

## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Sharon Rieve in memory of her husband Hap on the anniversary of his passing; and Bev Miller in celebration of Vicki Lyon's birthday.



### 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 beginning this weekend.

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.



### 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).



### Men — Save The Date!

Saturday, April 13

The Journeymen of Lake Deaton and the Summerhill Men's Ministry are co-sponsoring an outing at Blackjack Sporting Clays. This shotgun shooting event was a big hit last year and this year we're adding a cookout lunch.

The cost is \$65 (payment by check is preferred), and includes high-quality shotgun rental (12 ga.), golf cart rental, 50 shells, 50 clay pigeons, and lunch. For more information or to register for this event, please contact Jay Schmidt at (936) 697-3442 or [jay.schmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:jay.schmidt@yahoo.com). Registration is open until Sunday, April 7.



### 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).

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

Ephesians 4:1-3

*"Pride makes us artificial and humility makes us real."*

Thomas Merton

**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.

### 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	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Discipleship and Mission	Classrooms 6/7
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	The High Cost of College	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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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: 3,221

(Fresh Expressions) 60 • (Saturday Contemporary) 338

(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-239 • 9:15-926 • 10:45-742

(Lake Deaton) 8:00-112 • 9:30-430 • 11:00-307

(Celebrate Recovery) 31 • (Orchard Worship) 12 • (Grounded Youth) 24

## 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 23 & 24, 2019

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton  
Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

# Invite a Friend to Worship

### Do you remember how you first came to church?

For many of us, it is because a friend invited us to visit their church. Maybe within a couple of visits, you decided this was a good place for you... a place to call "Home." New Covenant is a warm, inviting church with two campuses. We realize that many people in our community and surrounding areas don't have a place to call "home," and we would love to share what wonderful things God is doing here!

For that reason, we have decided to dedicate Palm Sunday weekend (April 13-14) as **Invite a Friend to Worship**. Beginning today, there will be invitation cards you can give out to your friends, neighbors, co-workers, and even family. Palm Sunday is always a great time of celebration as we prepare our hearts for Jesus Christ to come again, but also as we begin the journey to the cross and resurrection.

Think about this... church can be intimidating when venturing out on your own, but how nice would it be to come with a friend and make them feel welcome and loved? Maybe this is an ideal time to take them to breakfast or lunch after Worship Services.

Matthew 28:19 tells us, **"Therefore, go, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit."** The most important word in that verse is **GO!**

Let's all get going and invite others to come be a part of our joy!

# 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 with Angie Rose

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. — Summerhill Campus

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.

# connections



## April Women's Gathering — "Come to the Cross"

Thursday, April 11 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Please note earlier date due to Easter. There is a great deal to learn about Christ and ourselves by reflecting on His last words on the cross.

As you learn about Christ's messages from the cross, you will have an opportunity to reflect on these messages at a personal level by attending the Prayer Stations in the Chapel the week before Easter. The dates and times are: Wednesday, April 17 from 9a.m.–5 p.m.; Thursday, April 18 from 9 a.m.–8 p.m.; or Friday, April 19 from 11 a.m.–2 p.m.

**Menu:** Chicken Breast Toscana with Olives, Tomatoes, and Zucchini; Pasta in Toscana Sauce; Italian Salad; and Tiramisu

**Tickets: \$8.** Tickets will be available beginning Saturday, March 23 at 4 p.m.



## 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).



## Connect with a Small Group

**Love God! Love Others! Together is Better!**

If you want to enrich your relationship with God through Christ-centered study, be a part of a safe, confidential environment that results in connecting with, and caring for, one another and serve as the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus in our local Community, then you should consider being part of a Connect Small Group.

Groups are available for men, women, couples, and singles. To learn more about getting connected in a group, please contact Jenny Sweat at [jsweat@ncumcfl.com](mailto:jsweat@ncumcfl.com) or call (352) 750-4529.

# TidBits



## Who's Ready for Summer 2019?

New Covenant Summerhill Campus has plenty of fun things planned for kids and their families — TKC Camp, Basketball Camp, a Family Board Game Night, and even a Water Day & Cookout!

If you're interested in volunteering for one or more of our summer events or would like more information, please contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at [kdesimone@ncumcfl.com](mailto:kdesimone@ncumcfl.com).

Registration for our Family Events & Summer Camps will open at the end of March. To register online, go to the church website at [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com) and click the "Portal" tab at the top of the page, then click the "Registrations" tab.



## 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.

**The Florida United Methodist Children's Home**  
Fifth Sunday Weekend is Next Weekend, March 31.  
Look for the envelope in next weekend's bulletin.

# Congregational Care



## Is Your Memory Like a Sieve?

Wednesdays, April 17 thru May 15 from 2-3:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Would you like to be like an elephant who "never forgets?" If your memory needs some assistance, we have some helps/aids for you! For five weeks, we will teach you some aids, practice them, and play memory-sharpening games. No stress! We will learn and just have fun!

If you would like to attend, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529. Classes will be led by Rev. Marilyn Anell and Linda Rimington.



## 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.

For more information about Toby's Encouragers, contact Carolyn Merryman at (352) 753-7778 or [ckmjem@comcast.net](mailto:ckmjem@comcast.net).



## 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.



## Stephen Ministry is Here for You

If you are in a crisis and could use some help from a trained, caring Christian friend, please consider requesting a Stephen Minister.

Please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529 to receive more information on this caring ministry and to receive support. A Stephen Minister will walk with you through a crisis, listening, and praying for you all the way.



## 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.

For more information, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support.



## The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Bob Doerner who had colon surgery; Rock Ice, a nine-year-old who is very depressed as his mother's cancer treatment is not going well; and Susan Edwards who is recovering from surgery. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

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

Randy Cowles, family and friends on the passing of his wife Holly.

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

## New Concerns

Melissa Bond, Lenny Capabianco, Charlie Couckuyt, David, Rene Foster, Lisa Hardy, Lequine Hilderbrand, Elizabeth Hollows, Susan Hourigan, Rob & Deb Isherwood, Sue Latham, Neal Leimbach, Michael Mahl, Bill McClelland, Sandi Pearson, Ali Ryan, Brittany & Matt Reynold, Van Swanson, Sylvia Wagner, Doug Wilcox, Alexandria Wright, Bill Wright