

CHURCH CONFERENCE



Church Conference

Sunday, March 29 at 3 p.m. — Christian Life Center

A Church Conference will be held to vote on the following item on the ballot:

- As a member of New Covenant United Methodist Church, I vote to launch the Lake Deaton campus as a separate United Methodist Church effective April 1, 2020. (Circle one) YES NO

As a reminder, only Full Members who are present are permitted to vote. Associate and Affiliate Members may not vote, but may certainly attend. If you would like to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please contact Barb Prindle in the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 by Wednesday, March 25.

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

As we prepare for the Church Conference, we have scheduled three Town Hall Meetings to address questions that you may have.

- Monday, March 16 at 6 p.m. (Lake Deaton Campus)
- Tuesday, March 17 at 9 a.m. (Summerhill Campus)
- Tuesday, March 24 at 4 p.m. (Summerhill Campus)

WORSHIP LORD

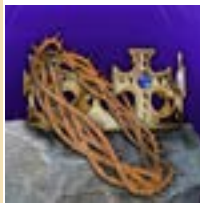


Easter Flowers

The Guild will place "Florida-friendly" live plants on the altar for the Easter Weekend Worship Services. To donate a plant in honor or memory of someone, please sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex.

Each plant costs \$10 (payable by cash or check to NCUMC) and is due at the time you sign up. Plants will be available for you to take home immediately following the 10:45 Easter Worship Service.

Please Note: There will not be any other flowers placed in the Chancel area on Easter Sunday.



Easter at Summerhill

"Resurrection Celebration" Choir Concerts *
Saturday, April 4 at 5 p.m. (No Saturday Worship Service)
Sunday, April 5 at 3 p.m.

Palm Sunday Worship
April 5 at 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.

"I Was There!" Prayer Stations
Wednesday, April 8 from 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 9 from 9 a.m.–7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday Service, April 9 at 6 p.m.

Good Friday Service, April 10 at 12 p.m.
at Morrison UMC in Leesburg

Saturday Service, April 11 at 5 p.m.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 12 at 6:30 a.m.

Easter Service, April 12 at 7:45, 9:15, 10:45 a.m.

* See Concert insert for ticket information.



"Thank You" Pastor Dan!

New Covenant thanks Pastor Dan Johnson for his service as Interim Pastor during the past few months while Pastor Harold has been recuperating. Dan's last service preaching is this weekend.

If you'd like to leave a card for Dan and his wife, Jan, baskets will be available at the Welcome Center. We are delighted that Dan will continue supporting us as a leader on the Transition Team.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

Each Sunday, we celebrate that New Covenant is a "Place to call HOME," and indeed it is a wonderful, welcoming place. Thanks for extending such an amazing, warm welcome to Jan and me. Pastor Harold is blessed to be your pastor, and you are abundantly blessed to have Harold and Donna as your Senior Pastor team. Love and prayers, and many thanks. —Dan and Jan

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	Hebrews — The Best Just Got Better!	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Signs of the Time	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Suffering in the Wilderness	Classroom 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles & Friends	Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Current issues discussed with a Christian View	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Signs of the Time	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	The Truth Project	The State: Whose Law?	Classroom 1
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Hebrews — The Best Just Got Better!	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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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.

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

MARCH 14 & 15, 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. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill Discipleship Pastor
- Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor



All aboard, and join us this Summer! We are very excited for all the fun, faith-filled camps and events we have planned for children of all ages.

Summer 2020 is going to be the best one yet, with the addition of our Vacation Bible School (VBS) experience, "Rocky Railway." This amazing week of VBS will show us how to stay on track with Jesus, and allow our kids to explore how His power can pull us through. Along with the return of VBS, we'll also have these amazing camps and events throughout the Summer.

Family Water Day & Cookout

- Saturday, May 30

Basketball Camp

- Monday through Friday, June 1-5

Vacation Bible School

- Monday through Friday, July 6-10

TKC Camp

- Monday through Friday, July 27-31

Family Pool Party

- Saturday, August 8



Online Registration for camps and events begins Sunday, March 15! To register, visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select the camp or event of your choice.

If you're interested in being a part of the best Summer ever, volunteer at one (or more) of our Children & Youth camps. For information on volunteering, visit Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at the kiosk in the East Narthex.

If you have questions about camps or Summer events, please contact Kayla at (352) 750-4529 or kdesimone@ncumcfl.com.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,613

(Summerhill Saturday) 296 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-216 • 9:15-698 • 10:45-672
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-81 • 9:30-407 • 11:00-151
(Orchard Worship) 10 • (Grounded Youth Group) 17 • (Fresh Expressions) 65

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. Only Full Members may vote at Church Conference.

Registration is required. 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 – Summer-hill 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. and/or 9-11 a.m. on Sunday mornings for one Sunday every six weeks. If you can make coffee and arrange cookies, this is the job for you.

Contact: Barb Prindle 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 VanSyckle at (352) 751-7447 Ljvansyckle20@gmail.com

Home Communion Servers

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

Media Volunteers

Exciting opportunity to use or learn technical skills by assisting in the A/V booth with lights, sound, cameras, or ProPresenter. No experience required! Training will be provided.

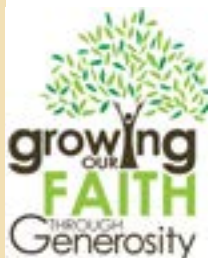
- Contact: Jim Petrone at (352) 750-4529 or jpetrone@ncumcfl.com

Ushers Needed

We need Ushers to fill vacancies at our 10:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service.

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

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Share What Our Lord Has Given to You

We all have heard someone say that they are "giving back to the community." More importantly, we should give back to the Church Community, as well. It's a way to show our Lord how much we appreciate all that He has provided to us. Do fun things. Like to sew? Then join a sewing group: the Prayer Shawl Ministry or the Quilting Ministry. Not your cup of tea? Then volunteer to serve at the Coffee Bar for one Sunday a month. Like to tell people where to go? Volunteer to be a Greeter or work the Welcome Center.

The opportunities are never ending, just as the love and the gifts that our Lord gives to us are never ending. Let our Lord know just how much you appreciate his gifts by sharing TIME and TALENTS with others.

As we proceed to become two separate churches, there will be endless ways to share your God-given TREASURES, as well. Consider increasing your weekly giving, or on occasion, throw an extra \$20 bill into the offering plate, even if you are making your contributions online.

DISCIPLESHIP



An Exciting New Opportunity for Couples

Wednesday, March 18 and 25 at 6:30 p.m. — Classroom 1

Are you a couple who would like to be in a small group? We invite all couples who are interested in being in a small group to attend our "Couples Kick-off Sessions." You will learn about New Covenant Connect Small Groups, meet other couples, get a mini-facilitator lesson, and participate in a small group session. Our hope is that at the end of these two sessions, you will have a new couples small group formed and on the way to being "better together."

If you would like more information or would like to sign up for our Couples Kickoff session, please contact Sandy Thornton at (215) 593-6076 or grammomsandy@gmail.com. Please RSVP so that we know how many people to expect. Light refreshments will be available.



March Women's Gathering — Last Chance to Register!

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

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.



The Women's Connect Small Groups (CSG)

Tuesdays, March 24 and 31 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. — Classroom 1

Wednesdays, March 25 and April 1 from 6-7:30 p.m. — Classroom 14

Our CSG Planning Team is offering two new groups for women. Each group will remain Christ-centered through study, caring for one another, connecting as they share together, and having fun doing social activities.

The group will also reach out to the greater community in service. During the first few meetings, we will use the book, *Growing Together*, as we organize and plan for your new group.

For more information or to sign up for either group, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529 or ahill@ncumcfl.com, or Wanda Eavers, co-chair Women's CSG, at nanney9@comcast.net.

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! We are in need of candy donations for the eggs. However, we prefer NO chocolate. Candy may be dropped off at the Children's Room or the Administration Office.

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



Flu Season is Here

In light of recent developments with the Coronavirus, combined with the current cold and flu season, we are taking extra measures for everyone's health and safety. You will begin to notice additional hand sanitizers around the church, as well as hand sanitizers and tissues in every classroom. We will be instituting a change in our Communion practices during this season, and we also suggest you not shake hands, but welcome each other with fist bumps.

If you are not feeling well, we encourage you to stay home and watch the livestream Worship Service on Facebook on Sundays at 9:15 a.m. You can also watch the video replay on the website, available by Wednesday. Thank you for your cooperation in helping all of us stay well.

Also, please take your newsletters home. Do not return it to the Ushers or Greeters at the conclusion of the Worship Service.



Hospital News

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

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



Care Cards

Care Cards are in our Attendance Pads and are one of the best ways for us to hear from you about your needs and concerns. Every need represented is prayed over, and a Congregational Care Minister will also contact you to follow up on your concern.

It gives you another opportunity to let us know if you have an upcoming hospitalization or surgery. Be sure to write neatly and select the correct box, so we will know if the person you are concerned for attends New Covenant.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Jack Hippe who had a bad fall and needs hip surgery; Martha Supernaw who has leukemia; Laura Perry who has cancer; and Shirley Capwell whose daughter has lymphoma. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

New Concerns

Debbie Gentry, Becky Ingram, Chelsea Truax Hoffman, Ashley Truax Johnson, Jerry May, Keith Mayhue, Don McGinnis, Melanie & Family, Terry Payne, Art & Sandra Schutz, Jake Simon, Lee Van Horn, Sylvia Wagner, Marcia Zucker

Missions & Outreach



Florida United Methodist Children's Home

The New Covenant bus trip scheduled for Saturday, March 28 to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home Day on Campus has been canceled.



Wildwood Family Resource Center/Kids Central, Inc.

Volunteers are needed in all areas, but there is a specific need for retired educators who would be interested in tutoring school-age youth.

If you are interested, please contact Dayana Bouey, Community Facilitator, at (352) 748-1354 or Dayana.Bouey@kidscentralinc.org. Kids Central, Inc. is located at 336 S. Main Street in Wildwood.

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



Celebration Brass Band with Special Guests

Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 6 PM — Summerhill Campus

Joining the Celebration Brass Band, conducted by Jill VanSyckle, 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

Click this link <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/441820> to purchase tickets, if you are reading this electronically. Tickets are also available at The Villages Box Office.

A portion of the Net Proceeds will benefit the Wildwood Food Pantry.



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. Click this link <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/441282> to purchase tickets, if you are reading this electronically.

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.

Click this link <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/444211> to get your FREE tickets, if you are reading this electronically.



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 beginning March 12.

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 this ensemble as they march to the sounds of composers Vaughan Williams, Grieg, Shostakovich, Prokofiev and of course, everyone's favorite Sousa.

This ensemble has LOTS of Wind, but NO strings attached! Hear French horns, trumpets, trombones, baritones, and tubas. The REED instruments join along in the fun — saxophones, flutes, clarinets, oboes and bassoon. And, there's PERCUSSION, too! The top-notch musicians in this ensemble are "invited" to participate, under the direction of Jill VanSyckle.

Tickets: \$15

Tickets will be available beginning March 7 through iTickets and at our Ticket Kiosk between weekend Worship Services. Click this link <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/444444> to purchase tickets, if you are reading this electronically.

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



Angie Rose. One Woman ... All Swing! Featuring Jerry Bruno & "Out of LA"

Friday, May 1 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Angie is back and this time will team up with nationally-recognized drummer and music director Jerry Bruno and his band, "Out of LA," in a celebration of the Great American Song Book.

Step back in time to the days of *Stompin' At The Savoy*, when life was 'S Wonderful, but you weren't quite ready to go *All the Way!* *Come Rain or Come Shine*, hear Angie and "Out of LA" pay tribute to a time when your biggest concern was *How High The Moon!* One Woman...All Swing! Come hear Angie *Sing, Sing, Sing!*

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

Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, March 14 through iTickets and at our Ticket Kiosk between weekend Worship Services. Tickets will also be available at The Villages Box office beginning Thursday, March 26.

If you are reading this electronically, click this link <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/444313> to purchase tickets. Presented in partnership with the Worship Ministry of New Covenant, Summerhill Campus.



The Villages Flute Choir

Sunday, May 3 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Join this group as they dance their way through the ages. Directed by Linda Quinn, selections will include Gabriel Faure's Pavanne, Ernesto Lecuona's Malagueña and a medley of George M. Cohan.

\$10 (At-door suggested donation)

Supports the Alzheimer's Ministry of New Covenant.

The Booth Brothers

Due to a scheduling conflict, The Booth Brothers will be rescheduled at a later date.