

## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Ann & Jim Heilbron in memory of their son Brett on his birthday.



### Steven Scheschareg

Extend a warm welcome to Steven Scheschareg who is joining us in worship Sunday morning and blessing us with his ministry in song.



### Communion Sunday

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to live in peace with one another.

Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome! We serve by intinction and offer gluten-free bread and individual cups at stations located at the FRONT and BACK center serving sections.

Persons sitting in the "designated handicap areas" will be served the elements in their seats.



### 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.



### February Women's Gathering — Friends are Friends Forever! Saturday, February 15 from 10-11 a.m. — Fellowship Center

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 [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com) 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 <http://bit.ly/ncumc2604> to register.

If you need help registering, please contact Ashley Hill at [ahill@ncumcfl.com](mailto: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!



### 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](http://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 stay over night, click this link, <http://bit.ly/ncumc2629>
- To commute, click this link, <http://bit.ly/ncumc2628>

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

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"Be kind, for everyone you meet is carrying a great burden." —Philo of Alexandria

*The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, KINDNESS, gentleness, goodness, and self control... —Galatians 5:22-23*

**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

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Signs of the Time	Chapel
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	Signs of the Time	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Holiness	Classroom 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles & Friends	Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Responding to Suicide	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Signs of the Time	Classroom 6/7
10:30 a.m.	The Truth Project	History: Whose Story?	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

EMAIL: [ncumc@ncumcfl.com](mailto:ncumc@ncumcfl.com)  
WEBSITE: [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com)

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: NEW COVENANT UMC, SUMMERHILL CAMPUS  
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).

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,336

(Summerhill Saturday) 346 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-390 • 9:15-865 • 10:45-763  
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-95 • 9:30-506 • 11:00-148  
(Orchard Worship) 12 • (Grounded Youth Group) 35 • (Fresh Expressions) 176

## SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 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. Dan Johnson, Interim Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill Discipleship Pastor



**We've been waiting all year, and Super Bowl weekend is finally here!**

Even though each of us may not be cheering for the same team to win, we all have a chance to come together for a great cause. Please join our team and donate towards this year's "Souper Bowl of Caring" initiative!

This Christ-centered organization joins youth and communities to help tackle hunger together. The funds raised from this weekend-long event will benefit our local Wildwood Soup Kitchen. Students from New Covenant's Youth Ministry are collecting donations at the doors of both the Summerhill and Lake Deaton campuses, before and after weekend Worship Services.

So let's team up and tackle hunger through the annual "Souper Bowl of Caring!"





# VOLUNTEER CENTRAL

**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](mailto:cstramiello@embarqmail.com)
- Contact: (Sunday) Lesan or Jill Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447 [Ljvansyckle20@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:maxfield.richard@gmail.com)

## 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)

## 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](mailto:maxfield.richard@gmail.com)

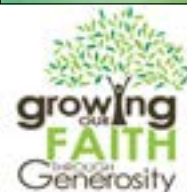
## Ushers Needed for Worship Services

We need Ushers to fill vacancies at our Saturday and 10:45 Sunday Worship Services.

Contact: (Saturday) Buddy Acton at (352) 425-4457 or [buddy.acton@comcast.net](mailto:buddy.acton@comcast.net)

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

## Time, Talents, and Treasures



### The Birds Don't Store

This morning I was trying to find an app which would identify birds by their song the way "Shazam" identifies songs and the singer. As I was doing that, my thoughts wandered to the birds themselves and the fact that, "...they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them" (Matthew 6:26b).

Most of us do not sow or reap, but we surely can store up a bunch of stuff. Maybe, just maybe, some of that stuff could be donated to Bargains & Blessings where it could be sold with the funds donated to various ministries. In 2019, Helping Hands — with funds from B&B sales — donated over \$290,000 to 29 different ministries, built two homes, repaired numerous others, and provided educational scholarships totaling over \$37,000 to the children of Helping Hands families.

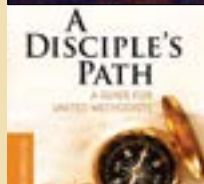
You Got Stuff? Call Bargains & Blessings at (352) 330-3333 for donation pick-up and information.



### 2019 Contribution Statements

Your 2019 Contribution Statement was sent out via mail and/or email. If you have not yet received your statement, 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 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).



## 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](mailto:bprindle@ncumcfl.com) or (352) 750-4529.



## Emmaus Gathering

February 20 at 6:30 p.m. — Hope Lutheran Church in The Villages

The evening begins with a pot luck dinner. The next Emmaus gathering will be in April at Crystal River UMC. The plans are to be determined.

- The next Women's Walk to Emmaus is March 12–15
- The next Men's Walk to Emmaus is March 19–22 (There is still space for the men's walk.)

If you have any questions, please contact:

- (Summerhill) Nancy Casto at [nancasto@gmail.com](mailto:nancasto@gmail.com)
- (Lake Deaton) Barb Strome at [bstrome@aol.com](mailto:bstrome@aol.com) or Joel Douthett at [joldnol@hotmail.com](mailto:joldnol@hotmail.com)



## Join a Connect Small Group

Our small groups are **Christ-centered** as they explore God's word together. People in small groups form **connections** as they develop friendships through openness and socializing with one another. Small groups demonstrate **caring** as they pray and care for one another in tangible ways. As people in small groups grow together, they reach out into the **community** and use spiritual gifts to serve others.

If you have any questions or would like to join a small group, stop by the kiosk in the East Narthex to learn more about our Connect Small Groups for couples, men, and women.



## "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).

# Missions & Outreach



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

Saturday, February 29 from 7:30–10 a.m. — 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. Tickets are \$7 per person. Net proceeds will benefit Helping Hands projects.

If you are reading this electronically, click [www.itickets.com/register/new/442685](http://www.itickets.com/register/new/442685) to purchase tickets from home.

# 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.



## Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, February 13 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Join us for a wonderful meal, singing with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, moments with Sylvia, table games, and a devotional time with Communion.

Lunch is \$6.25 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529 by noon on Monday, February 10.



## Alzheimer's Family Support Walk

Saturday, March 7 — The Villages Polo Field

Registration: 8 a.m. — Opening Ceremonies: 9 a.m. — Walk: 9:30 a.m.

Your participation in this event will increase the level of Alzheimer's Awareness in your community and assist Alzheimer's Family Organization in raising much needed funds to continue support and education programs for families and Caregivers.

To register, go to <https://alzheimersfamily.org/villageswalk>

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



## Home Communion

We offer Communion to those in our faith community who are homebound, reside in assisted-living facilities, or hospitalized. Please let us know if you, or someone you know, would appreciate Home Communion.

We deliver Home Communion the first Sunday of each month. For more information, please contact the Congregational Care office at (352) 750-4529.



## Prayer Room

In our Prayer Room, we offer: seating along with a prayer quilt on which you can tie a knot while you pray; a prayer shawl and prayer beads that lead you as you pray; and for the times that words are difficult to come by, we have prayer cards covering different concerns that help guide you through your prayer.



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: David Kolman who has a serious case of lymphoma; Shirley Parrott who has an aggressive form of cancer; Cody Wells who was in a motorcycle accident and had his leg amputated; Jacky Estes who has bladder and bone cancer; Hannah Weingerter, a 14-year-old with an incurable heart disease; and Pat McLaughlin who had knee replacement surgery. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

John & Mary Kelly, family and friends on the passing of their daughter Stephanie; Donna Howard, family and friends on the passing of her husband David; Beverly Parrish, family and friends on the passing of her Aunt Laverne Ledbetter; and Carole & Danny Parrish, family and friends on the passing of his stepfather Milton Reese.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com).

## New Concerns

Kathie Atkins, Kristyn Briggs, Sue Brown, Charlie & Linda Byus, Rev. Sue Conley, Julia DeWitt, Maxine Drusendahl, Lynn Elliot, Dave Kolman, Kris O'Kelly, Paula Labonte, Sue Latham, Gretchen Lindsey, Bruce McDonald, George Payne, Terry Payne, Laura Perny, Judy Schulman, Judy Stuart, Bill Thurber, Charles Trask, Ray & Ray Trevino, Bill Zierdt



# 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



## 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 [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 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*

Angie Rose and Sean Pollock bring you *Broadway and Beyond!* This wonderful duo will perform their favorite songs for what's sure to be a top show this year! From Broadway to pop hits to the movies, *Broadway and Beyond* will be a showstopper!

You will hear Sean and Angie's favorite signature songs and duets, like *Somewhere Over the Rainbow*, *You Don't Bring Me Flowers*, and *On the Street Where You Live*. Sean will awe you on the piano, along with the best band in The Villages — Ryan Loeckel (violin), Bill Neale (guitar) Jerry Bruno (drums), and John Gaffney (bass) — your ears will be smiling!

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

If you are reading this electronically, click [www.itickets.com/register/new/442510](http://www.itickets.com/register/new/442510) to purchase tickets from home, or stop by the Ticket Kiosk following Worship Services if you require assistance.

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



## **Clark Barrios and The Atlantic City Boys**

*Friday, March 6 at 5 and 8 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

*Oh What a Night, Sherry Baby, Walk Like a Man, Big Girl's Don't Cry*, these electrifying Broadway smash hits bring non-stop energy, incredible talent, and unlimited excitement once again 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 non-stop hits of one of the world's most memorable singing sensation groups of all time, "The Four Seasons." These four talented, dynamic male lead vocalists, backed by an equally-accomplished live band, will take you on an exhilarating musical trip down memory lane that you will never forget!

**Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.**



## **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 <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/441820> 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.



## **Bach with a Beat presents "What a Wonderful World"**

*Thursday, April 16 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus*

In a world filled with anxiety and worry, Bach With a Beat offers an island of peace and happiness. This program is filled with songs of love and laughter. Our music will accentuate the positive and be like a musical tonic for your soul.

**Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office.**

Presented in partnership with Beds and Blankets, an Outreach ministry of New Covenant.

### **Save the Date**

*April 19 • The Villages Symphonic Winds*

*May 3 • The Villages Flute Choir*

*May 7 • The Booth Brothers*