

“We need to find God, and he cannot be found in noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature — trees, flowers and grass — grows in silence; see the stars, the moon and the sun, how they move in silence... We need silence to be able to touch souls.”  
—Mother Teresa

# 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](mailto: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.

## NEW COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WE REGULARLY UPDATE OUR FACEBOOK PAGE WITH PHOTOS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND EVENTS.

Viewing for Weekend Services from April 25–May 2: 6,092  
Summerhill 5,301 • Lake Deaton 774 • Youth 17



**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. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor  
Rev. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill Discipleship Pastor



# CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



## Don Piper Sunday School Series: "Win! Over ..."

Lessons are available on our website beginning each Sunday at 8 a.m. 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.

To access this study, click this [link](#). If you have a question based on his talk, please email Pastor Ellen at [epollock@ncumcfl.com](mailto:epollock@ncumcfl.com).



## Lay Servant Online Course

Beginning May 26

Offered by the Conference and North Central District, this course is for those who are hungry to know how God can use them to help others during COVID-19.

This three-week, online course will give you clarity around your talents and the needs of your community. Learn online while connecting with others who want to lead better without losing time from your work and loved ones. Easy and doable even if you are new to online learning.

Click [here](#) to enroll if this course would serve you during this time. If you have any questions, please contact District LSM Director, David Palmer, at (352) 854-1728 or Florida Conference LSM Director, Rod Groom, at (941) 356-4566.



## New Member Classes

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

# Time, Talents, and Treasures



## Are You Weary?

*Come to me all you who are weary and burdened...* (Matthew 11:28). Pastor Harold's sermon last week centered on the need we have for rest — rest in the Lord. I am hopeful that during the last 6+ weeks, you have given yourself time to rest, to spend more time with your Bible, and in prayer. Though you may be weary of staying home, you have had a chance to take on the yoke of Jesus, and be ready soon to go out and help others and proclaim the word of the Lord.

That's when your God-given talents will shine. Remember the Dove commercial that Pastor Harold showed last week? Maybe you could use your Time & Talents by sending cards or letters to the doctors and staff in the area hospitals' ICU units, operating rooms, and the ER units. COVID-19 has not hit us as hard as other places, but we are fortunate to have these healthcare personnel serving us each and every day. Not sure how or where to help? Call the Church Office at (352)750-4529 to see where your help is or may be needed.

Please continue to practice safe distancing.

Charles Stuart, Chair of the Finance Team

# WORSHIP



## Virtual Worship

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

- 5 p.m. — Saturday, Contemporary Worship with 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. To worship with Pastor Harold, just go to our website or Facebook page, or click this ["link."](#)

As a reminder, Daily Prayer is available on our website and Facebook page as well.

# Missions & Outreach



## Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings

Bargains & Blessings will be reopening the store for customers beginning Tuesday, May 19. In compliance with state regulations, we will be operating at 25 percent customer capacity.

We will be accepting donations beginning that day, as well. However, due to distancing restrictions, we will be operating at a limited capacity of volunteers during this period.

We are asking church members who have large loads of items to donate to consider waiting until June 1 or after to make those large donations in order for our volunteers to have a chance to catch up on processing community donations. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation!

# CANCELATIONS & CLOSURES



## 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).



## 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.

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.

### These Events Have Been Canceled:

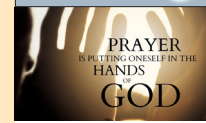
- Family Water Day Event (was scheduled for May 30)
- Basketball Camp (was scheduled for June 1-5)
- Middle School Mission Trip (was scheduled for June 7-13)
- BigStuf Worship Camp (was scheduled for June 22-26)

Contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at [kdesimone@ncumcfl.com](mailto:kdesimone@ncumcfl.com) if you have any questions.

## 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 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.



## Daily Prayer Moments

Weekdays at 8 a.m.

Weekday moments of scripture and prayer will continue throughout May. Join us daily on Facebook or click this [link](#) to share a brief time of prayer!



## 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, please click [here](#).



## 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...

Linda Byus, family and friends on the passing of her husband Charles "Charlie;" and Judy & Bill Tillmann, family and friends on the passing of her brother Ken Perry.

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

## New Concerns

Daniel Amber, Andrea Baker, Diana Blalock, Sandy & Mark Davis, Harold Ely, Bobbie Farmer, Dick Holcombe, Verna & Jack Kolman, Sandy Miller, Laura Shaw, Wauwatasa United Methodist Church

The May/June Upper Room Devotionals are available at the Welcome Center