## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Mary Jean Byrnes in memory of her son David Byrnes on the anniversary of his passing; and Peggy Dresser in memory of her husband Dick on his birthday.

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!

## FAITH ORSHIP - SRE

#### **Palm Crosse**

Please pick up a palm cross as you leave Worship Service today.



#### **Easter Floral Crosses**

The Guild will have a wire cross at the East and West entrances on Easter weekend. Carnations will be available for you to place in the wire in memory or honor of a loved one. If you prefer, you may bring a flower from your garden to insert on the cross.



#### **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.



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.



## 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. A Love Offering will be accepted.



#### Women's May Gathering – "This is My Father's World" Thursday, May 16 from 10–11:45 a.m. — Fellowship Center

For our last gathering of the season, we will spend time in various activities, praying for our world and talking about how we can make a difference through prayer at home.

<u>Menu</u>: Salad Bar with Chicken, Steak, and Veggies; Pasta Salad and Potato Salad; Pineapple Sticks; Rolls; and Cherry Crisp with Whipped Topping

Tickets: \$8 and are available at the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex.

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS

"When you speak truth, you are God's ambassador. As you steward the money he gives, you are his business manager. When you declare forgiveness, you are his priest. As you stir the healing of the body of the soul, you are his physician. And when you pray, he listens to you as a father listens to a son or daughter.

You have a voice in the household of God. He has given you his ring."

Max Lucado

On this Palm Sunday, Lord, we have anticipated your arrival.

We celebrate you coming into our lives, and sharing the Good News.

Restore in us the fresh hope that your message of love always brings.

Today we sing your praises...Hosanna in the highest. 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.

#### Please Note: There are NO Christian Education Classes on Easter Sunday.

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	The Persistence of Print	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.

MAILING ADDRESS: 3470 WOODRIDGE DR. THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

PHONE: 352-750-4529 FAX: 352-259-2971

EMAIL: NCUMC@NCUMCFL.COM WEBSITE: WWW.NCUMCFL.COM

FACEBOOK: NEW COVENANT UMC, SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

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: 3,050
(Fresh Expressions) 125 · (Saturday Contemporary) 342
(Summerhill Sunday) 7:45–235 · 9:15–843 · 10:45–705
(Lake Deaton) 8:00–123 · 9:30–468 · 11:00–160
(Celebrate Recovery) 15 · (Orchard Worship) 10 · (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

Palm Sunday
Holy Week at New Covenant

#### SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

Seven Words on the Cross — Living His Last Words (Prayer Stations)

- Wednesday, April 17 from 9 a.m.–5 p.m. Chapel
- Thursday, April 18 from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Chapel
- Friday, April 19 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Chapel

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. — Classroom 3

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

## Holy Thursday Worship

April 18 at 6 p.m. — Christian Life Center

## Good Friday Worship Service with District Churches

April 19 at 12 p.m. — Christian Life Center
 Saturday Contemporary Worship

April 20 at 5 p.m.

### Easter Sunrise Service

• April 21 at 6:30 a.m. — East Parking Lot

\* Nursery will be available for children newborn to fifth grade.

APRIL 13 & 14, 2019

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton

Rev. Marilyn Anell, Visitation Pastor

Discipleship Pastor

#### Easter Worship

April 21 at 7:45 a.m. • 9:15 a.m.\* • 10:45 a.m.\* — Christian Life Center

#### **LAKE DEATON CAMPUS**

Journey to the Cross: A Walk-thru Easter Experience

April 18 from 12–6 p.m.

Come and walk a path depicting scenes starting with Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem through the sealing of the tomb.

## Holy Thursday Worship

April 18 at 6 p.m.

#### Easter Sunrise Service

April 21 at 6:30 a.m.

## Easter Worship

• April 21 at 8 a.m. • 9:30 a.m.\*\* • 11 a.m.

\*\* Nursery will be available for children newborn to five years old.

## connections



#### **Discover New Covenant — THIS WEEKEND!**

Saturday at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center Sunday 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 Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or bprindle@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 give it to a volunteer at the Welcome Center.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Pederson at (352) 775-9830 or <a href="mailto:sfpederson@comcast.net">sfpederson@comcast.net</a>.



#### **Connect Small Groups — Facilitator Gathering**

Sunday, April 28 from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Attention Facilitators of Small Groups! Have you ever wished you could "go deeper" in your group discussions with questions that lead to life transformation? If so, you are personally invited to attend the "Facilitators Gathering" immediately following the last Worship Service.

With other facilitators, you will explore, discuss, and discover how you can lead your group to "go deeper" in their thoughts, minds, and hearts resulting in changes to better reflect Jesus Christ.

To register or for more information, please contact Pat Webster at (443) 350-0707 or webster1852@ yahoo.com. Love God! Love Others! Together IS Better!

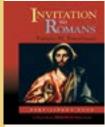




#### **Spiritual Growth**

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. 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 (click "Portal") 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 exploring how people have interpreted Romans through the ages, and is a good lens to view the history of Christianity itself. Compare what Paul writes in Romans to what theologians like Augustine, Luther and Calvin say in trying to understand Paul

At the end of this study your group 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, thanks to the "love of God in Christ Jesus."

The cost of the class is \$15, which includes your participant book. You can register on our website at www.ncumcfl.com; click on "Portal," then click "Registrations." You may also register at the kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend, April 27-28, and May 4-5. For more information, please contact George de Jager at (352) 430-2738 or georgedejager@comcast.net.

## Missions & Outreach



#### Wildwood Food Pantry Spring Food Drive

Thank you for your donations for our Spring Food Drive. You may bring food items any time and place them in the Wildwood Food Pantry donation boxes in both Narthexes. We appreciate your year-round support.



### **Bus Trip To Florida United Methodist Children's Home** Monday, May 13

You are invited to join us on a bus trip to the Florida United Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise, Florida. This is an opportunity to meet the staff, tour the beautiful facility grounds, and learn about all the services the Children's Home provides to children and families. Transportation will be provided by our church bus. We will stop for lunch on the return trip.

- Depart the Summerhill campus at 7:30 a.m.
- Depart the Lake Deaton campus at 8 a.m.
- Arrive at Children's Home at approximately 10 a.m.
- Depart Children's Home at 12:30 p.m.

You may sign up at the kiosk in the East Narthex this weekend and April 27 & 28. If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Dunstan at (352) 633-0470 or (804) 339-0991 or joshdunstan925@gmail.com. Registration deadline is Monday, May 6.



#### 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 <a href="mailto:leonschien@gmail.com">leonschien@gmail.com</a>.



## 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.

# 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 Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or <a href="mailto:bprindle@ncumcfl.com">bprindle@ncumcfl.com</a>.



## **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.

# Congregational Care



## **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.



#### **Running the Squares Spanish Springs**

Saturday, April 20 at 8 a.m. — 1004 Main Street, Lady Lake

Please join our team, "New Covenant UMC," when signing up. This is the third and final race of The Villages 2018-19 5K race series. Registration fee includes t-shirt and registration packet. T-shirts are available while supplies last.

#### Entry Fees (all fees are non-refundable)

• \$25 through April 17 — \$30 after April 17 and day of event

#### Pre-Registered Packet Pick-up

Friday, April 19 from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at La Hacienda Regional Recreation Center, 1200 Avenida Central, The Villages. Packets will also be available for pick-up on race day at the race site starting at 7 am. Contact Karen Hughes for more info twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



#### 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 on

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.

From 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: Mary McDonald who had emergency surgery for diverticulitis; and Janet Bunch who has breast cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

#### **New Concerns**

Steve Buatti, Ginny Buffone, Butch Daniels, Dave Daniels, Deb, John Fortier, Mike Gaston, Lou & Sue Jonas, Jean Gesdorf, Ron & Carol Gregg, Zac Hollar, Barbara Lakin, Sue & Dick Latham, Colleen Marchese, Barbara Kay Miller, Frances Popko, Buren Stahl, Rachel Teribury, Lois Thompson, Nancy Torres, William, Donna Williams