

## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Cathy & Don Johnson, Judy & Robert Fitzgerald, and Jack & Andrea Baker in memory of Jason Mark Feller; and in honor of Cathy Johnson's birthday and in memory of her mother, father, grandmother, and cousin Joyce's January birthdays.

## WORSHIP LORD



### Give a Warm Welcome to Rev. Dan Johnson

As our District Superintendent, Rev. June Edwards, announced at worship services last weekend, Reverend Dan Johnson will be the Interim Senior Pastor during Pastor Harold's absence as he recovers from the injuries he sustained in an automobile accident. Pastor Dan will be preaching at weekend Worship Services at the Summerhill Campus beginning next weekend and will be in the office two days a week. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Dan and his wife, Jan, and welcome them to New Covenant!



### Godspell Auditions

Sunday, January 19 from 4-6 p.m. — Classroom 8/9

LAST CALL for persons interested in a SPEAKING and/or SOLO role in the upcoming production of *Godspell*. Please prepare 16 measures of a song to perform. In addition, you will need to present a monologue of or a paraphrase of the story of the Prodigal Son as recorded in Luke 15:11-32.

Persons who wish to participate in the chorus are not required to audition. Persons who previously auditioned are not required to schedule a second audition.

For more information or to schedule an audition time, please contact Daina Cannito at (352) 750-4529 or [dcannito@ncumcfl.com](mailto:dcannito@ncumcfl.com).

## Missions & Outreach



### Early Response Team (ERT) Basic Certification Training

Saturday, January 25 from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. — Warren Willis Camp

Do you want to provide a caring Christian presence in the aftermath of a disaster? Join one of the best equipped ERTs in the Florida Conference. In this Basic ERT Certification Training, you'll learn how to interact caringly with survivors, the basics of tarping a roof, safe chain saw operation, and more.

To attend this training, you must register at: [www.flumc.org](http://www.flumc.org), select the "Ministries" tab at the top of the page and select "Missional Engagement." Click the "Disaster Response" button, then the "Training" tab at the top of the page. Click the "Early Response Team Training," scroll down to "Register Here." Select the "Warren Willis, January 25, 2020" class and click on "Register Here."

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Musch at [gmsuch2010@gmail.com](mailto:gmsuch2010@gmail.com) or call at 216-408-6174. Class size is limited, so register early!



### Helping Hands General Meeting

Sunday, January 26 at 3 p.m. — Chapel

The Helping Hands General Meeting is for all current volunteers and individuals wishing to learn more about working on construction or at the Bargains and Blessings Resale Shop. We will provide information about our 30<sup>th</sup> house, which is currently being renovating.



### Thank You for Your Generosity

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in our "giving efforts" throughout the holiday season.

- Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Wildwood Food Pantry collected 6 truck loads of food.
- We filled 320 tags for children from our Christmas Wish Tree.
- We sent out 1,360 Christmas Shoe Boxes worldwide.
- "Giving in the Spirit" sent approximately \$80,000 to 25 different ministries.
- Wildwood Mentor Program collected \$21,000 to the graduating seniors scholarship fund.

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things.  
—Galatians 5:22-23 (NRSV)

"Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the ways you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, to all the people you can, as long as ever you can."  
—John Wesley

**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.**

### SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Gary Cantrell's classes will not meet until February 2	
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Lessons from David	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders	Unlikely Heroes of the Bible	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Gary Cantrell's classes will not meet until February 2	
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Covenant	Classroom 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	NO CLASS (Franklin Graham bus trip)	
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Postpartum Depression	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Gary Cantrell's classes will not meet until February 2	
10:30 a.m.	The Truth Project	Science: What is True?	Classroom 1
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Unlikely Heroes of the Bible	Classroom 11

Please see the "Discipleship" section of our website for information on classes at our Lake Deaton Campus.

### 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. (CHILDREN'S ROOM)

LAKE DEATON SUNDAY WORSHIP  
BLENDED 8 A.M. • 9:30 A.M. • TRADITIONAL 11 A.M.

SUMMERHILL ADDRESS:  
3470 WOODRIDGE DR.  
THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

LAKE DEATON ADDRESS:  
6500 WESLEYAN WAY  
(FORMERLY COUNTY ROAD 143), 34785

PHONE: 352-750-4529  
FAX: 352-259-2971

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WEBSITE: [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com)

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

♿ ACCESSIBLE • DESIGNATED HANDICAP SEATING IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER.



### Hearing Assistance Available

The Christian Life Center is equipped with a **HEARING LOOP** (Assistive Listening System). Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" (Telephone) or request assistance. We have units available for persons whose hearing aid is not "T" compatible. For more information, go to [www.hearingloop.org](http://www.hearingloop.org).

## SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

JANUARY 11 & 12, 2020



**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



More details can be found in the Concert and Events insert in your weekly newsletter.

Whether hosting local artists and groups or nationally- and internationally-recognized artists, the Events Committee works with various ministries of our church to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in our community through invitational hospitality.

Our Winter/Spring Concerts and Events lineup was designed to appeal to a myriad of styles while supporting various ministries.



Nationally-recognized and award-winning artists will grace the stage during our upcoming season. Dino, known as the Christian Liberace, will be joined by the combined choirs of New Covenant. Laugh out loud with comedian Mike Williams, and be blessed by gospel artists Greater Vision and The Martins.



The Villages entertainers scheduled to appear include: The Villages Symphonic Winds, Clark Barrios and The Atlantic City Boys, Billie Thatcher, and Celebration Brass Band.



New Covenant "locals" performing will be Mark Steven Schmidt, Angie Rose, Sean Pollock, David Rowan, and Janice Swartz.

Ministries benefiting from these events include Beds & Blankets, Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips, House of Hope, Wildwood Food Pantry, Wildwood Soup Kitchen, Backpacks for Kids, and the Summerhill Discipleship Ministries.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,033

(Summerhill Saturday) 316 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-243 • 9:15-1,081 • 10:45-616  
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-93 • 9:30-455 • 11:00-194  
(Orchard Worship) 6 • (Grounded Youth Group) 29

# VOLUNTEER CENTRAL

**Volunteers Needed!**  
Please stop by the Welcome Center in the East Narthex for a list of volunteer positions and job descriptions for which we have a need.

## Family Ministry

If you have experience working with children and/or youth, we invite you to become a volunteer in our Family Ministry. Opportunities include our Orchard Kids program, Grounded Youth, Performing Arts, Sunday classes or Summer Camp.

• Contact: Kayla DeSimone at (352) 750-4529 or [kdesimone@ncumcfl.com](mailto:kdesimone@ncumcfl.com)

## Men's Prayer Breakfast

Help is needed for various kitchen duties, such as washing dishes, cleaning up, and preparing breakfast. Training will be provided.

• Contact: John Drake at (515) 314-1627 or [jsdrake1@msn.com](mailto:jsdrake1@msn.com)

## Media Center

We have an exciting opportunity for you to share your technical skills or learn new ones assisting in the A/V booth with lights, sound, cameras, or ProPresenter. No experience needed; training will be provided.

• Contact: (camera/ProPresenter) Dave Berardi at (352) 750-4529 or [dberardi@ncumcfl.com](mailto:dberardi@ncumcfl.com)

• Contact: (lights/sound) Jim Petrone at (352) 750-4529 or [jpetrone@ncumcfl.com](mailto:jpetrone@ncumcfl.com)

## Ushers Needed for ALL Worship Services

We need Ushers to fill vacancies at our 10:45 Sunday Service and our 5:00 Saturday Service.

• Contact: (Saturday) Peggy Dresser at (352) 205-7909 or [pdresser1137@gmail.com](mailto:pdresser1137@gmail.com)

• Contact: (Sunday) Leon Schien at (352) 245-6615 or [leonschien@gmail.com](mailto:leonschien@gmail.com)

# CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY

**New Member Classes**  
*Monday, January 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. — Chapel*  
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. Registration is required.

To register, visit our website at [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com) and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "New Member Class – Summerhill Campus (01/27)." You may also click this link <http://bit.ly/NCUMC2436> to register.

For more information, please contact Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or [bprindle@ncumcfl.com](mailto:bprindle@ncumcfl.com).

# Time, Talents, and Treasures

**Lord, Use My Talents**  
As we start a new year with resolutions we probably won't keep, set some new goals or maybe just add things to our "Bucket List", maybe it's a good time to take an inventory of our Christian life. Is it the right time to consider the question posed by Rick Warren's book, *What on Earth Am I Here For?*

We are so very fortunate to be part of a church which offers us so many opportunities to use our God-given talents to serve our Lord. Just look through this newsletter at all of the opportunities presented. Then search your heart, and you just might find God's purpose for your life.

**2019 Contribution Statements**  
Your 2019 Contribution Statement is being finalized and will be sent via email or mail. Printed copies will be mailed Friday, January 17; emails will be sent Wednesday, January 22. If you have not received your statement by the end of January, please contact the Finance Office at (352) 750-4529.

# DISCIPLESHIP

**A Disciple's Path Class 2020**  
*Wednesdays, February 5–March 18 from 9–10:30 a.m. — Classroom 3*  
Registration is now open for this dynamic class. This study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows.

This class will be taught by Rev. Ellen Pollock, and is a wonderful class for new members.

The cost is \$21. To register, visit our website at [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com) and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "A Disciple's Path Class." You may also click this link <http://bit.ly/ncumc2591> to register.

For more information, please contact Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or [bprindle@ncumcfl.com](mailto:bprindle@ncumcfl.com).

**Men's Spiritual Retreat**  
*Monday and Tuesday, February 24-25 — LEC in Fruitland Park*  
You will 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 men. Registrations will begin the weekend of January 25/26. More information to follow.

**January Women's Gathering — SOLD OUT**  
*Thursday, January 16 from 10 a.m.–1 p.m. — Fellowship Center*  
Happy New Year! Come and shimmer, as we learn how to leave a little **SPARKLE** wherever we go. Lynn VanVeelen will lead this program and invites you to wear something "shimmering" or "sparkling" to the gathering to celebrate our theme and a "shiny" new year.

Menu: Chicken Breast Piccata (Lemon and Capers), Alfredo Pasta Bake, Savory Green Beans, and Chocolate Cream Pie

If you have any questions or would like to be added to a waiting list, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529.

**"Supper and a Study"**  
We are delaying the "Supper & Study" until later this year. We will refund monies to those who have signed up already. We hope that you will sign up again when we launch this later! If you have questions, please contact Ashley Hill in the Discipleship Office at (352) 750-4529 or [ahill@ncumcfl.com](mailto:ahill@ncumcfl.com).

# TidBits

**From the United Methodist Conference**  
*United Methodist Traditionalists, Centrists, Progressives, and Bishops Sign Agreement Aimed at Separation*

As you may have heard recently on the news, a diverse group of representatives from United Methodist advocacy groups with contrasting views and bishops from around the world has collaborated on a proposed agreement for the separation of The United Methodist Church (UMC) that has the unanimous support of all the parties involved. For the full Press Release, more information and an FAQ document, please click this link:

<https://www.unitedmethodistbishops.org/newsdetail/united-methodist-traditionalists-centrists-progressives-bishops-sign-agreement-aimed-at-separation-13133654>

This is one of the several proposals to be discussed at the May General Conference.

# Congregational Care

**Alzheimer's Ministry**  
*Thursdays from 10–11:30 a.m. — Classrooms 2, 3, 6/7, 10*  
We are happy to provide respite care for loved ones, as well as support groups for families dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia. Because of the popularity of the ministry and space limitations, anyone newly seeking respite care for a loved one will be placed on a waiting list. The need for the waiting list is to be the most effective, safe, nurturing place of care.

We are also in the planning stages of beginning this Ministry at our Lake Deaton campus and are actively seeking volunteers. For more information, please 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.

What started as skeins of colorful thread has become an intertwined wrap of prayers to cover shoulders that need divine love and peace — hugging your heart — telling you that God loves, understands, and is with you. The ministry is also looking for donations of complete skeins of yarn. You may drop off your donations in the Congregational Care Office.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com). Click the "Ministries" tab at the top of the page and select "Congregational Care." Scroll down to "Prayer Ministry."

**The Role of Stephen Ministers is to Give Care**  
These trained, compassionate, confidential caregivers are ready to walk beside you, whether it be a crisis or a time of being weighed down by "the little things" of life. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support to hurting people for as long as the need persists.

Whether it be a few weeks, or several months, if you are feeling lonely, are experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or stressed by needs in your life, a Stephen Minister can help.

## If You Would Like a Stephen Minister...

- Complete one of our Care Cards and select, "I would like a Stephen Minister."
- Call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.
- Speak to one of our Stephen Ministers who can be identified by their name tags.

We are glad to be a Stephen Ministry church and encourage you to reach out for support.

**The Caring Bridge for Pastor Harold**  
To access Pastor Harold's *Caring Bridge* page, click this link or type it into your browser: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/pastorharoldhendren> and follow the directions to "Sign In" or to "Register" for an account.

If you do not have access to the Internet and would like to provide a meal, please contact the Church Office at (352) 750-4529.

**The Gift of Prayer**  
The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: June Vogt who has multiple fractures in her pelvis; and Linda Stallings who has terminal cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

**Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...**  
Douglas Svendsen, family and friends on the passing of his wife Diana Ryan-Svendsen.  
*For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com).*

In the December 29 newsletter, we incorrectly reported that Stewart Isenburg's daughter Vickie had passed. It was actually his daughter Andrea Gerstner who died in Point Pleasant, NJ.

**New Concerns**  
Flo Benson, Edna Marie Griffin, John Farmer, Joan Foytack, Lauren Gardner, Shawn Lowery, Jennifer Majlaton, Mike, Nancy, George Payne, Terry Payne, Jim Rainey, Karen Stroman, Bill Thurber, Lee Van Horn, June Vogt, Terry Zientara

# Concerts & Events

**Unless Otherwise Noted, all tickets are available by one of these methods.**

- The interactive links in the electronic newsletter
- [www.ncumcfl.com/events](http://www.ncumcfl.com/events)
- [www.itickets.com](http://www.itickets.com) or call 1-800-965-9324
- Ticket Kiosk in the Narthex



## **Dino presents “The Hymn Revival Tour”**

*Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

America’s Piano Showman, a title aptly given to one of the world’s premier performers of our time, brings his Hymn Revival Tour to The Villages. From Carnegie Hall, to the honor of being the only person to ever perform inside the Tower of David, Jerusalem, Dino has captured the world with his unique talent, stellar performances and exceptional showmanship.

Two-time Grammy Award nominee, eight-time Dove Award winner, and Tele Award winner for *Miracles*, Dino will be joined by the New Covenant Choirs in this concert.

*A Love Offering will be accepted.*



## **Mike Williams, Laugh Out Loud Comedy**

*Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

Stand-up comic, entertainer, radio personality, CD artist, author and more, Mike Williams has been making people laugh and learn for 17 years. A 2017 Dove Award winner for humor, Williams knows how to make people laugh with outrageously funny, clean humor.

**\$10 (At-door Suggested Donation)**

A portion of the net proceeds will support the Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



## **The Villages Symphonic Winds with Special Guest Angie Rose**

*Sunday, January 26 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

The Villages Symphonic Winds will present a concert for the “Young and Young at Heart” with special guest New Covenant’s Angie Rose. Angie will sing a special arrangement of the classic children’s book, *Goodnight Moon*. Other selections include: *Casey at the Bat*, *Carnival of the Animals*, *You Make Me Feel So Young*, and of course, the *Music of Disneyland*.

**Tickets: \$15**

If you are reading this electronically, click [www.itickets.com/register/new/440451](http://www.itickets.com/register/new/440451) to purchase tickets from home, or stop by the Ticket Kiosk following weekend Worship Services if you require assistance.

Presented in partnership with Beds & Blankets, an Outreach Ministry of New Covenant.



## **“An Evening of Hope”**

*Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

Featuring Sean Pollock, Angie Rose, Janice Swartz, Mark Steven Schmidt, David Rowan, and Bill Doherty, join us for this evening of song and powerful testimonies as we support the House of Hope as they continue in the fight against addiction.

**\$20 (At -door suggested donation)**



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## **Greater Vision**

*Friday, February 7 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

Returning by your request, don't miss a chance to hear this group which has inspired audiences with their rich vocal blend for over a quarter of a century. Greater Vision is the most-awarded trio in the history of Gospel Music.

If you are reading this electronically, click [www.itickets.com/register/new/439701](http://www.itickets.com/register/new/439701) to purchase tickets from home, or stop by the Ticket Kiosk following weekend Worship Services if you require assistance.

**Tickets: \$15**

Sponsored by the Men's Ministry of New Covenant, Summerhill Campus.

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## **Seeds of Hope**

*Thursday, February 13 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

Our very own Angie Rose and Mark Steven Schmidt will be joined once again by The Villages' favorite Billie Thatcher in this annual concert. Donations of cash or nonperishable food items will be accepted to support the Wildwood Food Pantry and the Wildwood Soup Kitchen.

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## **Backpacks for Kids Concert**

*Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

Returning in this annual concert, Angie Rose and Sean Pollock present "Broadway and Beyond."

Watch the newsletters and church website for information regarding ticket sales.

Net proceeds will support the Backpacks for Kids program, an Outreach Ministry of New Covenant.

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## **Celebration Brass Band with Special Guests**

*Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 6 PM — Summerhill Campus*

Joining the Celebration Brass Band, conducted by Jill Van Syckel, will be the **Brass Band of Central Florida (BBCF)**. Under the music direction of Gareth Pritchard, BBCF features Central Florida's finest brass and percussion musicians performing in the British brass-band style with traditional British brass band instrumentation.

The BBCF has an active performance schedule of concerts, outreach programs, and competitions throughout the United States and the United Kingdom.

**Tickets: \$20**

Tickets will be available in late January through iTickets, the New Covenant Ticket Kiosk on weekends, or all locations of The Villages Box Office.

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## **The Martins**

*Thursday, March 26 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

Siblings, Joyce, Jonathan, and Judy, collectively known as The Martins, have enjoyed countless radio hits and performances at concert halls, arenas, auditoriums and churches worldwide.

During the 1990s, The Martins rose to national and international success, showcasing their stunning and distinctive harmonies before a vast array of audiences, from legendary singer/songwriter Bill Gaither's multi-award winning Homecoming Video and Concert Series to the White House to Carnegie Hall. Over the years the trio garnered eight Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association, as well as a prestigious Grammy nomination.

Watch the newsletters and church website for information regarding ticket sales.

Net proceeds will benefit the Summerhill Discipleship ministries of New Covenant.

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