute video introduction by some of our Pastors and Leadership. Come and get your questions answered about New Covenant. This is a great opportunity to get connected, or reconnect, to small groups, Bible studies and service opportunities inside and outside the church building.



connections



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10 following Worship Services — Fellowship 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 <u>jdunne@ncumcfl.com</u>.



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 this weekend at the Welcome Center. For more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or idunne@ncumcfl.com.



New Connect Small Group at Élan Buena Vista

Wednesday, February 13 from 3–4:30 p.m.

The Connect Small Group meeting at Élan Buena Vista (5867 E. County Road 466, The Villages) is enjoying getting acquainted as they study the book, *Unshakable Hope*. This group still has room for others to join them.

Please note the time change for the next meeting.

Love God! Love Others! Together IS Better! This small group meeting in Élan's Independent Living Theater Room is open to anyone interested in a Christ-Centered, Connected, Caring Small Group Community of 10–12 others. It meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.

For more information, contact the group's facilitator, Joan Harding, at <u>joanpharding@comcast.net</u> or (301) 509-1429.





Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings General Meeting Sunday, February 24 at 4 p.m. — Chapel

All Helping Hands construction and Bargains & Blessings volunteers — and any individuals interested in volunteering — are invited to this **general meeting**. Hear the latest happenings at B & B and the current home construction. Bring any questions or suggestions you may have.

Volunteers Needed at Resale Shop

Bargains & Blessings needs volunteers at the Resale Shop as intake, pickup, delivery, and scheduling workers. For information or to volunteer, please contact Sondra at (315) 427-3580 or bargain-sandblessings@ncumcfl.com.



Wildwood Food Pantry

Help keep the supply of food stocked in our Wildwood Food Pantry. Your donations will help to ensure that our mission to defeat hunger continues without interruption. You may drop off any nonperishable food items in the large "Food Pantry Collection Boxes" anytime the church is open.





Spiritual Retreat — Last Weekend to Register! Monday & Tuesday, February 25–26 — LEC in Fruitland Park

This is your last chance to register for "A Time of Renewal." You do not want to miss this amazing retreat as Gary Cantrell leads you through sessions of spiritual reflection and renewal, spending time in God's word and prayer.

Whether you commute or stay overnight, you will have time to relax, renew your spirit and strengthen your walk with the Lord. The retreat at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park is open to all women, men, couples, and singles.

Cost

- Commuter: \$49/person or \$98/couple (includes materials and meals)
- Sharing a room: \$88/person or \$176/couple (includes overnight accommodations, materials and meals)
- Single room: \$99/person (includes a room by yourself, materials and meals)

Register This Weekend

You can get more information about the retreat or register this weekend at a kiosk in the East Narthex, or you may register on our website. Go to our website (www.ncumcfl.com). Click the "Registrations" tab at the top of the page, select the "Browse Summerhill Open Registrations" button, click "A Time of Renewal," and follow the prompts to register and pay.

If you have any questions, please contact Don Buckey at (919) 662-6360 or don.buckey19@gmail.com.



Welcome Back Greg Savitt

Tuesday, March 12 at 5 p.m. (Doors open at 4:45) — Fellowship Center

Join us for a special night as we welcome back Greg Savitt from Chosen People Ministries. Greg is a Messianic Jew who teaches and educates on Jewish traditions and faith, while showing Jesus as our Messiah and Fulfillment of our prophecy. Following our evening meal, he will speak on Jesus and the Passover. We know you will want to hear this engaging message. Invite a neighbor or friend who would enjoy Greg's message.

Menu: Fattoush Salad (chopped greens with radishes, cucumbers, tomatoes, green onion, Pita chips), Mediterranean Crispy Chicken Breast, Golden Rice Pilaf with Almonds & Raisins, Lemony Whole Green Beans, Dinner Roll, and Baklava

Meal tickets are \$10 and are available at the Ticket Kiosk until Monday, March 11 at noon.

A love offering for Chosen People Ministries will be taken.

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Altar Flowers

Flowers may be placed on the altar in honor or memory of loved ones. Each bouquet is \$50. **As a reminder:** if you wish to pick up your arrangement, please leave the flowers on the altar until the conclusion of the 10:45 Worship Service so all worshipers may enjoy their beauty. Vases must be returned to the church by noon on the following Wednesday.



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.

Congregational Care



CARE CARD CONTROL TAKE A Close Look at Our New "Care Card"

Our new "Care Card" has been given this name because, in addition to prayer, we offer other ways we may care for you. This includes information about requesting a Stephen Minister, a Congregational Care Minister (CCM), or Home Communion. "Care Cards" are available in the Attendance Pads during Worship Services, in the Congregational Care and Administration Offices, and at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.

You may make your prayer requests on the "Care Card" — and we want you to know we do pray for your every concern! A CCM will contact you and ask if you would like them to pray with you. Our "Praying Together" team meets every Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. and prays over each prayer request.



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

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

Prime Time will be having a spectacular program performed by the "Chinese Dance & Music Performing Group," 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.



Congregational Health Education Speaker Series

Monday, February 18 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We are excited to welcome Dr. Nitza Alvarez of Tri-County Heart Institute on the topic of "Prevent the Stent." We are so fortunate to have her join us for this informational event!

In March, we will host Dr. Gabe and Diana Mirkin to talk about healthy eating and living. These events are free and open to the public.



Alzheimer's Family Support Walk

Saturday, March 9 beginning at 9 a.m. — The Villages Polo Field

As part of our Alzheimer's Ministry, we are supporting the Alzheimer's Family Organization Family Support Walk. Children 5 years old and under are free, 6–12 years old are \$10, and adults 13 and older are \$20. Teams of ten or more may also register at a cost of \$20 per person.

This weekend and next, volunteers will be at the kiosk in the East Narthex to provide information or to assist you in registering. The Villages Polo Field is located at 703 Buena Vista Blvd.



Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursdays at 2 p.m. — Classroom 14

This group exists to help parents and grandparents of adult children who struggle with addictions, incarceration, mental health challenges, and other concerns. Let us walk beside you and support you while you pray for your children.

For more information, please call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Ed Forsberg who has cancer; Pat and Ed Randolph who are in failing health; John (Jack) Moore for strength to heal and regain good health; Jim Carroll who is having complications from back surgery; Ryan McBain who has pancreatitis; and Abbie Ola who has MS and an adverse reaction to meds. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

New Concerns

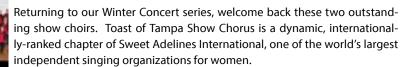
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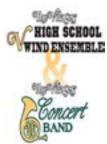
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Guest performer, the Heralds of Harmony chorus from Tampa, and also under the direction of Tony DeRosa, represents the Barbershop Harmony Society's Sunshine District in international competition July 2019 in Salt Lake City, UT.

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At-door Suggested Donation: \$10



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Our very own Angie Rose, mezzo soprano and Mark Steven Schmidt, tenor will be joined by The Villages favorite Billie Thatcher in this annual concert.

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Tickets are available at all locations of the Villages Box Office.



Methodist University Chorale

Sunday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. — Lake Deaton Christian Life Center

Methodist University's premiere touring choral ensemble, the Methodist University Chorale, will present a concert of works from different musical epochs with special performances by soloists from the group, MU Chamber Singers, and Ryan Pagels, piano. The ensemble consists of 30 vocalists and performs traditional/advanced choral literature. They are under the direction, Dr. Michael Martin.

Located in Fayetteville, NC the University offers over 70 majors and concentrations in five undergraduate schools and three graduate programs in the School of Graduate Studies. Methodist University enrolls a diverse student body from over 40 states and more than 30 countries.

FREE concert sponsored by the Music Ministries of New Covenant.

Looking Ahead to Upcoming Events

Celebration Brass Band
Sunday, March 10 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Fellowship Center

Spring Concert with Combined Choirs, Orchestra
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"The Power of Love" Recital

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

Join Austrian soprano, Meredith Hoffmann-Thomson and her Villages resident father, Paul Hoffmann, on the piano as they present classical arias by Berlioz, Strauss, Mozart, Dvorak, Puccini, and songs from the operettas and musicals, such as: *The Merry Widow, West Side Story, The Music Man, She Loves Me*, and *Show Boat*.

At-door Suggested Donation: \$10



Seeds of Hope Concert

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

Our very own Angie Rose, mezzo soprano and Mark Steven Schmidt, tenor will be joined by The Villages favorite Billie Thatcher in this annual concert.

Your donation of cash or nonperishable food items support the Wildwood Food Pantry and the Wildwood Soup Kitchen.



Clark Barrios and The Atlantic City Boys

Friday, March 1 at 5 & 8 p.m. — Summerhill Christian Life Center

Oh What a Night, Sherry Baby, Walk Like a Man, Big Girls Don't Cry — these electrifying Broadway smash hits bring nonstop energy, incredible talent, and unlimited excitement to the stage!

Lending their world-class vocals to the rock-n-roll harmonies of the 60s, The Atlantic City Boys will have you reliving the smooth, street-corner harmonies and nonstop hits of one of the world's most memorable singing sensation groups of all time, "The Four Seasons."

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