

## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Michael D. Miller in celebration of Rhoda & Michael's 55th anniversary; and Doloros Babbitt in memory of Dale Babbitt on his birthday.



### New Covenant Men's Chorus

Tuesdays, February 11 through March 10 at 9 a.m. — Classroom 8/9

If you enjoy singing with the Men's Chorus, or would like to be a part of this group, please join us for weekly rehearsals. No auditions are required, and it's just a short time commitment!

The Men's Chorus will lead the 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Worship Services on Sunday, March 15. For more information, please contact Bonnie Fisher at (614) 565-0953 or [bonniefisher53@gmail.com](mailto:bonniefisher53@gmail.com).



### Special Speaker, Dr. Sergei Nikolaev

Next Sunday, February 16

I'm excited that my friend, Rev. Dr. Sergei Nikolaev, President of the United Methodist Moscow Theological Seminary, will be with us at New Covenant. He will bring greetings at the beginning of each service, and then speak more fully at each of Pastor Gary Cantrell's Sunday School classes. You will find him to be a delightful, wonderful person and leader. Blessings, Pastor Dan



### Try a Women's Small Group During the Easter Season!

Mondays, through April 6 from 1-2:45 p.m. — Classroom 11

Celebrate the risen Christ in a special Easter small-group study, using Liz Curtis Higgs' book, *The Women of Easter*. We also look forward to having a fun luncheon and an opportunity to serve some local school children and nursing home residents.

If you have any questions, please call R.J. Scherba at (412) 400-3863.



### 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

Please be sure to stop by and talk to many of our volunteers that will be presenting their ministries to you before and after service next weekend.

This is a wonderful time to find out more ways you can get involved with the church and learn about our various outreach ministries.

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)

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

Kinsman-Redeemer

"Male relative who, according to various laws found in the Pentateuch, had the privilege or responsibility to act for a relative who was in trouble, danger, or need of vindication, as Boaz does for Ruth."

*I know that my redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand.* —Job 19:25

**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	Global Water Crisis	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Signs of the Time	Chapel
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

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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: 3,006

(Summerhill Saturday) 366 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-260 • 9:15-908 • 10:45-644  
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-82 • 9:30-475 • 11:00-138  
(Orchard Worship) 10 • (Grounded Youth Group) 21 • (Fresh Expressions) 102

## SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



**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

FEBRUARY 8 & 9, 2020

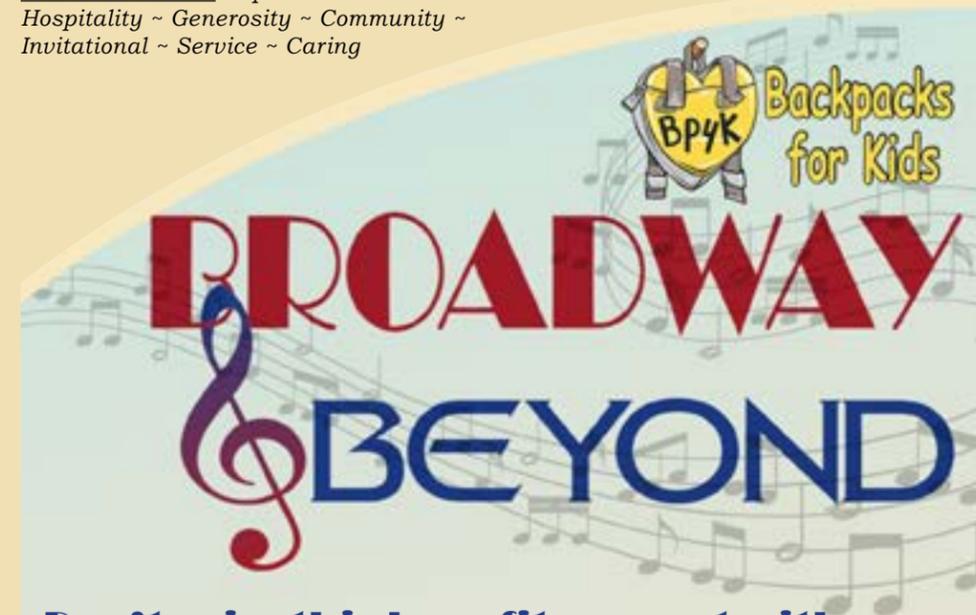
Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

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



Don't miss this benefit concert with Sean Pollock and Angie Rose!

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

These incredible artists will perform their favorite songs for what's sure to be one of the top shows this year! From Broadway to pop hits to the movies, *Broadway & 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 — Bill Neale (guitar), Jerry Bruno (drums), and John Gaffney (bass) — your ears will be smiling!

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

Tickets are available on our website, at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services, and at The Villages Box Office.

Net proceeds will benefit the "Backpacks for Kids" program, an Outreach Ministry of New Covenant. This ministry provides backpacks filled with school supplies for children in the Wildwood Schools. This is the seventh year this ministry will provide school supplies to these children. We are continually blessed as we seek to reach the most innocent of our community in a very small way. The mission of this program is to live out this scripture by being the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus Christ in this community. We need your help to provide the funds to reach each child in need. Please help the children of our community get the tools they need to succeed.

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at (352) 750-4529 or [khudakyoakum@ncumcfl.com](mailto:khudakyoakum@ncumcfl.com).

**MONDAY  
MARCH 2  
7 PM  
SUMMERHILL CAMPUS**



# 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.

## Coffee Bar

We need help at the Coffee Bar from 7–9 a.m. during Sunday Worship Services. If you can give of your time for a commitment of one Sunday every six weeks, we need you! If you can make coffee and arrange cookies, this is the job for you. We offer this complimentary service on Sunday and we cannot do it without your help.

Contact: Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or [bprindle@ncumcfl.com](mailto:bprindle@ncumcfl.com)

## 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)

## 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)

## 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)

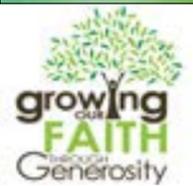
Contact: (Sunday) Leon Schien at (352) 245-6615 or [leonschien@gmail.com](mailto:leonschien@gmail.com)



## Volunteer Spotlight: Cecile Bouchard

We are blessed with Cecile's leadership at the Summerhill Campus. She is our lead Congregational Care Minister (CCM). Cecile schedules other CCMs to visit congregants in hospitals and facilities to encourage and pray with them. She also coordinates our Prime Time Ministry, which blesses our seniors with music, a devotion, Communication, and various types of entertainment. Join the Congregational Care Office in thanking Cecile and praising God for her ministry!

## Time, Talents, and Treasures



### Moving Forward as Two

We have often heard it said that "we are in interesting times." That is certainly true at New Covenant as we celebrate the Lake Deaton Campus taking flight to become their own church. While both campuses have accomplished many objectives together, it is exciting to know that separately, we can spread the Word much farther.

There are many things to be completed in the separation process. Some will be tedious, some will be enjoyable, and yet others will be just plain old hard work.

During this time, your giving to help our churches to take this big step is very important. It takes roughly \$33 per person per week to meet our church budget and to continue to move His Kingdom forward. We mustn't get distracted and forget our mission.

# MEN & Women



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

Ladies, you are invited to a Saturday morning event 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.

### Last Weekend to Register!

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.

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 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.

# Missions & Outreach



## Computer Help Needed at Bargains and Blessings

We are looking for volunteers who will help in accessing recorded donation phone messages, returning calls, and scheduling for donation pick-ups using a computer template. Basic ability of computer use is needed. We will provide adequate training on the system. For more information, please call Bob Becker at (352) 461-3405.



## 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.

## Do You Have Questions?

Gary Search, SALT Chair, will be available after Worship Services this weekend to address questions or comments you might have regarding the transition of Lake Deaton to an independent UM church. If you would like to speak to Gary, please stop by the Cardinal Alcove on Saturday or Sunday immediately following services.

# 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

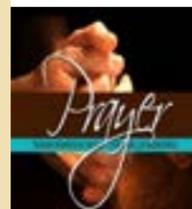
Saturday, March 7 — The Villages Polo Field

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.



## Praying Together

Wednesdays at 2:30 p.m. — Classroom 14

You are welcome to join our group that gathers together for prayer. Every prayer request that comes to the Congregational Care Office is prayed for, whether you put it on a prayer card, or call or email your request through our website. We care for you. We pray for you and with you.

If you have a calling to intercede in prayer for others, this group welcomes you!

*"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."* —Philippians 4:6



## Prayer Bands

We have Public Servant Prayer Bands in the Congregational Care Office. They are available at no cost in two different sizes (Large and Extra Large). Prayer Bands are a small but powerful way to remind us to be in prayer for our Public Servants. The men and women who protect and serve us need our prayers — now more than ever.



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Joe Angione who has stage 4 cancer; Ann Mauro who has health issues and wants to go home; Linda Osborn, a 16-month-old with seizure disorder; Charles Trask who has a new tumor growing; and Sherilyn (Shera) Lockwood. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Donna Owens, family and friends on the passing of her mother Mary Ruth Welsh.

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

## New Concerns

Michelle Aubry, The Berardi Family, Bill Buffington, Susie Carr, Christine & Andy, Lindsey Collins, Carol Curtiss, Tom DeGenero, Susan Diehl, Cole Fempey, Marilyn Hagmaier, Rich Jacobsen, Janice, The Kelly Family, Dick Knight, Barbara Mahoney, Carol McCormick, Pat Phillips, Becky Rush, Teresa's Neighbor, Patty Nuernberg, George Payne, Terry Payne, Albert Rosetti, Mike Thurick, Hooty Tyler, David Young

# 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

Pick up a copy of the new 2020 Spring Concerts and Events brochure at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex or the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex.



## 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.

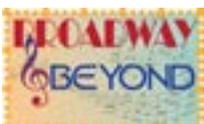


## Mark Steven Schmidt

*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.



## Benefit Concert with Sean Pollock and Angie Rose

*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 — 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: \$25 (Artist Circle) • \$15 (Reserved)**

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*