

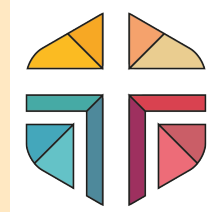
faith **WORSHIP** LORD
GRACE SAVIOUR LAMB JESUS



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.

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



The Path to Reopening Survey
Please note: This survey will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 5.
On Friday, May 29, you will receive an email invitation to participate in a survey prepared by the Reopening Task Force. 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.

Reopening Task Force Update
As we plan strategically for returning to in-person worship and other gatherings, we want to ensure the safety of everyone who enters our doors. This will require changes and proactive measures that will be practiced now and for the foreseeable future. Those changes will be implemented in the most reasonable manner possible. Please click this [link](#) to review the current document as prepared by our reopening task force.



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.



Altar Flowers
If you have previously paid for Altar Flowers for weekend Worship 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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"Without Pentecost, the Christ-event — the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus — remains imprisoned in history as something to remember, think about and reflect on. The Spirit of Jesus comes to dwell within us, so that we can become living Christs here and now."
—Henri Nouwen

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

MAY 30 & 31, 2020



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

CHURCH CONFERENCE REMINDER
SUNDAY, MAY 31 AT 4:00
REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 2:45

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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



When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.
(Acts 2:1-20)

Viewing for Weekend Services from May 16-17: 3,995
Summerhill 3,271 • Lake Deaton 714 • Youth 10

YOUTH MINISTRY



Congratulations Class of 2020!

This year we are very excited to have 19 of our active Youth graduating from high school! To celebrate and honor these amazing young people, we are putting together a graduation care basket for each. We are encouraging members of our New Covenant congregation to donate items to place in their baskets. Some ideas of items to donate for the baskets include gift cards for coffee, gas, food, Walmart and/or Target, supplies for college, etc. New Covenant will be providing devotionals for the graduates.

If you'd prefer to give a monetary donation to go towards our graduates' care baskets, those are also welcomed. We want to celebrate with our high school graduates, and let them know how proud their church family is of them!

We are planning on having a Graduate Recognition Parade at the church on Saturday, June 13 at 6 p.m. During this time, the graduates will receive their care baskets, and we will pray over & bless them. We want to welcome our congregation to come out and cheer on our graduates at the parade!

If you have any questions regarding donating items towards the care baskets, about giving a monetary donation, or attending the parade, please contact Kayla DeSimone, Family Minister, at kdesimone@ncumcfl.com. You may also call our church office at (352) 750-4529.

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@ncumcfl.com.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Giving Made Easy

Did you know that 50% of all Americans carry less than \$20 cash on them at any given time? If you haven't already registered to give online or by text, perhaps during this time of 'no church gatherings,' you might like to consider this way to give. Why?

Advantages of Online and TEXT Giving

No worries about having cash on you, stamps for mailing your donation, or having to drive to the church. It's automatically donated. If you are traveling, the church continues to reap the benefits of your generosity, even when you are away.

If you would like to set up online giving or learn more about donation by text, go to New Covenant's website and click the "Resources" tab at the top of the homepage, then select "Giving." It's quick and easy.

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.

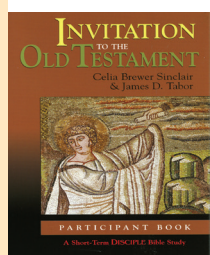
To access this study, click this [link](#). If you have a question based on his talk, please email Pastor Ellen at epollock@ncumcfl.com.



Daily Prayer Moments

Weekdays at 8 a.m.

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



Invitation to the Old Testament

Mondays beginning June 15 from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. — Virtual Bible Study

Denny Hutchinson is taking us on a virtual experience to discover the Old Testament through this eight-week DISCIPLE course. DISCIPLE Bible Studies have been a standard within the church for providing in-depth study for over 20 years. DISCIPLE has created several short-term studies to help learners become interested in study without the long-term commitment.

The participant book will provide daily reading assignments and questions to challenge. Each week, the group will meet by Zoom technology to discuss the week's lesson. This study is ideal for those with little Bible experience or those who are seasoned in study. Please click on this [link](#) to register. Registration cost is \$17. If you have any questions regarding Zoom or need help registering, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com or (352-750-4529).



Summer in the Scriptures

Beginning Monday, June 1

We begin with Matthew 1, and read the four gospels — 89 chapters, one a day, over the 90 days of summer.

Bishop Carter will soon begin to record the webinars with Kendall Soulen, Dana Robert, Edgardo Colon-Emeric, and Bob Tuttle.

Almost 700 people will be a part of this spiritual practice — and our group is growing. Please invite others. This will be available through the Facebook group, "[Summer in the Scriptures with Bishop Ken Carter](#)."

Please Note: You must have a Facebook account to join this Bible study group.



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.

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

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!



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Bob & Sandy Simpson, family and friends on the passing of their daughter Roberta Simpson Field.

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, no Celebrations of Life are scheduled.

Please check back when we are permitted to gather again.

New Concerns

Andrea Baker, Daina Cannito, Teri Carroll, Carol Curtiss, Jianna Lesko, Don & Eva Piper & Nicole Piper Flenniken, Larry Rowold, Becky Sippel, Dody Smith, Pastor David Uth, George and Joan Vanderhorn, Tony Weiler

Missions & Outreach



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.