

ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Dick Clark in celebration of Carol Clark's birthday; and Doloros Babbitt in memory of Dale Babbitt on his passing.



New Covenant Men's Chorus

Tuesdays 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.



Altar Flowers

Flowers may be placed in the Chancel area in celebration or in memory of a loved one. 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.



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 to purchase tickets from home.



ZOE Empowers — Zimbabwe

Tuesday, March 3 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Please join us in welcoming Barbara Matsanga, ZOE Zimbabwe Country Manager. This gathering will include information about New Covenant's sponsorship groups as well as interesting information about ZOE Empowers.

Hear directly about the ZOE program and its effectiveness in empowering orphans and vulnerable children to become socially, economically and spiritually strong — transforming entire communities in the process. Light lunch included.

For more information, please contact Kathy Hudak Yoakum at khudakyoakum@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.



Lost & Found

Our Lost & Found is located in the Resource Room which is in the hallway between the West Narthex and the Chapel. Look for our signs.

Due to the number of things left behind, our process is...

- Newly-found items will be placed in the top drawer labeled "Week 1."
- On a weekly basis, items will be moved down one drawer.
- On the first of each month, all items in the bottom (fourth week) drawer will be donated to Bargains & Blessings.
- High value items (jewelry, phones, etc.) will be taken to the Administration 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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

Mary Magdalene is the first apostle, the "apostle to the apostles." She is the first to use the standard credential for being an apostle: "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). Historically Mary has been treated badly and incorrectly. Today we help correct that misrepresentation.

Lord Jesus, help me to see you as Mary did. Amen

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	Alcohol	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Truth Project	Sociology: The Divine Imprint	Classroom 1
10:45 a.m.	The Searchers	Signs of the Time	Chapel
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.



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THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

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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: 3,033

(Summerhill Saturday) 359 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-254 • 9:15-918 • 10:45-664
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-92 • 9:30-428 • 11:00-186
(Orchard Worship) 7 • (Grounded Youth Group) 21 • (Fresh Expressions) 104

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 22 & 23, 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



The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word Lencten, which means Spring. The Lenten season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. The early church emphasized Lent to be a time of fasting and preparation leading up to one's baptism. One of the most important ceremonies at Easter was the baptism of the new "Believers" on Easter Eve. For those who were already converted to Christianity, it was a time of prayer, penance, repentance of sins, almsgiving, atonement, and self-denial.

Traditionally during Lent, many commit to fasting or giving up certain types of luxuries as a form of penitence.

Lent is described as lasting forty days in commemoration of the forty days which — according to the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke — Jesus spent fasting in the desert before the beginning of his public ministry where he endured temptation by the Devil. Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of this sacred season of Lent. In most Western traditions, Sundays are not counted as part of Lent since Sundays are always the weekly anniversary of the resurrection. Thus, the period from Ash Wednesday until Easter consists of 40 days when Sundays are excluded.

By receiving the "Mark of Ash," we are reminded of our own mortality and our need for forgiveness. The Imposition of the Ashes is a powerful way to participate in our own personal call to repentance and reconciliation.

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS
Personal Meditation and Imposition of Ashes
Ash Wednesday, February 26 from 9-10 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship
with Imposition of Ashes
February 26 at 6 p.m.
Nursery available for children newborn to fifth grade.

LAKE DEATON CAMPUS
Drive-thru Imposition of Ashes
Ash Wednesday, February 26 from 7-8:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship
with Imposition of Ashes
February 26 at 6 p.m.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



New Member Class

Monday, March 23 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.

To register, visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "New Member Class – Summerhill Campus." You may also click this link <http://bit.ly/ncumc2657> to register.

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

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. on Sunday mornings. 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.

- Contact: Barb Prindle if you are able to help at (352) 750-4529 or 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
- Contact: (Sunday) Lesan or Jill Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447 Ljvansyckle20@gmail.com

Home Communion Servers

To serve home communion to our faith community who are shut in their homes, reside in assisted-living facilities, or during hospitalization. Home Communion is delivered the first Sunday of each month. Training and supplies will be provided.

- Contact: Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529

"iTicket" Sales

We need help selling tickets at the Ticket Kiosk before and after the 10:45 service. Contact: Candy Ginns at (352) 633-2249 or cginns@aol.com. Training will be provided.

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
- 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



I Want to do Life Big

"I wanna love, serve, and give every chance I get, I wanna do life big." These are lyrics from Jamie Grace's, song *Do Life Big*. It comes from John 10:10(b) in which Christ says, "...I came that they may have life abundantly."

At New Covenant, we have so many opportunities to "Do Life Big." We have been given the chance to "love, serve, and give" abundantly. Don't miss out. Volunteer your time, talents, and treasures — it's your church.

DISCIPLESHIP



March Women's Gathering

Thursday, March 19 from 10-11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Sharing meals played a vital role in the ministry and mission of Jesus. A shared meal represents friendship, community, hospitality, and grace. Lynn VanVeelen invites you to "Come to the Table." We will feel God's hospitality, and talk about how to invite others into His grace as Jesus did.

Menu: Roast Pork Tenderloin, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Apple/Date Green Garden Salad, and Marble Sheet Cake with White Frosting

Registration opens Saturday, February 22. The cost is \$10. To register, visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "Women's Gathering - March 2020." You may also click this link <http://bit.ly/ncumc2584> to register.

If you need assistance with registering or don't have a computer, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529 or ahill@ncumcfl.com.



Connect Small Group

This weekend, we celebrate the facilitators for all our Connect Small Groups. Thank you to each person who works with a group to remain Christ-Centered as they study together, Care for one another, Connect through social activities, and reach out to the greater Community in service. Thank you to our 70+ facilitators and co-facilitators!

If you are interested in becoming a part of a small group, contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529 or ahill@ncumcfl.com.



Creation Care

Creation Care is a Biblical and scientific study of how God directs us to love and care for His Creation. The answers are all in the Bible — His own words, unbelievably up-to-date. If you have an interest in Creation Care, this exciting and informative group is scheduled to start in late Spring/early Summer.

If you have questions, please contact Peggy Schlairet at (863) 968-3365 (until 9 p.m.).



Community Bible Study

Mondays at 3 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Sign-ups are starting for the Fall Session. For more information on Fall classes, please contact Sue Wyman at (352) 430-2201.

Family Ministry



Youth Car Wash

Saturday, March 28 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. — West Parking Lot

Join us for our Spring Car Wash Fundraiser! Only \$5 per car and/or golf cart! Funds raised go towards New Covenant's Youth Summer Mission Trips. For more information, contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister.



Easter Egg Hunt

Palm Sunday, April 5 following the 10:45 a.m. Worship Service

We're having an Easter Egg Hunt! Families are welcome to join us. This is a free event! Online Registration is open.

To register, visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "Family Easter Egg Hunt." You may also click this link <http://bit.ly/ncumc2661> to register.

If you have any questions, please contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister at (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.



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.



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 for 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.



Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry

Prayer quilts are made by a dedicated group in our church who envision these being a special gift of love for: sick babies, those dealing with cancer, in hospice, or other terminally ill patients, adults and children facing surgery, or people facing difficult family situations — for many different reasons — each for someone in special need of prayer.

For Prayer Quilt requests, please visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com, select the "Portal" tab at the top of the page, click the "Congregational Care" button, then the "Request a Prayer Quilt" button, and select "Summerhill." You may also get a "Prayer Quilt Request Card" in the Attendance Pads, at the Welcome Center, in the Congregational Care Office, or the Administration Office.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Dr. Barbara Leighton who has cancer; and Peggy Weaver who has cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Don & Yoby Whipp, family and friends on the passing of his son Brian; and Bob Wilkerson, family and friends on the passing of his wife Joanne.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.ncumcfl.com.

New Concerns

Andrew, Joan Armento, Lynette Bell, Neil Colella, Dee, Eric & Darby, Becky Greenleaf, Dorothy Hutchings, Kelly Family, Scott Kohn, Nat, Nathan, Patty Nuernberg, Rebecca Piatko, Roger Schug, Jim Scouten, Spencer Sprague, Annette Thacker, Waterhouse Family, Joyce Whitehead, Alexandria Wright

In consideration of allergic reactions of some worshipers, please refrain from wearing strong fragrances to Worship Services.

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 West Narthex

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



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 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.



Palm Sunday Choir Concert — “Resurrection Celebration”

Saturday, April 4 at 5 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

(There will be NO Saturday evening Worship Service)

Sunday, April 5 at 3 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Wes Hampton, tenor with the Gaither Vocal Band, and Angie Rose, mezzo-soprano, are joined by the combined Chancel Choirs, The Praise Ringers, and orchestra in our annual Palm Sunday weekend concerts. Accompany us on this musical journey, as we shout Hosannas during the procession of Jesus into Jerusalem, travel solemnly to the cross, and then jubilantly celebrate the resurrection of our Savior.

Free tickets will be available on iTickets beginning Saturday, February 29.



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.



The Villages Symphonic Winds

Sunday, April 19 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Join us as The Winds present a concert of marches by composers Vaughan Williams, Grieg, Shostakovich, Prokofiev, and everyone's favorite, Sousa.

Tickets will be available soon. Check your weekly newsletter or our website for updates.

Net proceeds will benefit the The Bertha Fund, a Congregational Care Ministry.

Save the Date

May 3 • The Villages Flute Choir

May 7 • The Booth Brothers