



**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.

**Town Hall Meeting and Church Conference**

There will be a special eblast coming to you on Friday from Pastor Harold addressing questions regarding the upcoming Church Conference.

**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.

**NEW COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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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 11 & 12 Weekend Services 5,213

Summerhill (Video Online) 3,993 • Lake Deaton (Facebook Livestream) 1,200 • Youth (Online) 20



**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



*“And he gave ... some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ.” —Ephesians 4:11-12*

Rev. Gary Cantrell will be retiring from active ministry at the end of April. Gary came to New Covenant in 2005 when he began his 15 years as Director of Ministry. At that time, he was responsible for: Discipleship, Children, Men, Women, Singles, New Members, Evangelism, and Outreach Ministries. Each ministry benefited and grew under his leadership. As the church grew and transitioned, so did Gary's role. In January 2019, Gary became the Director of Missions & Outreach and has focused his attention on the local community and global needs.

Gary has served in churches for over 40 years. He grew up in the Baptist tradition and was educated at Carson Newman University in Jefferson City, TN, and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. He and his wife Carolyn moved to Florida in 2000 to serve a Presbyterian Church in Clearwater.

At some point, after we are able to worship together, Pastor Gary will be back and will bless us with one final sermon and we'll be able to recognize him publicly at that time. In the meantime, please send your well wishes to his home at 6189 E Waverly Street, Inverness, FL 34452-8121.

We will all be very sad to see Gary go, but he will remain in our hearts forever.



# CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



## May Women's Gathering Has Been Canceled

*Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.* (James 1:12)

We are greatly disappointed to announce that at the direction of our bishop, we have been advised to cancel our May Women's Gathering. If you previously registered for our March Gathering, and did not request a refund, we have reserved a spot for you at our October Gathering. If you would like a refund or have any questions, please contact Ashley Hill at [ahill@ncumcfl.com](mailto:ahill@ncumcfl.com).



## Mother's Day Photos

For Mother's Day Worship Services the weekend of May 9-10, we will have a slideshow of pictures of mothers with their children. We would like to have pictures of you and your children, or your mother with her children, or your wife with her children, or you with your mother, and so on.

Please email pictures to our church email box at [ncumc@ncumcfl.com](mailto:ncumc@ncumcfl.com) by Monday, May 4 so your photo can be included.



## 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](http://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](mailto:bprindle@ncumcfl.com).

## 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.**

## Time, Talents, and Treasures



### Jesus Took Naps (Mark 4:38)

Time is limited and precious. We definitely don't want to waste it or just lose it. Yet for many right now, that may be what's happening. If you are like me, after my bible study and breakfast, I'm not sure what happens, but it's suddenly lunch time. After lunch it's nap time. As my *Signature Sound* t-shirt says, "Jesus Took Naps. I wanna be like Jesus."

I guess my point is that this may be a great time to connect with old friends, or family members. How about using your God-given talents by sewing masks, working on a prayer quilt, or helping at the food pantry. God has blessed us so.

Okay, I've talked about Time and Talents; now it's time for the Treasures portion of this Newsletter section. I have been amazed at how generous you have been even when there aren't any church services to physically attend. Thank you so very much. If you are not sure how to give, the church offices are open on Monday and Thursday from 9:00 to noon to drop off your donation, or go online to [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com) and click on "Giving Options" on the home page for numerous ways to contribute.

Please stay safe. Wear a mask when out. Stay home as much as possible.

Charles Stuart, Chair of Finance Team

# 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

**Wednesdays at Noon**

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 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 and the prayer litany, click [here](#), or go to our website at [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com) and click "Ministries" and select "Discipleship." Then click "Summerhill Discipleship [see all programs]," then "Co-Ed Bible Studies [learn more]."



## 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.



## Stephen Ministry is Here for You

There are times in our lives where it is especially helpful to have someone to listen, to pray with you, to be there to support and uphold you. That might be true right now as we deal with the impact and stress of COVID-19.

If you think it might be helpful, we in the Care Office would like to recommend to you that you consider connecting with a Stephen Minister. These well-trained, caring individuals are ready to walk with you during this time of your life. If you would like to be connected to a Stephen Minister, just call the Care Office and we will make arrangements for a Stephen Minister to be in touch with you.



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

Roger Stafford, family and friends on the passing of his wife Judy; Buddy & Sharon Acton, family and friends on the passing of his brother Pat Acton; Jenny & Mel Sweat, family and friends on the passing of her mother June Vogt; Rick & Kim Greenberg, family and friends on the passing of his brother Ben Greenberg; and Bill & Sylvia Alwang, family and friends on the passing of his sister Elizabeth Alwang.

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

## New Concerns

Tom Christoph, Verna Kolman & her son David Kolman,  
David Lyons Family, Delores Magnuson, Larry Raber, Gene Ridell, Carolyn Stock

## 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>.