

DISCIPLESHIP

Don Piper presents
WIN! Over...



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.



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!

CHURCH CONFERENCE

Sunday, May 31 at 4 p.m. — Summerhill Campus East Parking Lot

Please see the newsletter cover for logistics.

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 approve the launch of the Lake Deaton campus as a separate United Methodist Church effective July 1, 2020.
(Circle one) YES NO

A vote in favor of the ballot item will authorize and direct the Board of Trustees of New Covenant United Methodist Church to transfer to the new Lake Deaton church control of the real property holding company that is the borrower of the construction loan for the Lake Deaton campus from The Florida United Methodist Foundation and all the right, title, and interest of New Covenant United Methodist in all the land, buildings, and property constituting the Lake Deaton campus and all service contracts relating to the Lake Deaton campus.

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 Conference of the new church at which the following will take place:

- They will be welcomed into membership of the new church by transfer of membership.
- They will approve the name of the new church.
- They will elect the members of the Church Council (Strategic Action Leadership Team) for the new church.
- The District Superintendent will declare the new church to be properly constituted.

Immediately following the Constituting Conference, the District Superintendent shall conduct a Charge Conference of the new church for the following purposes:

- Organizing the new church, including the election of its officers, committees, and committee chairs
- Authorizing the assumption by the new church of control of the real property holding company that is the borrower of the construction loan for the Lake Deaton campus and the guaranty of that loan
- Authorizing the modification of the construction loan for the Lake Deaton campus to provide for interest only payments for two years or any longer or shorter period of time approved by The Florida United Methodist Foundation
- Authorizing the assumption by the new church of the liabilities, obligations, and indebtedness of New Covenant United Methodist Church under the service contracts relating to the Lake Deaton campus that become due and payable or required to be performed after the date of transfer to the new church

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 Thursday, May 28.

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.

"Take the first step in faith.
You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

WORSHIP



A Message from Bishop Carter

We ask that no "in-person" Worship Services take place through June 15. The actual date for when Worship Services will resume is still being determined, but by June 15, we will have clearer results from the reopening of the state of Florida to guide us in our decision making.

We will continue to monitor the realities in our communities and adjust our guidance as needed.

At all times we encourage proper social distancing, handwashing, the wearing of masks, and for sick persons or persons who have been in contact with the virus to remain at home. We are especially concerned that those most vulnerable to the virus be vigilant in the days ahead.

May God continue to walk with us in this season. We pray now for those who are sick and all our front line workers who are keeping us safe.

"We remain on mission together." — Bishop Ken Carter

Note: We have formed a reopening task force to help navigate this new normal that we are living into. Please watch for more updates.



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 YouTube page, or click this "<https://www.ncumcfl.com/new-page-56> ink." Instructions to access Virtual Worship is available on our website homepage by clicking on the "Summerhill Virtual Worship" button.

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

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

OFFICE HOURS
MONDAY-THURSDAY • 9 AM-4:30 PM
FRIDAY • 9 AM-1 PM



Viewing for Weekend Services from May 2-3: 4,892
Summerhill 4,020 • Lake Deaton 857 • Youth 15

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

MAY 16 & 17, 2020



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



Town Hall Meeting and Church Conference

Keeping in mind the guidance of Bishop Carter on public worship and following our state's direction, please make a note of the following changes to these events.

Town Hall Meeting - Wednesday, May 27 at 4 p.m.

Only one Town Hall meeting will take place and it will be a virtual meeting, live streamed on Facebook, from both the Summerhill and Lake Deaton pages, and also on our website homepage. You will be able to type questions in "real time" from our website or either Facebook page. Answers will be provided via the Town Hall meeting.

Church Conference - Sunday, May 31 at 4 p.m. /Registrations begin at 2:45 p.m.

Our Church Conference will be a "drive in" set up at the Summerhill campus. Your safety and the safety of our staff is of utmost importance, so we are asking that all members wear masks to the conference, and bring your patience as we need to register each member in each vehicle.

Entry by cars and golf carts will be via either CR 101 or Woodridge Drive. Once on campus, you will be directed to a queue, two for golf carts and three for cars. You will be asked to pull up where a staff member/volunteer will greet you. Members will be checked in, and provided a packet that will include instructions and the ballot. As a reminder, only Full Members may vote. If you have any questions about your membership, please call Barb Prindle by Thursday, May 28 at (352) 750-4529.

All vehicles will proceed to the East Parking Lot and be directed by volunteers where to park. Please comply with the volunteers' directions. All vehicles will face North (towards the Columbarium) and the stage will have a PA system. We will also have a radio transmitter for autos and carts; directions will be provided in packets at registration. Please note that no one may leave his/her golf cart or automobile.

Once the vote is taken and finalized, if it's positive, then Lake Deaton members will remain to vote on specific items related to the launch.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



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. It's 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 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.

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

Time, Talents, and Treasures



TTT and the PPP

When I discuss or refer to these weekly writings, I call them my TTTs (Time, Talents & Treasures). Today I want to thank you for your continued giving to your church and tell you about the PPP (Payroll Protection Program). You heard about it on the news. It was the first time that churches were allowed to apply for an SBA (Small Business Association) loan.

In Mid-March our donations had dropped 49 percent and the church leadership did not want to terminate or layoff any of our staff, so we applied for a loan. Citizens Bank and the SBA approved a \$400,000 loan for our church.

As a result of the loan, and thanks to you, our congregants, increasing your giving, we have paid the staff throughout the pandemic and they will continue to be paid.

Thank you again for your outstanding support of your church and your staff. We love THEM all.

Charles Stuart, Chair of the Finance Team

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!



Wildwood Food Pantry

The Food Pantry would like to thank everyone for their generous, ongoing support during the pandemic. We continue our food distributions, and with your help, look forward to supplying the needs of the Wildwood community. A mountain of donated food items and money were recently received, and we are grateful for each and every donation.

Currently, due to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols, we are using fewer volunteers to distribute food and take care of pantry chores. Our current needs include small cans of tuna/chicken (canned meats), spaghetti sauce, and jelly. Please NO more peanut butter.

Your food donations may be dropped off at the church, Monday–Thursday from 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

CANCELATIONS & CLOSURES



Altar Flowers

If you have previously paid for altar flowers for weekend services, while our worship services are suspended due to COVID-19, you will be contacted regarding rescheduling your flowers at a later date.

You may also contact Ann McBain at amcbain@ncumcfl.com with any questions. Thank You.



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)
- High School Mission Trip (was scheduled for July 12-18)

Contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at 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.



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.



Hospital Visitation

We are beginning to visit patients in hospital ICUs. As our situation begins to improve, we will be ready as soon as possible to visit all our hospitalized members.

As always, please call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 if you or a loved one is hospitalized or will be having surgery or a procedure. We truly want to be there for you!



Alzheimer's Support Group

While our Alzheimer's Ministry can't meet in person, our leaders have been creative in finding ways to stay connected. Currently they are holding teleconference calls for our support groups every Thursday. These are being well-received by all the participants.

Also in the works is a way to hold virtual "Joy Room" meetings for our loved ones. More to come on this innovative way to stay connected. We so appreciate all our volunteers in this amazing and much-needed ministry!



The Gift of Prayer

Prayer quilts are being sent to Verna Kolman who has multiple myeloma, and Bruce Dougall who will be having surgery for a tongue lesion. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Rod Miller, family and friends on the passing of his wife Sandy; Jan Watkins, family and friends on the passing of her husband Robert "Bob;" and Pat Phillips, family and friend on the passing of her sister Bobbie Farmer.

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

New Concerns

Ryan Anthony, Charles Blevins, Nancy Brandon, Sarah Campbell, Jed Daltorio, Bruce Dougall, Jim Hernandez, Patti, Lone Pitts, Alice Shumlas, Dick Stock, Mike Stramiello