

## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Lee Garrard in memory of her husband Robert.



### NCUMC Men's Chorus

Tuesdays, April 2-23 at 9 a.m. — Classrooms 8/9

Here's a great short-term opportunity for men who enjoy singing! The NCUMC Men's Chorus will rehearse the first four Tuesdays in April and sing for the 9:15 and 10:45 Worship Services on Sunday, April 28.

No auditions required.

For more information, please email Bonnie Fisher at [bonniefisher53@gmail.com](mailto:bonniefisher53@gmail.com) or just show up for rehearsal!



### Family Easter Experience

Wednesday, April 17 from 6-7 p.m. — Chapel and Classroom 3

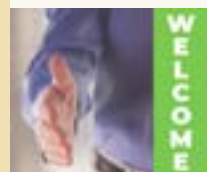
Come and enjoy our Easter Prayer Stations in the Chapel. Following the Prayer Stations, in Classroom 3, we will have a Family Table Talk about Holy Week and the meaning of Easter. There will also be some sweet treats available!

For more details, please contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at (352) 750-4529 or [kdesimone@ncumcfl.com](mailto:kdesimone@ncumcfl.com).



### Easter Flowers

The Guild will begin selling Florida-friendly plants beginning next weekend. Plants will be placed on the altar on Easter Sunday and plants are \$10 each.



### 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](mailto:jdunne@ncumcfl.com).



### March Women's Gathering — Waiting List Available

**Waiting List:** If you would like to put your name on the Waiting List for a "possible ticket" to become available for the March Gathering, please call the Church Office at (352) 750-4529.

**Have a Ticket but Cannot Attend:** If you purchased a ticket(s) for the March Gathering and realize you or someone you have invited cannot attend, please call the Church Office as soon as possible and let the Receptionist know how many tickets you have available for someone else to use.

Thank you for your patience as we work through our growing pains and try different options to meet the demands of women wanting to attend the monthly gatherings.



### Table Talk

We are organizing the next round of Table Talk Dinner Groups for April through June. These are groups of six who gather once a month for three months in homes or restaurants to enjoy a meal and fellowship. Pick up a Table Talk brochure at the Welcome Center or Brochure Racks in the East and West Narthexes. Fill out the tear-off portion of the form and hand it in at the Welcome Center.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Pederson at (352) 775-9830 or [sfpederson@comcast.net](mailto:sfpederson@comcast.net).

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

"Patience is not simply the ability to wait,  
it's how we behave while we are waiting."  
Joyce Meyer

Lord, being patient does not come naturally to us. We struggle when life doesn't move quickly enough to keep up with our pace. Help us, Jesus, to realize the depth of your love as it is revealed by your continual patience with us. In Your Name, we pray. 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.

**Beginning Next Sunday, March 24**  
The ANEW Christian Education Class and Faith Finders will switch classrooms. ANEW will meet in CR 6/7 and Faith Finders will move to the Chapel.

### 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	Sharing Faith	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

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. (CLASSROOM 1)

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



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♿ ACCESSIBLE • HEARING ASSISTIVE DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER.  
HANDICAP SEATING IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: NEW COVENANT UMC, SUMMERHILL CAMPUS  
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: 3,221

(Fresh Expressions) 81 • (Ash Wednesday SH) 272 • (Saturday Contemporary) 376  
(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-215 • 9:15-827 • 10:45-666  
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-92 • 9:30-347 • 11:00-211 • (Ash Wednesday LD) 94  
(Orchard Worship) 12 • (Grounded Youth) 28

## SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



MARCH 16 & 17, 2019

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

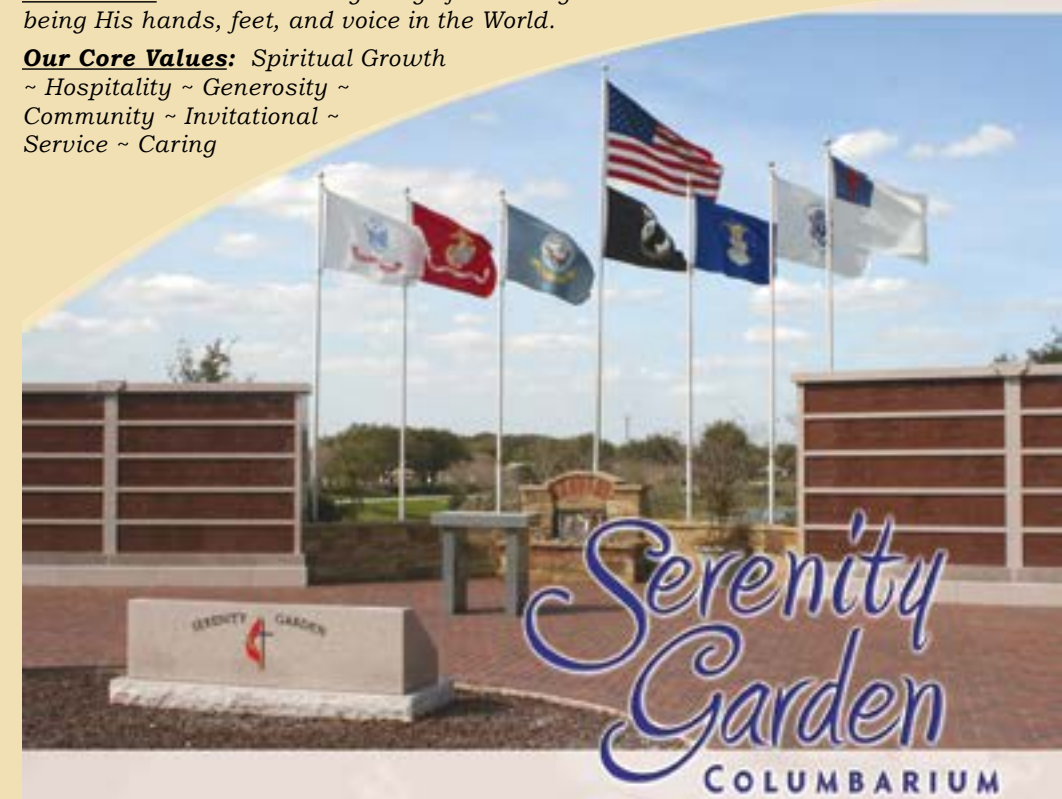
Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton  
Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

**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



The choice of cremation over in-ground burial is growing at a rapid rate. In some states, like Florida and California, it is now in the majority. The rapid increase in the acceptance of cremation has provided the church with an exceptional opportunity to offer a peaceful and serene final resting place at the church.

The Serenity Garden Columbarium, located at the Summerhill Campus on the north side of the East Parking Lot, was built to provide such a place for all New Covenant church members and their loved ones.

Of the original 228 niches provided, 177 have been sold, leaving 51 available. Plans are now underway for the addition of four, two-sided, free-standing units which will provide 224 more niches. There is also a Memorial Monument that is designed to accommodate bronze memorial plates for the purpose of remembering loved ones.

For more information, please pick up the Columbarium brochure from the wall rack or call the Administration Office at (352) 750-4529.





# tickets

The Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex is open between Worship Services. Unless otherwise noted, tickets are also available on our website (credit card fees will apply).



## 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

Help to support our New Covenant Youth mission trips!

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



## 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.



## The Villages Wind Ensemble

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

The Villages Wind Ensemble presents *Variety is the Spice of Life*. *Suite Francais* pays tribute to five French provinces where allied troops fought with the French in WW II. *American Elegy* remembers those whose lives were lost at Columbine H.S. in April, 1999. On the lighter side, *Captain America March*, Leroy Anderson's *The Girl I Left Behind Me* from his Irish Suite, and *La La Land* are sure to entertain.

Tickets: \$15

A portion of the net proceeds benefits Helping Hands, an Outreach Ministry of New Covenant.



## The Choralettes

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

Matilda is back to take us on a musical walk through her scrapbook memories. Directed by Janie Berry, enjoy this "Walk Down Memory Lane," as the group presents music that will have you singing with them!

A Love Offering will be accepted with all proceeds supporting New Covenant's Youth Ministry Summer Mission trips.



## Bach with a Beat

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

Join us as Bach presents "Bach to Rock." Broadway, jazz, classical, and rock and roll songs will have you wanting to dance in the aisles. Under the direction of Connie Emery, mark your calendars for this fun evening of great music.

Tickets: \$15

Tickets are only available at The Villages Box Office.

A partnership with New Covenant's Outreach Ministry.

# Missions & Outreach



## Breaking the Chains of Addiction

We all have family, friends, and associates who suffer from the chains of addiction. House of Hope, an independent 501C3 charity, offers a 12-month residential, Christian-based program. More than 120 men have returned to children and families with changed lives, free from the chains of addiction.

We now need your prayers and support. Our landlord has swapped land with The Villages and **WE MUST VACATE BY JULY 1**. There are many ways to support House of Hope. You can sponsor a resident to cover monthly expenses, make a pledge toward our new campus, or join us at our Gala Dinner. For more information, please contact Gene Barton at [bartgene37@gmail.com](mailto:bartgene37@gmail.com).



## "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](mailto:bartgene37@gmail.com).

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

# TidBits



## New Website Tips & Tricks!

On our website, you can access a whole sermon series! The pastors break their sermons into themes, called sermon series. When you access a sermon series on the website, you are able to study using the worship video, blog, and newsletter for each week.

To access the sermon series, go to our website at [www.ncumfl.com](http://www.ncumfl.com). On the top menu, click "Media," then click "Sermon Series." You may then go to either the Lake Deaton or Summerhill sermon series!



## 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!



## Yoga at New Covenant

**Mondays: 4 p.m. Intermediate, 5 p.m. Beginners — Lake Deaton Campus**

**Wednesdays: 4 p.m. Intermediate, 5 p.m. Beginners — Summerhill Campus**

There is a suggested \$3 donation per class that supports our Congregational Health Ministry.



## 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.

# Congregational Care



## Caregiver Learning Day

Friday, March 22 from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. — Fellowship Center

We are excited to host a Caregiver Learning Day led by The Alzheimer's Family Organization. This is a free event offered to caregivers, families, and health-care professionals. To register for the Caregiver Learning Day, please visit [www.AlzheimersFamily.org/Caregiver](http://www.AlzheimersFamily.org/Caregiver) or call (352) 616-0170.



## Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilts

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 — but each for someone in special need of prayer.

For Prayer Quilt requests, please visit our website at [www.ncumfl.com](http://www.ncumfl.com), select the "Portal" tab at the top of the page, and click the "Congregational Care" button, then the "Submit a Prayer Quilt Request" button, and select Summerhill. You may also get a "Prayer Quilt Request Card" in the Attendance Pads, at the Welcome Center, Congregational Care Office and Administration Office.



## Happy Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesdays from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Classroom 14

If you are interested in helping with this ministry, you may join us any time. What started as skeins of colorful thread has become an intertwined wrap of prayers to cover shoulders that need divine love and peace — hugging your heart — telling you that God loves, understands, and is with you.

This Ministry is also looking for donations of yarn. You may drop off your donations in the Congregational Care Department. For more information, please visit our website at [www.ncumfl.com](http://www.ncumfl.com), select the "Who We Are" tab at the top of the page, and select "Congregational Care" from the drop-down list.



## Precious Pillows

Tuesday, March 19 at 12:30 p.m. — Classroom 14

Our Precious Pillows Ministry makes pillowcases for pillows distributed to children in need throughout our tri-county area, including homeless and foster children. Your willing hands are needed to help cut, stuff, and/or sew.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.ncumfl.com](http://www.ncumfl.com), select the "Who We Are" tab at the top of the page, and select "Congregational Care" from the drop-down list.



## Toby's Encouragers:

Toby's Encouragers is looking for a few good men and women! This Visitation Ministry visits shut-ins in area assisted living, nursing homes, and memory care facilities that may not receive a visit otherwise. This team sees the same person each time, and develops a relationship with that person.

Toby's needs men to be involved to visit other men, and also a few women to help balance out their team. For more information about Toby's Encouragers, contact Carolyn Merryman at (352) 753-7778 or [ckmjem@comcast.net](mailto:ckmjem@comcast.net).



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilt on the altar rail is for Edith Skinner who had a bad fall and is suffering from a brain bleed. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Joy Buckner, family and friends on the passing of her brother Bradford Cornell; and Carol & Gailey Carpenter, family and friends on the passing of their daughter Sherri Whitely.

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

## New Concerns

Pete Bondo, Betty, Stephanie Fazio, Johnson Family, John Gould, James Hark, John Hark JR., Elizabeth Hollows, Louie, Michael Jenkins, Nellie Martin, June Rademacher, Gary Ross, Sally, Richard Siero, Keith & Mary Jo Smith, Thelma Turek, Zac