

ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Jerry & Bev Miller in celebration of their 50th anniversary;
 Dick & Suzanne Zummerman in celebration of their 30th anniversary;
 Allan & Janet Cragg in celebration of their 20th anniversary; and
 Gene Murry in memory of his wife Mary.

WORSHIP LORD



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 wafers and individual cups at stations located at the FRONT and BACK center serving sections.



Easter Flowers

This is the last weekend to sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex for Easter flowers to be given in honor or memory of loved ones. The plants are "Florida-friendly" plants, so we encourage you to take them home to transplant them in your garden for lasting enjoyment.

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 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 or just show up for rehearsal!



"Invite a Friend" Palm Sunday Weekend

Saturday & Sunday, April 13-14

We hope that you will each invite someone that does not have a church home to attend a service at either campus. We have invitation cards available for you to hand out to neighbors and friends. Please take five with you.

Some other suggestions are giving an invitation to your wait staff at a restaurant, your hairdresser or barber, golf or pickleball acquaintance, your doctor or other medical personnel, and there are so many more! Palm Sunday weekend is an exciting time, as we celebrate Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem over 2000 years ago, and prepare our hearts for the journey to the cross and resurrection. Let's not keep the wonderful joy of the Risen Christ to ourselves; invite others to join you in our Holy Week celebrations.



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.

We can learn what's important to Jesus from what was spoken in His last words on the cross. It's easy to understand how He can relate to our feelings when He experienced the same feelings on the cross. Step through Christ's journey with these meaningful prayer stations.



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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

"Today's thoughts are tomorrow's actions... Today's jealousy is tomorrow's temper tantrum. Today's bigotry is tomorrow's hate crime. Today's anger is tomorrow's abuse. Today's lust is tomorrow's adultery. Today's greed is tomorrow's embezzlement. Today's guilt is tomorrow's fear."

—Max Lucado

Lord, you keep no record of our wrongs. Your grace is amazing. Your mercy is beyond measure. Your love is abundant. We are grateful. Thank you for all you gave and continue to give. In Jesus' 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.

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 Book of James	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	Alex Trebek and Jeopardy!	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.

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: 4,852

(Fresh Expressions) 124 • (Saturday Contemporary) 343

(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-177 • 9:15-827 • 10:45-666

(Lake Deaton) 8:00-126 • 9:30-390 • 11:00-166

(A Resurrection Celebration Choir Concert) 3:00-994 • 7:00-986

(Celebrate Recovery) 22 • (Orchard Worship) 8 • (Grounded Youth) 23

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



National Volunteer Week April 7-13, 2019

The week is an opportunity to recognize those who contribute to the community. Here at New Covenant, it's a time of year when we honor our volunteers for their selfless contributions, and recognize the irreplaceable impact of their year-round time, energy and caring. We are blessed to have so very many volunteers that serve in our leadership team and in our ministries. In addition to those volunteers, we have many others who serve behind the scenes.

In honor of National Volunteer Week, we would like to recognize each of our volunteers. We could not function, and have the family we do here at New Covenant, without them. Our family makes such a difference in our community. We could not be who we are without each and every one of our volunteers. Our heartfelt thanks, appreciation and love go out to each one of them for exemplifying our Core Values. We are so grateful for your faithful service to New Covenant United Methodist Church! Thank you for being His hands, feet, and voice in the world.



APRIL 6 & 7, 2019

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton
Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

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Emmaus: Tri-County Cluster Meeting & Agape Workshop

Friday, April 12 from 10 a.m.–12 p.m. — Classroom 14

For more information about the Cluster meeting or the Agape Workshop, please contact Nancy Casto at (352) 633-3288 or (304) 482-4269.



Discover New Covenant

Saturday, April 13 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Sunday, April 14 following Worship Services — Fellowship Center

Everyone is encouraged to attend and get answers to questions about connecting 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.



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.



Connect Small Groups — Men's Small Group

Men, are you connected in a small group with other men in a safe, caring environment? You don't have to be an expert on spiritual matters or know all the answers. You simply have to show up and discover how you can more effectively live into the mission/vision of our church in your spiritual journey.

Currently we have openings in a few men's groups. For more information or to express interest in a men's group, please contact Bill Beasley at bilibeas8@gmail.com.



New Member Classes

Monday, May 13 from 6–7:30 p.m.

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." For more information, please contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@ncumcfl.com.

VOLUNTEER CENTRAL



Connectional Ministry "Phone Callers"

We need volunteers to make no more than ten phone calls a week to members who have missed four weeks or more. Being a large church, this is a great way to care for one another. We want to let people know they are missed, and if appropriate, connect them to the Care Department.

Volunteers will receive a short list to call each week and report the results to the Connectional Ministry Coordinator, so we can love our people as Jesus loves us. For more information, contact Joyce Dunne at (352) 750-4529 or jdunne@ncumcfl.com.



Volunteers Needed for Youth Ministry

If you have any experience working with children and/or youth, we invite you to become a volunteer in our Family Ministry. We have opportunities to serve in a variety of ministries — from Orchard Kids Worship to Grounded Youth Group to our Performing Arts after-school program.

If you're interested or would like more information, please contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at kdesimone@ncumcfl.com.

Missions & Outreach



Wildwood Food Pantry Spring Food Drive

Please join our church community as we help those less fortunate. Food collection bags will be placed on your car or golf cart during Worship Services this weekend. Donations are to be returned next weekend, Saturday and Sunday, April 13 and 14.



Gleaning

Thursday, April 18 from 7:30 a.m.–1 p.m. — Long and Scott Farm

Please join us for a gleaning trip to pick cabbage. We will meet at the West entrance of the Summerhill campus no later than 7:15 a.m. The bus will leave promptly at 7:30 a.m. and will return by 1 p.m. We will provide tools and bottled water.

For more information please contact Leon Schien at (352) 245-6615 or leonschien@gmail.com.



Helping Hands Annual Golf Tournament

Saturday, May 11 — Eagle Ridge Golf Club (Spruce Creek Del Webb)

The tournament fee is \$85 (golf cart included). The Banquet and Silent Auction will take place immediately following golf. Additional banquet tickets may be purchased for \$20.

Register at a kiosk in the East Narthex. If you have any questions, please contact John Kelley at (352) 259-6380 or Buddy Acton (352) 425-4457.

DISCIPLESHIP BIBLE STUDIES



Spiritual Growth

New Covenant's core values are qualities that we believe are important in our lives as Christians. Spiritual Growth is one of these. With Ellen Pollock moving into the role of Discipleship Pastor, we decided to take a quick survey with the hopes of getting a foundation of where we are in this particular core value.

If we have your email on record, you may have received a short, ten-question survey this week. Please complete it online, and your opinion will be documented. Thank you for helping us plan better messages, Bible studies, and other educational opportunities! You may also access the survey through our website or our Facebook page.



"Invitation to Romans" Bible Study

Wednesdays, May 8–June 26 from 2:30–4 p.m.

"Invitation to Romans" is an eight-week DISCIPLE Bible Study which explains how people have interpreted Romans through the ages. You will have a more informed commitment to Paul's radical vision of God's relationship to both Christians and Jews, and to their relationship to each other.

The cost of the class is \$15, which includes your participant book. Online registration begins, Saturday, April 13. You may also register at the kiosk in the East Narthex the weekends of April 13-14, 26-27, and May 4-5. For more information, please contact George de Jager at (352) 430-2738 or georgedejager@comcast.net.



Last Chance to Sign Up! Registration Ends April 7

Saturday, April 13 — Blackjack Sporting Clays, Sumterville

The Journeymen of Lake Deaton and the Summerhill Men's Ministry are co-sponsoring an outing and 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.

Congregational Care



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, April 11 from 10 a.m.–12:30 p.m. — Chapel

Prime Time will be having a program on The Giving Doll project, as well as our usual wonderful music and an easy exercise session led by Kayla!

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, April 8. Also, if you make a reservation and then can't make it, please let us know so we can get an accurate count for lunch!



National Healthcare Decisions Day

Tuesday, April 16

This day highlights the importance of having a plan for advanced care decisions. As part of this awareness, Congregational Care would like to remind everyone that we have a booklet available called "Five Wishes." It covers such topics as to your health care agent, the type of medical treatment you would want, and other important concerns.

We also have available the Life Inventory Form, which provides a way for you to make known your choices regarding memorial services and funerals, and lists family contact information. The Life Inventory Form is kept on file in our office. The Congregational Care Office would like to acknowledge Judy Flickinger, the author of *Spirit Matters*, for making us aware of this important date.



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.



YOGA!

Mondays at Lake Deaton and Wednesdays at Summerhill

Please Note: During the Easter holiday, the Summerhill Yoga classes are canceled on Wednesday, April 17, and Lake Deaton classes are canceled Monday, April 22.

The Intermediate classes begin at 4 p.m. and the Beginner classes begin at 5 p.m. A suggested donation of \$3 per class supports our Congregational Health Ministry. We encourage you to bring a yoga mat and a water bottle, however, there are extra mats and blocks available.

For more information about the Summerhill classes, please contact Kayla DeSimone at kdesimone@ncumcfl.com and for the Lake Deaton classes, please contact Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Teresa Jelly, whose cancer has returned; Gene Hill, an Honor Flight attendee; and Barbara Turcott who has a perforated bowel with emergency surgery. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

The family and friends of Monna Aaron.

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

New Concerns

Bob Barber, Richard Briggs, Jack Godsil, Susan Hourigan, Ellen Jeffer, Don Kinley, Earlene Knox, Mary Ann & Don Mautey, Mary McDonald, Louie N, Patty Nuernberg, Veda Placek, Chloe Priser, H.E. Quillen, Linda Shipic, "Aunt Sissy," Barbara Smith, Donna Williams

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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

Tickets are available at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services and on our website (credit card fees will apply).

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.



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

Thursday, April 11 from 10-11:45 a.m. — Summerhill Campus

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 9 a.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 are available at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex between Worship Services and on our website (credit card fees will apply).



University of Charleston (W. Va.) Concert Choir and University Singers

May 7 at 7 p.m. — Lake Deaton Campus

This concert features music by Dan Forrest, Randall Thompson, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Eric Whitacre, Joseph Martin, Lead Belly, Freddie Mercury, and Paul Simon. The 25-voice ensemble is conducted by Dr. Joseph Janisch.

A Love Offering will be accepted.

The ticket kiosk WILL BE CLOSED Easter Weekend (Saturday and Sunday, April 20-21) so everyone can celebrate our Savior's resurrection and enjoy worship time with their friends and families.