### ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Susie Vanderburg in memory of her husband David on his birthday.

# GRACE SORSHIP LORD



#### Altar Flowers

Flowers may be placed in the Chancel area in honor/memory of persons. Each bouquet is \$50, payable to "NCUMC" at the time you sign up for flowers. Please sign up in the Flower Book located at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex.



#### **Name Badges**

During the winter months, we have folks visiting our Sunshine State and attending our worship services. We want to extend a warm welcome to all our visitors, so please identify yourself by wearing your name badge.

If you forget your badge, stop by the Welcome Center to request a temporary badge.

# Missions & Outreach



## Helping Hands General Meeting

**SUNDAY** 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 renovated.

### **Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up**

Next weekend, February 1 & 2 — West Parking Lot

The Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the church parking lot to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.

#### The Bargains & Blessings Intake Volunteers ask for your Assistance:

- Please put clean clothing and linens in a clear plastic bag, and put shoes in a separate bag.
- · Do not put breakable items in with clothing.
- We Do Not Accept: Electronics, Printers, VHS DVD Players, old TVs, or any broken items.



#### Gamblers Anonymous/Gam-Anon

Saturday, February 1 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. — Fellowship Center

You are invited to attend this open and confidential meeting if you, or people you know, are affected by a gambling problem. There will be speakers and refreshments.

- Gamblers Anonymous is a group of men and women who share their experience, strength, and hope with a desire to stop gambling.
- Gam-Anon is a 12-step, self-help fellowship of men and women, providing assistance and comfort to those who have been affected by someone else's gambling problem.

For meeting information, please contact Gamblers Anonymous at (888) ADMIT-IT or (888) 236-4848 or <a href="www.gamblinghelp.org">www.gamblinghelp.org</a>. For meeting information for GAM-ANON, please contact (718) 352-1671 or <a href="www.gam-anon.org">www.gam-anon.org</a>.



#### "Souper" Bowl Sunday

Next weekend is the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring." Please join our team and donate to benefit the Wildwood Soup Kitchen.

### SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

*Improvisation* is the activity of making or doing something not planned beforehand, using whatever can be found. —Cambridge Dictionary

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. —Romans 8:28

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.

Please wear your name tags — it helps all of us to remember names! If you don't have one, please go to the Welcome Center and pick one up.

#### **SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES** Gary Cantrell's classes will not meet until February 2 7:45 a.m. Early Risers 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 **Pathfinders** Unlikely Heroes of the Bible Classroom 11 9:15 a.m. Gary Cantrell's classes will not meet until February 2 9:15 a.m. Faith Finders 9:15 a.m. **ANEW** Classroom 6/7 The Mysteries of Heaven by Dr. David Jeremiah 10:30 a.m. Spirited Singles & Friends Classroom 3 10:30 a.m. FaithLink Classroom 14 Gary Cantrell's classes will not meet until February 2 10:30 a.m. The Searchers 10:30 a.m. The Truth Project Science: What is True? Classroom 1 Wesley Class Unlikely Heroes of the Bible 10:45 a.m. 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

EMAIL: NCUMC@NCUMCFL.COM WEBSITE: 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.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,130
(Summerhill Saturday) 312 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45–268 • 9:15–946 • 10:45–752
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-99 • 9:30–437 • 11:00–176
(Orchard Worship) 5 • (Grounded Youth Group) 32 • (Fresh Expressions) 103

#### SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



<u>Our Mission:</u> 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 JANUARY 25 & 26, 2020

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor Rev. Dan Johnson, Interim Senior Pastor Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor

> Rev. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill Discipleship Pastor



## "A friend loves at all times." (Proverbs 17:17)

#### February Women's Ministry Gathering

All ladies are invited to attend a Saturday morning event, sponsored by Women's Ministry, to hear a warm story of two great friends and their time together. Normally we have our monthly gathering on Thursdays, but in February we have a special Valentine's treat!

Donna Hendren will be sharing with us about the love of friendship, sharing with her friend, Ndai Tawale. Many years ago, Donna and Ndai's paths crossed in Miami, and they have stayed close in heart and mind since. Ndai will also share about her ministry, "The Little Ones Fund," which was created to help her village in Zimbabwe.

This is a FREE event, but registration is required. To register, visit our website at <a href="www.ncumcfl.com">www.ncumcfl.com</a> and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "Women's Gathering - February 2020." You may also click this link <a href="http://bit.ly/ncumc2604">http://bit.ly/ncumc2604</a> to register.

If you need help registering, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.

We will be serving cookies and coffee only for this event. Maybe this will be a great day to have lunch afterward with a new friend from the gathering!

Saturday, February 15 10–11 a.m. Fellowship Center





Volunteers Needed!

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

#### **Communion Servers**

Communion servers are needed for Saturday and Sunday. If you can offer an hour a month to help this wonderful ministry, we need you! Training will be provided.

- Contact: (Saturday) Carol Stramiello at (352) 751-7400 or cstramiello@embarqmail.com
- Contact: (Sunday) Lesan or Jill Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447 Ljvansyckle20@gmail.com

#### CR 101 Ministry Volunteers Needed

We have an "Adopt-A-Highway" from the intersection of CR101 and Woodridge Dr to CR 102. We provide safety vests, trash bags, special "pick-up sticks" (to eliminate bending), coffee, and doughnuts. Our job takes less than 90 minutes four times a year: Saturday, March 7; Saturday, June 6; Saturday, September 5; and Saturday, December 5.

Contact: Richard Maxfield at maxfield.richard@gmail.com

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

#### 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

#### **Traffic Control**

Our seven-person Traffic Control Team guides incoming and outgoing vehicle traffic for events at the Summerhill campus, working in conjunction with a Sumter County Deputy Sheriff. We do this for events when anticipated attendance exceeds 500 people. Our job is to direct inbound traffic to New Covenant's East and West Parking Lots prior to an event, and to direct orderly and safe exits from our property following an event's conclusion. Our paramount concern is everyone's safety while entering and exiting an event.

Contact: Richard Maxfield at maxfield.richard@gmail.com

#### Ushers Needed for Worship Services

We need Ushers to fill vacancies at our Saturday and 9:15 Sunday Worship Services. Contact: (Saturday) Buddy Acton at (352) 425-4457 or buddy.acton@comcast.net Contact: (Sunday) Leon Schien at (352) 245-6615 or leonschien@gmail.com

#### Welcome Center

We need people to greet visitors and congregants at the Welcome Center thirty minutes prior to Saturday or Sunday Worship Services. This is a very easy way to connect as a volunteer for the first time. Training is provided.

• Contact: Barb Prindle (352) 750-4529 or bprindle@ncumcfl.com

## Time, Talents, and Treasures



#### Paul Commands Generosity — Are We Listening?

In Paul's first letter to Timothy, who was in Ephesus, he said "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share" (1 Timothy 6:18, NIV). God has provided generously for us. Just look around. Generosity is a virtue of our Christian faith.

Would Paul, and better yet God, be pleased with your generosity to your church? Consider what God might want you to give out of the wealth He has provided you.



#### 2019 Contribution Statements

Your 2019 Contribution Statement was sent out via mail and/or email. If you Your 2019 Contribution Statement was sent out via man and have not received your statement by the end of January, please contact the Finance Office at (352) 750-4529.



### Wednesdays, February 5–March 18 from 9–10:30 a.m. — Classroom 3

Registration is 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 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.



#### **Discover New Covenant**

Saturday, February 15 at 4 p.m. — East Narthex Sunday, February 16 from 7 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — East Narthex

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.

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



#### Join a Connect Small Group

Are you new to New Covenant or have you had changes in your life? We welcome you to become part of a Connect Small Group. A Connect Small Group is a group of five to twelve people who meet for the purpose of intentional spiritual development to deepen their relationships with Jesus and with one another. We have groups for couples, men, and women. Stop by the kiosk in the East Narthex today to learn more about our groups.



#### "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.



#### 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 are \$75 for overnight stays and \$49 for commuters.

Registration opens Saturday, January 25. To register, visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "Men's Spring Retreat." You may also click these links to register.

- To commute, click this link, http://bit.ly/ncumc2628
- To stay over night, click this link, http://bit.ly/ncumc2629

If you need help registering, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com or 352-750-4529.

# Congregational Care



#### 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.

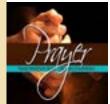
Updates are added weekly, including a recent video from Pastor Harold.



#### **Hospital News**

Please let us know if you are having a procedure, surgery, or other type of health challenge. You may complete a Care Card — which can be found in the Attendance Pads — and place in a Prayer Request box or the offering plate.

If you are not able to contact your church in case of an immediate hospitalization, please designate a neighbor or friend to let us know. It is our privilege to walk with you in prayer.



#### Praying Together

Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. — Classroom 14

This is a prayer meeting with a focus. We have a group of dedicated prayer warriors that gather to pray over every need brought to our attention from the Care Cards or prayer requests sent to us. If you would like to join in this ministry, we invite you to attend and "pray together."



### **Alzheimer's Family Support Walk**

Saturday, March 7 beginning at 9 a.m.

For more information, volunteers will be at the kiosk in the East Narthex each weekend in February.



#### The Gift of Praver

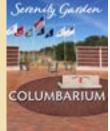
The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Doris Greenfield Bruton who lost her only son; Larry Rowold who fell off a ladder and tore his Achilles tendon and fractured a heel; and the Women's Prayer Circle. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Judy Jack, family and friends on the passing of her husband Tharon; and Jane & Larry Frum, family and friends on the passing of her sister, Barbara Mercer and her cousin Camille Marstiller. For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.ncumcfl.com.

#### **New Concerns**

Martha Baird, Chic Crites, Dawna Dean, Julee DeLaRosa, Doyla, John Farmer, Megan Gibson, Dr. Ruth Gibson, Stephanie Kelly, Anne LaFrance, Brandi Priser, Charles Trask



#### **Serenity Garden Columbarium**

The choice of cremation over in-ground burial is growing at a rapid rate. In some states, like Florida and California, it is now in the majority. The rapid increase in the acceptance of cremation has provided the church with an exceptional opportunity to offer a peaceful and serene final resting place at the church. The Serenity Garden Columbarium, located at the Summerhill Campus on the north side of the East Parking Lot, was built to provide such a place for all New Covenant church members and their loved ones.

For more information, please pick up a Columbarium brochure from the wall rack in the East or West Narthex, or stop by the Church Office.

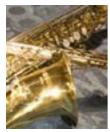
#### **REMINDER**

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.

## 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
- www.itickets.com or call 1-800-965-9324
- · Ticket Kiosk in the Narthex



## 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 <u>www.itickets.com/register/new/440451</u> 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)



#### **Steven Scheschareg Recital**

Sunday, February 2 at 2 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Steven Scheschareg presents his Viennese program "From Vienna to the USA" with music by Korngold, Kalman, Spielmann, Stolz, Zemlinsky together with music inspired by Vienna, by American greats Gershwin, Rodgers and Porter. He will also perform operetta arias and other humorous, entertaining songs with our own Sean Pollock.

\$10 (At-door suggested donation)

Presented by Worship Ministry, Summerhill Campus.



#### **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 <a href="www.itickets.com/register/new/439701">www.itickets.com/register/new/439701</a> 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.



#### **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.



#### Mark Steven Schmidt

Sunday, February 16 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Reignite the flames of love with classic love songs! Mark will serenade you as your personal Gondolier and take you on a "Magical Journey" filled with the memories of your deepest passions. Mark will be accompanied by pianist extraordinaire Bob Wilson.

Tickets available only at The Villages Box Office.



#### **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.



#### **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 are currently on sale through iTickets and at our Ticket Kiosk between weekend Worship Services. Tickets will also be available at The Villages Box Office in February. If you are reading this electronically, click this link <a href="https://www.itickets.com/register/new/441820">https://www.itickets.com/register/new/441820</a> to purchase tickets.



#### 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.

Tickets are currently on sale through iTickets and at our Ticket Kiosk between weekend Worship Services. Tickets will also be available at The Villages Box Office in February. If you are reading this electronically, click this link https://www.itickets.com/register/new/441282 to purchase tickets

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

#### Save the Date

April 19 • The Villages Symphonic Winds

**April 28 • Choralettes** 

May 3 • The Villages Flute Choir

May 7 • The Booth Brothers