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VOLUNTEER CENTRAL



Coordinator Needed for Table Talk Dinners

Table Talk Dinners are small groups of six who gather once a month for three months to build friendships as they dine together in homes or in restaurants. It's a great way to meet new people in an informal dining setting. We are looking for someone to take over as the volunteer coordinator of this ministry.

As the coordinator, your job would involve contacting the people who sign up for Table Talk Dinners and organizing them into groups with the same preference of meals (home, restaurants, or a combination). The groups are set up for three months at a time. The overall time commitment varies based on the number of participants. For more information, please contact Patty Halstead at (352) 633-2470.



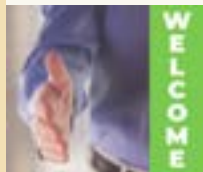
Information Kiosk

We are in need of individuals or couples to serve at the Information Kiosk Saturday nights before the 5:00 service and Sundays before the 7:45 & 10:45 services. Training will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@ncumcfl.com.



Sunday Morning Communion Servers

Volunteers are needed to serve at the 7:45 a.m. Worship Service. Please stop by "Volunteer Central" at the Welcome Center to pick up a job description.



Welcome Team

We need volunteers between weekend Worship Services to welcome people dropping off someone in the drop-off loop or parked in the handicap parking near the entrances to the building. This may include opening car doors, helping with walkers/wheelchairs, and providing umbrella service when needed.

Training will be provided. If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@ncumcfl.com.

TidBits



Yoga at the Summerhill Campus

Wednesday, March 6

There will be no Yoga Classes this week in observance of Ash Wednesday. Yoga will resume on Wednesday, March 13 at 4 p.m. with the Intermediate class and at 5 p.m., the Beginners class.

Please join us for Yoga at the Lake Deaton Campus, Mondays at 4 p.m. for Intermediate and 5 p.m. for Beginners. There is a suggested \$3 donation per class that supports our Congregational Health Ministry.

Please Give a Warm "Welcome" to Our Staff!



Marcus Douglas

Marcus joins us as our Technology Support Specialist. He will be located at our Lake Deaton campus, and will support both campuses.



Joyce Dunne

Congratulations to Joyce Dunne who is transitioning into the role of Assistant Director in the Congregational Care Department. She will support both campuses.

We've had some recent staff changes and are very excited about the gifts these people bring to New Covenant.

YOUR SCRIPTURE FOR THIS WEEK

"Is what I am hooked to stronger than what I'll go through?"
—Max Lucado

Lord, when our lives feel like a boat on turbulent seas,
be that anchor that holds us. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

General Conference Decision

If you would like to read the statement from Bishop Carter regarding the decision made at General Conference on "A Way Forward," go to our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click Media, then General Conference.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	The Armor of God	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders	The Epistle of James — Proverbs of the New Testament	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	Classrooms 6/7
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Discipleship and Mission	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	Apologetics	Learn How to Share Your Faith with Others	Classroom 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	Book of Acts	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Generational Burn Out	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Hebrews: Linking the Old and New Testaments	Chapel
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	The Epistle of James — Proverbs of the New Testament	Classroom 11

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.

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. (CLASSROOM 1)

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



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HANDICAP SEATING IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER.

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

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

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 3,289

(Celebrate Recovery) 29 • (Fresh Expressions) 183 • (Saturday Contemporary) 312
(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-236 • 9:15-920 • 10:45-656
(Orchard Worship) 7 • (Grounded Youth) 26
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-136 • 9:30-538 • 11:00-246

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

MARCH 2 & 3, 2019

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton
Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

ASH WEDNESDAY

Please join us at one of our many Worship opportunities during this Lenten Season.

Lent begins this Wednesday. 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.

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

Personal Meditation and Imposition of Ashes
Ash Wednesday, March 6 from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship with Imposition of Ashes
March 6 at 6 p.m.*

A Resurrection Celebration
Sunday, March 31 at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship
April 14 at 7:45 a.m. • 9:15 a.m.* • 10:45 a.m.*

Prayer Stations: Seven Words on the Cross: Living His Last Words
Wednesday, April 17 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. • Thursday, April 18 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. • Friday, April 19 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Holy Thursday Worship
April 18 at 6 p.m.

Good Friday Worship Service with District Churches
April 19 at 12 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service
April 21 at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Worship
April 21 at 7:45 a.m. • 9:15 a.m.* • 10:45 a.m.*

*Nursery available for children newborn to fifth grade.

LAKE DEATON CAMPUS

Drive-thru Imposition of Ashes
Ash Wednesday, March 6 from 7-8:30 a.m.

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

Palm Sunday Worship
April 14 at 8 a.m. • 9:30 a.m.** • 11 a.m.

Journey to the Cross: A Walk-thru Easter Experience
April 18 from 12-6 p.m.

Holy Thursday Worship
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April 21 at 8 a.m. • 9:30 a.m.** • 11 a.m.
**Nursery available for children newborn to five years old.

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.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy. Come, let us adore Him.

WORSHIP LORD

faith GRACE SAVIOUR LAMB JESUS

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.

Anyone who would like to be served in their seat, please share your request with the usher.

NEW Sermon Series! — “Lent, Luke and Love”
March 9/10: “The 7:47 Principle”
• Luke 4:1-13; Luke 7:47; 1 Corinthians 13:1-3; 1 John 4:19
March 16/17: “Red Carpet Grace”
• Luke 4:16-30; 1 Corinthians 13:4

March 23/24: “Move to the Back of the Line”
• Luke 22:24-28; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

March 30/31: “Getting the ‘I’ Out of Your Eye”
• Luke 18:18-28; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

April 6/7: “Heartful Hurtful”
• Luke 22:39-62; 1 Corinthians 13:4-5

Palm Sunday Weekend, April 13/14: “Love is a Package Deal”
• Luke 19:28-44; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Easter Weekend, April 20/21: “Unfailing Love”
• Luke 24:1-12; 1 Corinthians 7-8

A Resurrection Celebration with composer Mary McDonald, Combined Choirs and Orchestra
Sunday, March 31 at 3 AND 7 p.m. — Christian Life Center
The combined choirs, orchestra, and guest composer Mary McDonald share the Easter story in this concert.

Whether engaging in passionate worship songs, fun gospel settings, uplifting, spirited originals or simply applying a fresh treatment to existing hymns, Mary’s heart for ministry is to assist others in drawing closer to the throne of grace.

“FREE TICKETS” are required for seating. You may pick up your tickets at the kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services.

A Love Offering will be accepted.

Missions & Outreach

“An Evening of Hope”
Friday, March 22 — Hope Lutheran Church
A Gala Dinner and Silent Auction will be held to support House of Hope. The event will be semi-formal with a gourmet meal and a Silent Auction. Music will be the centerpiece of the event. Individual tickets are \$100 each, or you can be a Major Table Sponsor and bring your friends for a wonderful evening.

For more information, please contact Gene Barton at bartgene37@gmail.com.

This event has sold out the past two years, so reserve your table early.

Technical Support
Do you have questions about things like: Portal, Church Directory, Username/Password? Dawn Chadwick, our Technology Support Coordinator, is at a kiosk in the East Narthex between Worship Services this weekend to help answer your questions. Please be sure to stop by!

connections

Connect Small Groups — Women’s Small Groups
Our Ladies of Light (LOL) Connect Small Group is currently studying *Keep It Shut: What to Say, How to Say It, and When to Say Nothing at All* by Karen Ehman. The second week of the month, we do a service project, and the fourth week we have fun with a social gathering.

For more information, please contact Roberta Hays at rkhays@comcast.net.
Love God! Love Others! Together IS Better!

Discover New Covenant
Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10
following Worship Services — Fellowship Center
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.

If you would like more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@ncumcfl.com.

DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES

Member Path Classes — Last Weekend to Register
Member Path classes are open to all congregants and move you closer to fellowship, ministry and relationship with Jesus Christ. You can register online from home for the following classes:

Connected to Serve (6-week class taught by R.J. Scherba)

Discover how your spiritual gifts, past experiences, passions, and personal values point to your uniquely created identity and purpose in Christ — here at New Covenant and beyond. This class is based on the book, *Network*, by Bugbee and Cousins.

- Class Dates: Tuesdays, March 5–April 16 from 2–3:30 p.m.
- Cost: \$9.50 (includes book)

A Disciple’s Path (6-week class taught by Pastor Ellen Pollock)

Prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness...this is what we commit to when we become members of The United Methodist Church, and it’s a big step. But *A Disciple’s Path* helps us look beyond membership, presenting an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective. Discipleship is ongoing, so the 6-week study is perfect for new-member groups as well as long-time members. It helps you develop spiritual practices and engage in ministry that brings transformation to your own life, to the lives of others and the world.

- Class Dates: Wednesdays, March 13–April 17 from 9–10:30 a.m.
- Cost: \$12 (includes book)

How to Register for Classes

Go to the church website (www.ncumcfl.com), click the “Portal” tab at the top right of the page, click on the “Registrations” tab and select the “Browse Summerhill Open Registrations” button. Click on the Member Path Classes button, then select the specific class you want to register for and follow the prompts to register and pay. You may pay with a credit or debit card, or electronic check.

Please make sure you re-enter your email address under the confirmation email section and click “Continue” on the registration instructions. You will then see a message that your payment is processing and receive a final message that “You have successfully registered (your name) for (the class name).”

If you have problems registering for a class, please contact Jenny Sweat at jsweat@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.

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

Congregational Care

Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!
Thursday, March 14 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center
Prime Time will be having our own Joy Singers performing for us at our next gathering.

Lunch is \$6, payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529, no later than noon on Monday, March 11.

Congregational Health Education Speaker Series
Monday, March 11 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

In March, we will host Dr. Gabe and Diana Mirkin to talk about healthy eating and living. Their presentation will be on *Dietary Changes to Help You Lose Weight and Prevent Diabetes, Heart Attacks, and Cancers*. Our Congregational Health Speaker sessions are free and open to the public.

Alzheimer’s Ministry
Thursdays from 10–11:30 a.m. — Classrooms 1, 2, 3, 6/7, 10

Each week we offer support groups to caregivers, while simultaneously providing entertainment and loving programs to individuals who have been diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or dementia. This would not be possible without the support of many dedicated and compassionate volunteers.

We currently have a need for a few additional volunteers who have a passion for service and a willingness to be trained to serve as facilitators for our support groups.

If you would like more information, please contact the Care Department at (352) 750-4529.

Hope for Hurting Parents
Thursdays at 2 p.m. — Classroom 14

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

We cannot solve the problems of your loved one, but we can assist you in how you respond to them. We are here to provide support for you, the parent or grandparent. For more information, please call the Care Department at (352) 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members.

Take a Close Look at Our “Care Card”

Our Care Card continues to allow you to make known your prayer requests, and we want you to know we do pray for your every concern. A CCM will contact you to see if you would like them to pray with you, and our “Praying Together” team prays over each request every Wednesday at 3:15 p.m. in Classroom 14.

Our Care Card, given this name because in addition to prayer, we offer other ways we may care for you, includes information about requesting a Stephen Minister, a CCM, or Home Communion. We desire to walk with you and provide care during any time in your life that you have a need.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...
Doloros Babbitt, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dale; and the family and friends of Jackie Campbell.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: www.newcovenantumc-fl.org.

New Concerns
Richard Abbot, John Aten, Atlas Air Pilots, Deanna Boganrief, Andrew Bougren, Sandra Bradley, Mandy Burnard, Jodie Campbell, Jim Carroll, Linna D., Bradford Cornell, Steve Daniels, Kaitlyn Forster, Warren Jensen, Don Kinley, Marilyn, Frank & Catherine Murray, Paul, Peter Roper, Shirley Weaver, Lola Sanke & Parents, Van Swanson, Pat Throckmorton, Bill Westfall, Zac

tickets

The Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex is open between Worship Services. Stop by to purchase tickets supporting the various ministries of New Covenant (unless otherwise noted).

Tickets are also available on our website (credit card fees will apply).

Pick up your 2019 Spring Concert brochure!



Methodist University Chorale

Sunday, March 3 at 7:30 p.m. — Lake Deaton Campus

Methodist University's premiere touring choral ensemble, the Methodist University Chorale, will present a concert of works from different musical epochs with special performances by soloists from the group, MU Chamber Singers, and Ryan Pagels, piano. The ensemble consists of 30 vocalists and performs traditional/advanced choral literature. They are under the direction of Dr. Michael Martin.

Located in Fayetteville, NC the University offers over 70 majors and concentrations in five undergraduate schools and three graduate programs in the School of Graduate Studies. Methodist University enrolls a diverse student body from over 40 states and more than 30 countries.

FREE concert sponsored by the Music Ministries of New Covenant.



Celebration Brass Band w/guest Juan Berrios

Sunday, March 10 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Celebration Brass Band welcomes Juan Berrios, a member of The Dallas Brass and The Brass Band of Central Florida, as our guest soloist on Flugelhorn and Tenor Horn. Juan will perform *The Children of Sanchez*, made famous by Chuck Mangione, as one of his selections. This concert will present a mixture from Mozart to Movies to Marches to Dixieland.

Tickets \$15

A portion of the net proceeds benefits Care Ministry's Alzheimer's organization.



Welcome Back Greg Savitt

Tue, March 12 at 5 p.m. (Doors open at 4:45) — Summerhill Campus

Join us for a special night as we welcome back Greg Savitt from Chosen People Ministries. Greg is a Messianic Jew who teaches and educates on Jewish traditions and faith, while showing Jesus as our Messiah and Fulfillment of our prophecy. Following our evening meal, he will speak on Jesus and the Passover. We know you will want to hear this engaging message. Invite a neighbor or friend who would enjoy Greg's message.

Menu: Fattoush Salad (chopped greens with radishes, cucumbers, tomatoes, green onion, Pita chips), Mediterranean Crispy Chicken Breast, Golden Rice Pilaf with Almonds & Raisins, Lemony Whole Green Beans, Dinner Roll, and Baklava

Meal Tickets: \$10

Tickets will be available until Monday, March 11 at noon.

A love offering for Chosen People Ministries will be taken.



March Women's Gathering

Thursday, March 21 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Summerhill Campus

Be Intentional! Don't Wimp Out on God! Join Jenny Sweat and special guest Sheila West, for a time of learning how to be "more intentional" about being obedient, healthy, and holy women of God — saying "YES" to God on a daily basis.

Tickets: \$8. There are a limited number of tickets remaining; get yours today!

Menu: Trio Salad Plate (Chicken, Tuna & Egg), Croissant, Veggie and Pickle Garnish, and Cheesecake with Cherry Topping.

Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me — watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly. (Matthew 11:28-30, The Message)



Gordon Mote in Concert

Sunday, March 24 at 6 p.m. — Lake Deaton Campus

Gordon returns to New Covenant following a Grammy nomination for his latest project, *Love, Love, Love*. In addition, he has earned two Academy of Country Music Awards for top piano/keyboard player, as well as two Music Row Magazine Instrumentalist of the Year Awards (2009, 2011) for playing on the most top ten albums.

Tickets (Not assigned seats): \$15 Artist Circle • \$10 General Admission



Youth Car Wash

Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Come on out for the best car wash in town, and support New Covenant Youth mission trips!

Tickets: \$5 per car and/or golf cart

Looking Ahead to Upcoming Events

The Villages Wind Ensemble

Sunday, April 7 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

The Choralettes

Tuesday, April 9 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Bach with a Beat

Thursday, April 11 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus