

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. (2 Corinthians 12:9)

CHURCH CONFERENCE



Town Hall Meeting and Church Conference

With the upcoming Church Conference vote on Sunday, May 31, we are providing additional information to you on our website, which is available by clicking this [link](#).

There, you will see a video from Pastor Harold with his thoughts on the upcoming vote, as well as a video from Transition Team members Gary Search and Jonathan Baker addressing questions and answers. Accompanying that is a document with those questions and answers. Finally, you will also be able to submit any additional questions you may have. Please be sure to take a look at the valuable information we have made available to you.

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, those who intend to become members of the Lake Deaton Church will remain for a Constituting Church Conference and the following will take place:

- » Be welcomed into membership of the new church
- » Approve the new name of the church
- » Approve the 2020 slate of the lay leadership roster as presented

At the conclusion of the Constituting Church Conference, a Charge Conference will be called by the District Superintendent and the newly elected leadership team will vote on the following:

- » Incorporate under the new name of the church
- » Request an interest-only loan for up to two years or for a time period as determined by the Foundation

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 at bprindle@ncumcfl.com or (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.

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Viewing for the April 18 & 19 Weekend Services — 2,855
Summerhill 2,198 • Lake Deaton 645 • Youth 12



NEW COVENANT
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

Don Piper presents WIN! Over...

Upcoming Sunday School Series led by Rev. Don Piper: "Win! Over ..."

Don Piper has reached millions of people through his *New York Times* bestselling book, *90 Minutes in Heaven*, and the movie that was based on his book. Don is partnering with New Covenant by presenting a series that will help us navigate these challenging times. He will present his teachings virtually so everyone in our church and community can draw from his wisdom and words.

The new series begins this weekend and will be available on our website at www.ncumcfl.com, beginning each Sunday at 8 a.m. Click "Ministries", then "Discipleship", then "Summerhill", then "Sunday Education Classes." You may also click this [link](#). Each week, there will be study and reflection questions that will be drawn from Don's teaching for you to discuss with others in small groups. If you have a question based on his talk, please email Pastor Ellen at epollock@ncumcfl.com. Don will address any questions received in the following week's video. We hope you will tune in and learn from one of the premier pastors in America.

The Topics Will Be:

- Win! Over... Uncertain Times
- Win! Over... Depression
- Win! Over... Doubts
- Win! Over... Disappointment
- Win! Over... Fear
- Win! Over... Failure
- Win! Over... Discouragement



DON PIPER
MINISTRIES

About Don Piper

On his way home from a church conference in 1989, Don Piper's car was hit head-on by a semi truck. Emergency personnel responded and pronounced him dead on the scene. A passing minister received permission to enter Don's car and began praying over the lifeless body. Ninety minutes later, Don returned to life on earth with vivid memories of God's perfect place—Heaven. Thirty-four operations and years of recovery forced Don and his family to find a "new normal." His inspirational story has touched millions around the globe, helping many to find hope following tragedy and loss.

WORSHIP LORD

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Virtual Worship

We are now live streaming two different types of Worship Services each week.

- 5 p.m. — Saturday, Contemporary Worship with Sean and the Praise Team
- 9 a.m. — Sunday, Blended Worship with favorite hymns, piano, organ, and special music

You will be able to watch them at those times or anytime during the week. Just go to our website or 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.



Holy Communion

We will be observing Holy Communion during Worship Services this weekend. Please prepare by having grape juice and bread available as we observe this holy sacrament together as the body of Christ.

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. Everyone is welcome!



Mother's Day Photos & Message

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 by Monday, May 4 so your photo can be included.

We are pleased that Donna Hendren will be giving the Mother's Day message.

We Have the May/June Upper Room Devotionals Available

If you would like a devotional, please stop by the Administration Office, Monday or Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Christ's Perspective

"Welcome problems as perspective-lifters."* When we encounter problems we can respond in one of two ways, either up or down. How have you done with having to stay home and with the pandemic? Has it taken you down into a pit of self-pity? Or has it been like a ladder, enabling you to do the many things that you never seem to have time to do?

Things like cleaning out closets, calling old friends, or maybe, just maybe, reading your Bible more. Want to amaze Christ? Climb that ladder and see your life from Christ's perspective and look away from the problem.

Your church continues to be open on Monday and Thursday mornings. Many of the staff are available by phone during the week, and there is always a staff person available by phone 24/7.

If you see life from Christ's perspective, this "Stay Safe at Home" period is an opportunity to give your time and use your talents in ways you may have never thought possible. You can bring joy to yourself, to others, and perhaps amaze Christ even more.

Please stay safe,
Charles Stuart, Chair of Finance Team

*Quotes and some paraphrase from *Jesus Calling*, April 26.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



New Member Class 2020

Monday, September 21 from 6-7:30 p.m. — Chapel

Did you know there are different types of church memberships? Did you know you can join New Covenant and still retain your membership with your home church?

Types of Membership

- Full Member: New Covenant is your home church.
- Affiliate Member: You are a member of another United Methodist Church as a full member, but you attend New Covenant part of the year.
- Associate Member: You are a full member associated with another denomination, but also attend New Covenant.

Registration is Required

To register go to our website at www.ncumcfl.com click the Portal tab at the top of the homepage, or click this link: <https://www.ncumcfl.com/get-connected-at-summerhill>

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

Family Ministries



Youth Summer Camps

The Summer at New Covenant may look a little different due to concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic. We are currently following the direction of our Bishop and the Florida State Government.

At this point, Basketball Camp, Middle School Mission Trip, and the Senior High School Trip have been canceled. Our church's first priority is the care and safety of all who walk through our doors, especially our children and youth. Please continue to be in prayer for our families.

Contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at kdesimone@ncumcfl.com if you have any questions.

Women's 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.

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>.

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 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.



Keeping in Touch

We want you to know we continue to find ways to care for you during this time. Our CCMs are contacting people in facilities by phone to let them know we are praying for them. Our Praying Together group continue to lift up all our prayer needs.

Our Care Department staff are keeping up with those in the hospital, sending notes, and preparing for when we can return to meet together. If you know of someone who might benefit from a call or a note, please call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



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...

Rick & Orinda Christoph, family and friends on the passing of his father Tom Christoph; and the family and friends of Shirley Kirby on her passing.

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

New Concerns

David Berkaw, John Bliley, Robert Farrell, Harold Hall, Mary Margaret Hood, Cathy Johnson, Dave & Francine Kaplan, Eliam Kastello, Pat McLaughlin, Mila, Tamra Muir, Beth Ridell, Larry Rowold, Terry Sawyer, Roger Schug, Pastor Vinny