

CHURCH CONFERENCE & TOWN HALL MEETING

Town Hall Virtual 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. Registration begins at 2:45

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 attendees 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.

The 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. Note: 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.

“What you believe about... what happens to you after you die... changes everything about how you live.” —C.S. Lewis

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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: At New Covenant we have formed a Reopening Task Force to help navigate this new normal that we are living into. The initial guideline is that the maximum capacity for any group gathering is limited to ten, but may be further limited based on room capacity. If you have any questions, please contact your Ministry Assistant/Coordinator.



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 “link.” Instructions to access Virtual Worship are 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.

The Path to Re-opening Survey

During the week of May 25, be on the lookout for an invitation to participate in this survey.

As we determine how to safely reopen our facilities for in-person worship services and expand our on-campus classes and ministry gatherings, we value your input in this anonymous survey and look forward to your responses.

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FACEBOOK

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 9-10: 4,265

Summerhill 3,554 • Lake Deaton 698 • Youth 13

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



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



MENTOR PROGRAM

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. (Galatians 6:9)

Become A Mentor We Are “Sowing Seeds” for the Lord!

Launched in September 2014, we are completing the sixth year of our Mentor Program, and have our second graduating class of Mentees! We have over 65 Mentors working with Mentees (students) from eighth to twelfth grade, primarily at Wildwood Middle High School.

New Mentors Needed

Our current Mentors “move up” with their Mentees, but because of how well-received the program continues to be, we have more students who are asking for Mentors. Each year, we recruit adults who have a heart for teenagers and a sincere desire to provide love, patience, guidance, and support over a period of five years as the Mentee journeys from eighth grade through graduation. The Mentor Program focuses on four foundational areas: physical, spiritual, behavioral, and academic/career needs.

“It’s teacher appreciation week and even though you’re my mentor not a teacher I feel you deserve appreciation too.”

“So I just want you to know I appreciate you for helping me and supporting me. You are such a great person and I am so lucky I got to be your Mentee.”

“You are so caring and supportive, I truly appreciate you. Thank you so much for being here for me.” (text from a Mentee to her Mentor, May 2020)

If God is leading you to do this, please contact Anne Foote Hill at (352) 750-4529 or afootehill@ncumcfl.com for an application. Applications are due by Thursday, July 2. Training sessions will be held in August, and the Mentor Program will kick off in September.

MAY 23 & 24, 2020

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill
Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton
Discipleship Pastor



CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



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 click this [link](#). For more information or to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please email Barb Prindle at bprindle@ncumcf.com.

DISCIPLESHIP



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@ncumcf.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!

Virtual Bible Study Opportunities

Be on the look out for Virtual Bible Study opportunities starting in June. Keep checking your newsletters for registration openings.

If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcf.com or (352) 750-4529.

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

Time, Talents, and Treasures



The Paul & Barnabas Story

Normally in this space I talk about investing your **Time** in the service of our Lord, or your God-given **Talents**, or about tithing or giving your **Treasures** to your church.

However, this week I wish to remind you of the Church Conference, next Sunday, May 31 at 4 p.m. It will be held in the East Parking Lot of the Summerhill campus. In order to vote, you must be a full member, attend, and stay in your car or golf cart. The purpose of the meeting is to decide if the Lake Deaton campus should be launched as a separate United Methodist Church.

This separation will be similar to the time when Paul and Barnabas went their separate ways (Luke 15:36-39) resulting in TWO great ministries. As with Paul and Barnabas, the result of launching Lake Deaton as a separate church will be beneficial to both churches.

Continue to stay safe and I will actually see you, from a distance, next Sunday afternoon.

Charles Stuart, Chair of the Finance Committee

Missions & Outreach



Florida Children's Home

Fifth Sunday Weekend is Next Weekend

The Children's Home includes residential living, therapeutic care, and foster and emergency shelter. On average, about 75 percent of our total funding comes from private sources, such as individual church support. Your offering enables the Children's Home to maintain its ministry to the children, youth, and their families.

Your check should be made out to "NCUMC" with "FUMCH" on the memo line. Please mail your check to New Covenant or drop it off during church office hours. Thank you for your support.



Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings

Bargains & Blessings is now open. The store capacity will be 20 people, including staff. This is in compliance with state regulations that we operate at 25 percent capacity.

Also, masks will be required for anyone (customer, volunteer, etc.) entering the store in order to create a safe environment for our volunteers and customers. We are scheduling pickups now, and those who wish to schedule a pickup can call (352) 330-3333 and select option one to leave a message with their name and contact information.

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 again like to thank everyone for their ongoing support during the pandemic. We are continuing our food distributions but due to the COVID-19 restrictions and protocols, we are using fewer volunteers to distribute the food and take care of pantry chores.

Our current needs are for 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 through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. or Friday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CANCELLATIONS & 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@ncumcf.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@ncumcf.com if you have any questions.

Congregational Care



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

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

Friday, May 22 at 1 p.m. — East Parking Lot

Those of us blessed to be part of our Alzheimer's Ministry have planned a way for our "Joy Room" volunteers to connect with our loved ones and their caregivers.

Our volunteers, caregivers, and loved ones have missed one another. As a way to reconnect, all our volunteers will be masked, socially distanced, and lined up as the caregivers and loved ones drive by waving and blowing kisses to one another. At the end of the parking lot, "goodie bags" with a craft and small gift will be available for the caregiver to pick up as they prepare to exit the parking lot. This gathering was arranged by our ministry leaders Pat Kronk, George Dunne, and the Joy Room Leaders, Jan Pandy and Janet Argenziano, with direction from our wonderful Alzheimer's Family Organization representative, Jackie Kuhn-Damron. Many thanks to each of them for arranging this joyful time.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Gary & Deborah Seyler, family and friends on the passing of their daughter Heather Seyler; Betty & Bud Olson, family and friends on the passing of her brother Richard Able; and Pat & Keith Webster on the passing of her sister Nancy Brandon.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, no Celebrations of Life are scheduled. Please check back when we are permitted to gather again.

New Concerns

Daina Cannito, Kathleen Cannon, Barbara Gustafson, Kelly Family, Riley & Mason Mills, Rick Newton, Robert Plinzke, Linda Smith, Charles Stuart, Gail Watson, Denise Zorn