

ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Heidi Toloczko in celebration of the birthday of Vicki Lyon.

Missions & Outreach



Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings

As the public health situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to change and restrictions become tighter, we are making the decision to close the Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop out of respect and concern for the health of all those who enter our store and the community that surrounds us.

At this time, the plan is to reopen the store with normal hours on Tuesday, March 31 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. The truck will continue to make its scheduled pickups during this time, as long as the customers are still willing to have our crews enter their homes. Ryan and/or Denny will be at the store and available to help with unloading. Thank you all for the dedication you continue to show for the Bargains & Blessings and Helping Hands ministries. Take care of yourselves during this time of uncertainty, and we will look forward to seeing you when the store resumes normal operations.



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

These Concerts And Events Have Been Canceled:

- Celebration Brass Band and Brass Band of Central Florida
- The Martins
- Resurrection Celebration
- Bach with a Beat
- The Villages Symphonic Winds
- Angie Rose. One Woman ... All Swing! Featuring Jerry Bruno & "Out of LA"
- The Villages Flute Choir

If you purchased tickets at The Villages Box Office, you will be contacted by the Box Office regarding refunds. If you purchased at our Ticket Kiosk or on-line through iTickets and paid with a credit card, iTickets will issue refunds. If you paid using cash/check, you will receive a reimbursement check from New Covenant.

CHURCH CONFERENCE



Church Conference

The Church Conference and Town Hall Meetings have been temporarily postponed. You will be notified when they have been rescheduled. 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 Monday, April 6.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"Perfection of performance is not a prerequisite to God's love."

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	Chapel
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	Signs of the Time in the Wilderness	Classroom 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Signs	Revealing the Mysteries of Heaven	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	Current Issues	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.



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

EMAIL: NCUMC@NCUMCFL.COM
WEBSITE: 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.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 1,353

(Summerhill Saturday) 152 • (Summerhill Virtual) 265

(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-97 • 9:15-302 • 10:45-211

(Lake Deaton) 9:30-85 • 11:00-36 • (Lake Deaton Virtual) 128

(Orchard Worship) 4 • (Grounded Youth Group) 14 • (Fresh Expressions) 59

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

MARCH 21 & 22, 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. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor



December 17, 2019 will be a date that many of us at New Covenant will remember for quite some time. That is the day that our beloved Senior Pastor was seriously injured in an automobile accident. After numerous surgeries, physical therapy, a serious infection, and a long (thirteen weeks!) recovery period, Pastor Harold returns to the pulpit this weekend virtually! During the course of this journey, Donna has kept us well-informed about Pastor Harold's progress as well as ministering to us with her beautiful words, "So, as the scripture tells us, 'For everything there is a season.'" Harold and I are so thankful for each new day and new season. We are blessed each day. During the difficult parts of the seasons we have been through over the last 58 days, we know we have been carried. Carried by the Holy Spirit. Carried by you, our friends, our family, our flock, our faithful."

Both Donna and Pastor Harold are so grateful for your love, cards, meals — and most importantly — prayers during this time.



CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



Our March 23 New Member Class has been Canceled

Next New Member Class will be Monday, September 21

Registration is required. Registration for the September class begins Tuesday, March 24. 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."

Did You Know There Are Different Types of 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.

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



Need Help?

We are encouraging you to call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 if you need assistance with any of the following: groceries, medications, pet food, or prescription pick up.

VOLUNTEER CENTRAL



Volunteers Needed!

When we resume our regular church services, we will need volunteers to fill various positions. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or bprindle@ncumcfl.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

Time, Talents, and Treasures



No Collection Plates? What Do I Do Now?

We have often heard it said, "What a small world we live in," or "What a crazy world we live in." The coronavirus has shown us just how true both statements are. When have you ever heard our ministers say, "Stay home," or "No collection plates will be passed"?

However, even if our worship services are being abbreviated, the church offices are open and the cost of church operations is not being suspended or canceled. Our vendors still want to be paid. The power company wants to be paid and our great staff wants to be paid.

It's a time for us to take ownership in our church. Remember that among our membership vows to our church is to faithfully participate in its ministries by our prayers and our gifts.

Therefore, I am asking that you not forget your church just because you may not be attending a Worship Service. You can mail your tithe and offerings to the Church Office at 3470 Woodridge Drive, The Villages, FL 32162. Another option is to sign up for Online Giving by going into the "Portal" on the church's web site, www.ncumcfl.com. App Giving and Text Giving are also available. For instructions, call Marissa in the Church Office at (352-750-4529), or on our website under the "Resources" tab and select "Giving."

The health of our members is important, as is the financial health of our church. Please keep in mind that your church is still prepared to serve you and your needs.

Charles Stuart, Chair, New Covenant Finance Team

DISCIPLESHIP



The Women's Connect Small Groups (CSG)

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.



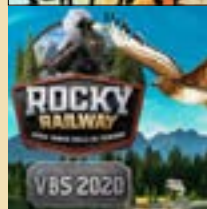
Mark Your Calendars for the May Women's Gathering!

Thursday, May 14 from 10-11:45 a.m. with lunch to follow

Both the March and April Women's Gatherings are canceled due to health concerns. Registration for the May Gathering will begin April 18.

The cost is \$10. If you were registered for the March Luncheon, we have automatically saved you a spot! If you are unable, or not planning, to attend the May event, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com, so we can process a refund to you.

Family Ministry



Youth Summer Camps and Events

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

Vacation Bible School

- Monday through Friday, July 6-10

Family Pool Party

- Saturday, August 8

Basketball Camp

- Monday through Friday, June 1-5

TKC Camp

- Monday through Friday, July 27-31

Online Registration is open. To register, go to 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, please contact Kayla at (352) 750-4529 or kdesimone@ncumcfl.com.



Youth Car Wash Has Been Postponed

For more information, please contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister at (352) 750-4529 or kdesimone@ncumcfl.com.



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



"Fear Not" — the Congregational Care Office is Here for You!

Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m.

For God has NOT given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

During these days of concern, not knowing what the proper protocols are to endure a worldwide pandemic, even Christians can find themselves living with anxiety. Do I have all that I need to weather the coming storm of uncertainty? God teaches us whatever may come our way: *Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. (Isaiah 41:10)*

If you are feeling anxious, please contact the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 and one of our staff would love the opportunity to talk to, and pray with you.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

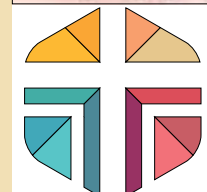
Anna da Silva, family and friends on the passing of her husband Roland; Barb Doerner, family and friends on the passing of her husband Bob; Ed & Janice Bailey, family and friends on the passing of their daughter Karen Fedro; Donna Phaneuf, family and friends on the passing of her daughter Danalynn Minshew; and family and friends on the passing of Susan Moulton.

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

New Concerns

Alice Gatecliff, Mr. Goodwin, Jan & Pat Murphy

VIRTUAL CHURCH



This Weekend, March 21-22

In response to Bishop Carter's recommendation of no public worship, all Worship services are suspended this weekend. Due to not being able to gather in large groups, New Covenant has opted to do all of our Worship Services online. Complete instructions on how to access these Worship Services are included in the Pastor's eblast.



Staying Connected to Your Church

We want you to stay connected to God and to your church during these times when we are not able to congregate in worship. On weekdays, various staff will be sharing a scripture and prayer on the New Covenant United Methodist Summerhill Facebook page and on our website (under Live Video). We hope this will encourage you as we travel this new season. These short videos will be posted Monday through Friday at 8 a.m.

Beginning this Sunday, March 22, Family Ministry will have guest readers sharing a nighttime story on the Children's Ministry Facebook page. We hope that this will be a fun and exciting video time for you and your kids. Share it with your friends!

Grounded Youth is taking a new direction beginning this Sunday. They will have a chat session with Kayla on Instagram Live! Regular times are in place!

Pastor Gary will be starting a new study online! Stay tuned for more info!

Have Questions about Cancellations at the Church?

If you have any questions about classes or event cancellations, please check the church calendar on our website. Click the "Events" tab at the top of the homepage, then "Calendar." You may also click this link, <http://50.192.211.137/virtualems/BrowseEvents.aspx>.