

"Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty."
—Mother Teresa



Virtual Worship

Please join us this weekend for our Virtual Worship Services. We will be streaming TWO services — one on Saturday night at 5 p.m. and the other on Sunday morning at 9 a.m. Just go to our website, Facebook page, or click this ["link"](#) to worship with Pastor Harold. As a reminder, Daily Prayer is available on our website and Facebook page as well.

CHURCH CONFERENCE



Town Hall Meeting and Church Conference

We are hopeful in anticipating the ability to begin fully operating again sometime in May and are scheduling the following:

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

As we prepare for the Church Conference, we have scheduled two Town Hall Meetings to address questions that you may have.

- Wednesday, May 27 at 9 a.m. (Summerhill Campus)
- Wednesday, May 27 at 4 p.m. (Lake Deaton Campus)

Church Conference

- Sunday, May 31 at 4 p.m. — Christian Life Center, Summerhill Campus

A Church Conference will be held to vote on the following item on the ballot:

- As a member of New Covenant United Methodist Church, I vote to launch the Lake Deaton campus as a separate United Methodist Church effective July 1, 2020. (Circle one) YES NO

Following the Church Conference, if the launch is approved, the Lake Deaton members will remain and vote on the following:

- As a member of the newly launched Lake Deaton "UMC" I vote to support the following:
 - » To approve the new name of the church
 - » To incorporate under the new name of the church
 - » To request an interest-only loan for two years from the Foundation to be effective immediately
 - » To approve the 2020 slate of the lay leadership roster as presented

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 Wednesday, May 13.

If the Church Conference vote is favorable, the intent will be to launch July 1. If not, there will be a reevaluation by the leadership team.

2020 General Conference

With the coronavirus disrupting lives worldwide, the General Conference of The United Methodist Church has been postponed until 2021.

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LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: NEW COVENANT UMC, SUMMERHILL CAMPUS
WE REGULARLY UPDATE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EVENTS.

[Viewing for the April 4 & 5 Weekend Services 4,077](#)

Summerhill (Video Online) 3,376 • Lake Deaton (Facebook Livestream) 679 • Youth (Online) 22



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



Shining a Light on the People and Causes that Inspire Us to Serve

Each year in the United States, one week is designated as National Volunteer Week. Established in 1974, National Volunteer Week has grown exponentially each year to recognize those people who strive to lead lives that reflect their values, our values, through the expression of service.

It is at this time that we formally recognize and express gratitude to our many volunteers in various service areas throughout the church. Whether as a choir member or a Joy Singer, a leader at New Covenant, a volunteer in the office, building or renovating a home, facilitating a small group or Bible study class, as a volunteer for Alzheimer's respite care, or at the local food bank, to all those who serve — doing good in many forms — we recognize and celebrate you.

This year, we are not able to be together to personally thank you. Please know that our appreciation and applause is certainly not lessened as we say, **"Thank You,"** virtually. We shine a light on each one of you who inspire all of us to use our time, talents, and voices to make a difference in our community. Thank you for being His hands, feet, and voice in the world!



CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



Mark Your Calendars for the May Women's Gathering!

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

"Great is thy Lord and most worthy of praise..." (Psalm 145)

Join us for our much anticipated Women's Gathering before summer begins. Lynn VanVeelen will lead us in learning creative ways to express our praise to God. We'll share ideas of how to praise God through writing and make our own journals to take home and use for the summer.

Menu: Roast Pork Tenderloin, Sweet Potato Soufflé, Garden Green Salad with Apples & Dates, and Marble Cake with White Frosting

Registrations begin Saturday, April 18. To register, click <http://bit.ly/ncumc2583>. If you registered for our March event and did not request a refund, we have automatically saved you a spot for our May Gathering!

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com.



Youth Summer Camps and Events

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.

Family Water Day & Cookout

- Saturday, May 30

Vacation Bible School

- Monday through Friday, July 6-10

Family Pool Party

- Saturday, August 8

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.



New Member Classes

Monday, September 21 from 6–7:30 p.m.

Did you know there are different types of church 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.

To register, please 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 or to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please email Barb Prindle at bprindle@ncumcfl.com.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Giving Trusts God's Provision

"The biggest deterrent to giving is fear, the fear that if I give away too much I won't have enough for this or that. When we give sacrificially, above and beyond what is comfortable and easy, we are expressing our faith and trust in God to provide for us and our family."

"This is not an argument for folly, but for faith. Many Christians have discovered the joy of casting their crumbs of bread upon the waters and multiple loaves returning after many days (Ecclesiastes 11:1). It's such a joy to see God fulfill His promise of provision when we obey Him." —David Murray

Congregational Care



Fear Not! — Congregational Care Office is VIRTUALLY Here for You!

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.



A Virtual Prayer Service

We are trying to find many ways to stay in touch and stay connected. One additional way we are going to do this is by offering a weekly prayer service on Wednesdays at noon. This will be led by Pastor Jeff Vermilya, Director of our Congregational Care Department. It will include a meditation, followed by a time of prayer together.

In order for you to participate more fully, we are providing a Litany, to provide an outline and a way for us to join in faith and unity, it will be available here every Monday before the prayer service on Wednesday. It is suggested to print the litany ahead of time. This prayer service will be live at noon, and will also be available here anytime after.

To access the service, you may click [here](#), or go to our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Ministries" and select "Discipleship." Then click "Summerhill Discipleship [see all programs]," then "Co-Ed Bible Studies [learn more]." The prayer litany is available there as well.



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.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Victor Slider, family and friends on the passing of his wife Donna Kay; and Ken Butler, family and friends on the passing of his wife Deborah "Debbie."

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

New Concerns

Pat Acton, Elizabeth Alwang, Kathleen Cannon, Patti Case, Donald Cutright, Dave Davis & family, Jan Douglas, Efran, Elizabeth Evans, Mary McDonald, Ninfa McMurtie, Richard, Selma Rose, Linda Ryan, Chattanooga, TN, Mike Vail, Stephen Wright

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>.

Church Closure

To comply with Governor DeSantis' order, the church and office will be closed until the end of April. We are available by phone at (352) 750-4529 during normal business hours: Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Food donations for the Wildwood Food Pantry or your church offerings may be dropped off at the Church Office, Monday or Thursday: Summerhill Campus from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. and Lake Deaton Campus from 9–11 a.m. We are also available by email at ncumc@ncumcfl.com. For updates, check our website at www.ncumcfl.com.