

ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Becky Garrett in memory of her husband on the first anniversary of his passing.

Missions & Outreach



Christmas Wish Tree

Tags are on the Christmas trees in both Narthexes. We are supporting children from Voices for Children, Wildwood Middle High School Mentor Program, Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings, and House of Hope.

If you enjoy shopping, select a "wish" tag from a Christmas tree; or if you would like to support this ministry financially, select a monetary gift card. All gifts must be returned by next Sunday.



Wildwood Food Pantry Fall Food Drive

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat. —Matthew 25:35

Please join our church community as we help those less fortunate. Today, food collection bags are being placed on your car or golf cart during Worship Services. Donations are to be returned next weekend, November 23 & 24.



Thank You for Your Support of Operation Christmas Shoebox

This year we collected 1,360 shoeboxes. COPA, an organization in the Dominican Republic, will receive 692 shoeboxes; and 668 shoeboxes will be sent to Samaritan's Purse.

TidBits



Invite a Friend to Church

Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1

Advent at New Covenant is such a wonderful time to invite a friend to join you in church. Pray about three people you wish to join you in church on the first weekend of Advent.

Let's share the excitement and wonder of the season with those around us by inviting them to join us for the special sermon series on Angels, along with the beautiful music and worship! We have bundles of three, postcard-size invitations at the entrances to the Christian Life Center and we encourage you to take a bundle.



Godspell Auditions

Tuesday, December 3 from 1-4 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Thursday, December 5 from 7-9 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

If you are interested in being an actor or singer in our production of *Godspell* next spring, please come to one of our auditions. Bring a short song with piano sheet music, or be prepared to read from the script. Our production will run April 2-5, 2020. Rehearsals will be in February and March.

For more information, please contact Daina Cannito at dcannito@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.



North Central Districts Certified Lay Servants

Recently, the following became North Central District Certified Lay Servants. Thank you for serving New Covenant.

- Connie Tarburton from Summerhill Campus
- Charlene English from Summerhill Campus
- Teresa Burgess from Lake Deaton Campus

Tickets are available for the Christmas at New Covenant Concerts. Please refer to the insert for information on obtaining tickets.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"Fear is a universal problem. It can paralyze us and inhibit us from being the person we desire to be. Three of our great fears are about our future, regrets about our past and doubts about our abilities.

Yet, the Bible tells us in 1 John 4:18,
There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear...
—Gary Cantrell

REMINDER: Please take your weekly newsletter home as you leave today. Use it as a prayer guide for the scheduled activities and the ministries of our church.

Please wear your name tags — it helps all of us to remember names! If you don't have one, please go to the Welcome Center and pick one up.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Hebrews: Near to the Heart of God	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Traveling with Jesus	Classroom 2
9:15 a.m.	Pathfinders	Unlikely Heroes of the Bible	Classroom 11
9:15 a.m.	Faith Finders	Hebrews: Near to the Heart of God	Chapel
9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Safety Class with Larry Frum	Classroom 6/7
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	How God Takes Our Little and Makes It Much	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Can We Forgive?	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Hebrews: Near to the Heart of God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	The Truth Project	Veritology: What is Truth?	Classroom 1
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Unlikely Heroes of the Bible	Classroom 11

Please see the "Discipleship" section of our website for information on classes at our Lake Deaton Campus.

NEW COVENANT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

SUMMERHILL CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP
SATURDAY 5:00 P.M.

SUMMERHILL BLENDED WORSHIP
SUNDAY 7:45 • 9:15 • 10:45 A.M.

SUMMERHILL CHILDREN'S ORCHARD WORSHIP
SUNDAY 10:45 A.M. (CHILDREN'S ROOM)

LAKE DEATON SUNDAY WORSHIP
BLENDED 8 A.M. • 9:30 A.M. • TRADITIONAL 11 A.M.



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THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

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

♿ ACCESSIBLE • DESIGNATED HANDICAP SEATING IS AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER.



Hearing Assistance Available

The Christian Life Center is equipped with a HEARING LOOP (Assistive Listening System). Please switch your hearing aid or cochlear implant to "T" (Telephone) or request assistance. We have units available for persons whose hearing aid is not "T" compatible. For more information, go to www.hearingloop.org.

Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,976

(Summerhill Saturday) 306 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-244 • 9:15-1,019 • 10:45-645
(Summerhill Prayer Service) 9 • (Lake Deaton) 8:00-104 • 9:30-375 • 11:00-149
(Orchard Worship) 9 • (Grounded Youth Group) 28 • (Fresh Expressions) 88

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS



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

NOVEMBER 16 & 17, 2019

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor

God is Near

AN ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

This Advent Season let us gather together as a church family because "God is Near."

Advent is a time to prepare for the coming of Christ. It is a time to look back, to recall our common story, to remember the messages the angels gave to Mary and Joseph and so many others throughout Biblical history and to sit in those stories, waiting and wondering. It is also a time for us to look forward in anticipation of not only the celebration of the birth of Jesus, but also to the promise of the second coming of Christ.

Members of the New Covenant staff and laity have enjoyed spending their time and talents putting together a special email devotional just for us! Beginning on the first Sunday of Advent, December 1 and ending on Christmas Eve, those who sign up will receive a special email each day with an Advent Devotional and discussion questions. This devotional can be used in your private meditations, with your family, or even in your small group. Our hope is that this devotional is a special blessing to you and everyone with whom you share it.

You Have Several Options to Register for "God is Near: An Advent Devotional"

- To sign up from your electronic newsletter, click this link <http://bit.ly/ncumc2578>.
- Go to our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click the "Portal" tab at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button and scroll down to "God is Near," and register.
- Look for the "Advent Devotional Sign-Up" banner on the top of our website.
- Go to our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click the "Ministries" tab at the top of the page and select "Discipleship." Click the "Summerhill Discipleship" (See All Programs). It is under "Co-Ed Bible Study" (Learn More).

If you have any questions about our upcoming devotional, please contact Rev. Ellen Pollock, Discipleship Pastor, Summerhill Campus, at epollock@ncumcfl.com.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



Volunteers Needed!

Please stop by the Welcome Center in the East Narthex for a full list of volunteer positions. Schedules are flexible and there are all types of things to do — from simple to technical. Your willing hands are needed.

"iTickets" Event Ticketing for Saturday Service

We need volunteers to help at the "iTicket" Kiosk on Saturday evenings, 30 minutes prior to Worship Service and after service ends. This job involves assisting people to swipe their credit card and enter data to buy tickets for upcoming events. All you need for experience is how to use a laptop computer. Training will be provided!

Contact: Ann McBain at amcbain@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.

Library Volunteers Needed

Library experience or not, we need you! Training will be provided. We need volunteers for a variety of jobs from helping to check out books, restocking shelves, entering data, and making labels. Other jobs include helping to process new books and materials, as well as working on the scrapbook for our church history and more.

Contact: Barb Prindle at bprindle@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.

Ushers Needed for ALL Worship Services

We need Ushers to fill vacancies at our 9:15 Sunday service and our 5:00 Saturday service.

Sunday Contact: Leon Schien at leonschien@gmail.com or (352) 245-6615.

Saturday Contact: Peggy Dresser at pdresser1137@gmail.com or (352) 205-7909.

Welcome Center

Greet visitors and congregants at the Welcome Center thirty minutes prior to or after services on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. This is a very easy way to connect as a volunteer for the first time. Training is provided.

Contact: Barb Prindle at bprindle@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.



Volunteer Spotlight: Leon Schien

Leon has been a member of our church since 2004 and has held many volunteer positions from the moment he joined. He has been co-chair for the Gleaning Ministry, Trustee Committee member, Men's Ministry and Worship Committee member, as well as our Head Usher for the past five years.

Leon has been an active member with ZOE, UMCOR, and the Holy Land Experience. He helped add to the Abancay, Peru orphanage, as well as repairing homes after hurricane Katrina. This just touches on the various gifts he brings to our church. Leon is a kind, loving man with a heart of gold.



New Member Class

Monday, January 27, 2020 from 6-7:30 p.m. — Chapel

Did you know there are different types of church memberships? You may choose to retain your membership with another United Methodist Church (Affiliate membership), or church of another denomination (Associate membership), or Full membership.

To register, visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "Summerhill Campus - New Member Class 01/27." For more information, please contact Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or bprindle@ncumcfl.com.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Stewardship

Last week we highlighted stewardship pamphlets that describe various ways you can give to New Covenant. Please pick one up at the Welcome Center in the Narthex if you would like to know more.

DISCIPLESHIP



LOL (Ladies of Light) Women's Connect Small Group

Mondays, beginning November 25 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Our LOL Small Group is beginning a new Advent study, *Because of Bethlehem*, by Max Lucado. We are also planning some fun social activities and service projects as we focus on the values of New Covenant.

We are Christ-centered and caring as we connect with each other and reach out to the community. If you would like to become part of this small group or have questions, please contact Roberta Hays at (443) 417-5160 or rkhays@comcast.net.



Upcoming Whiteboard Session

Wednesday, December 4 at 3 p.m. — Chapel

Join Pastor Jeff Vermilya on the topic of Contemplative Prayer. Learn about being still and silent before God.

Family Ministry

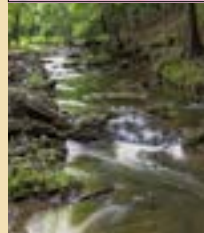


Performing Arts (PeAr) Kids present "Away in a Mango"

Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Join our PeAr Kids as they celebrate the beloved Christmas story — with a tropical twist! All aboard for a totally fun Christmas adventure as our kids join the intrepid castaways of the "SS Mango." After all, the birth of Jesus is the story of lost people, unable to save themselves, and being rescued by the long-awaited Savior! Doors open at 5:30 pm.

Women's Ministry



November Women's Gathering

Thursday, November 21 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. — Fellowship Center

"...let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the woods rejoice." —Psalm 96:12

Lynn VanVeelen will be our guide as we travel "Over the River and Through the Woods." At this program, we'll watch the trees of the woods convey all for which we have to be thankful. Lunch will follow the program.

Menu: Orange Glazed Roast Turkey Breast, Roasted Potatoes, Carrots, Parsnips & Brussels Sprouts, Broccoli Slaw with Pineapple & Almonds, Rolls, and Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream.

Registration Fee is \$10. Go to <http://bit.ly/ncumc2563> to register from home. Registration is open through Sunday, November 17.

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



"MOAMI" 2020 Class

Thursdays, January 23 through March 26 at 1 p.m.

Our Summerhill class registration for the 2020 class is now open. The first class "Kickoff" and the final class "Celebration" will be from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. All other classes are from 1-4 p.m. Registration Fee is \$35. To register from home, go to <http://bit.ly/ncumc2565>.

You may also go to our website at www.ncumcfl.com; go to "Ministries" and select "Men & Women." Click on "Summerhill Discipleship," then "Women's Ministry." Scroll down to "MOAMI" and click the registration button.

For any questions or assistance, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529 at ahill@ncumcfl.com.

Attendance Pads

Please don't forget to sign the Attendance Pad and pass the book down the rows so everyone can sign it.

Congregational Care

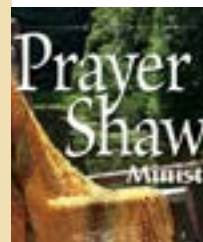


Health Education Speaker Series

Monday, November 18 at 6:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Dr. Nitza Alvarez, a cardiologist with Tri-County Heart Institute, will be our speaker this month. She has expertise in the management of women's heart disease and special interest in management of preventive cardiovascular medicine. Her anthem is "Prevent the Stent."

Dr. Alvarez' book, *Heels vs. Ties*, looks at risk factors for heart disease and managing the differences between men and women. Join us and learn from Dr. Alvarez — then apply your knowledge for a healthier you. This is free and open to the public.



Happy Hands Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesdays from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Classroom 14

Our Prayer Shawl Ministry meets each week. If you are interested in helping, just stop by for a visit. What started as skeins of colorful thread has become an intertwined wrap of prayers to cover shoulders that need divine love and peace — hugging your heart — telling you that God loves, understands, and is with you.

This ministry is also looking for donations of complete skeins of yarn. You may drop off your donations in the Congregational Care Office. For more information, please visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com, click the "Ministries" tab at the top of the page and select "Congregational Care" from the dropdown list. Scroll down to "Prayer Ministry."



Home Communion

We offer Communion to those in our faith community who are confined to their homes, reside in assisted-living facilities, or are hospitalized. Please let us know if you would like to receive Communion, or if you know someone that would appreciate Home Communion.

We deliver Home Communion the first Sunday of each month. For more information, please contact the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



Hospital and Facility News

Please let us know if you are having a procedure, surgery, or other type of health challenge. You may complete a Care Card (please print neatly) — which can be found in the Attendance Pads — and place in a Prayer Request box or the offering plate.

Please be sure to give us your full name (not just your nickname) so that we can locate your room! If you are not able to contact your church in case of an immediate hospitalization, please designate a neighbor or friend to let us know. It is our privilege to walk with you in prayer.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Tony Figuried who had surgery; Karen Stroman who has medical problems; Mary Treace who has breast cancer; Tracy Austin who has severe internal bleeding; and Lore Lipton who has pancreatic, stomach, and kidney cancer. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Cathie Toy, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dennis; the family and friends of Raymond "Ray" Maxwell on his passing; and the family and friends of Shirley Birchwale on her passing.

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

New Concerns

Jack Adams, Michelle Aubrey, John Bliley, Kelly Busick, Julee De La Rosa, Ed Gaiza, Henry Goldberg, Jordan Griffith, John Hanna, Warren Jensen, Linda Kilgore, Karen Nelson, Louise Plecas, Matt Sanders, Tracey Shultis, Riley Urbaniuk

Concerts & Events

Unless Otherwise Noted, all tickets are available by one of these methods.

- The interactive links in the electronic newsletter
- www.ncumcfl.com/events
- www.itickets.com or call 1-800-965-9324
- Ticket Kiosk in the Narthex



The Villages Flute Choir: *On Wings of the Wind*

Sunday, November 17 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Featuring songs of the wind, sky, and water with flutes and accompanying percussion, enjoy *On Wings of the Wind* conducted by Linda Quinn.

\$10 (At-door Suggested Donation)

Presented in partnership with Prime Time, a Congregational Care Ministry of New Covenant.



Celebration Brass Band

Sunday, November 24 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

A variety of music including favorites *Amazing Grace*, Beethoven's *Egmont Overture*, John Williams' *Cowboy Overture*, and Gershwin's *I Got Rhythm* performed by brass and percussion under the baton of New Covenant's own Jill Van Syckle.

\$15 (General Admission)

Go to <http://www.itickets.com/events/437371.html> to purchase tickets.

Presented in partnership with the Worship Ministry of New Covenant, Summerhill Campus.



Angie Rose and Ryan Loeckel: A Quiet Christmas

Sunday, December 1 at 5 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

On the first day of Advent, quiet your heart and warm your spirits with an evening of your favorite Christmas melodies, intimately and beautifully performed. Best friends and New Covenant favorites, Angie Rose (piano, vocals) and Ryan Loeckel (violin, vocals), combine their talents for this exclusive concert.

\$20 (General Admission)

Tickets are available ONLY at The Villages Box Office.

Presented in partnership with Worship Ministries of New Covenant.



VCS Winter Follies — "A Collection of Stories"

Friday, December 6 — Dinner at 5 p.m.; Show at 5:45 p.m.

\$30-\$50 (Limited number of tickets)

Tickets available only at The Villages Charter School.



Choralettes Christmas Concert

Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Under the direction of Janie Berry, join us as the Choralettes present "Christmas Seen Through the Eyes of a Child."

A Love Offering will be accepted to benefit the Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



Bach with a Beat

Thursday, December 12 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Bach with a Beat presents "Jingle Bell Bach". Beautiful choral arrangements of classical music by Bach and Handel will be presented, along with jazz, pop, and traditional songs for the holidays. The group will be accompanied by piano, drum, and bass.

\$15 (General Admission)

Presented in partnership with Beds and Blankets, an Outreach Ministry of New Covenant.

Tickets will be available only at The Villages Box Office.



Christmas at New Covenant “HARK — Angels Visit When We Sing”

Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

The combined choirs of New Covenant are joined by our handbells, chamber orchestra, multiple pianos, and guest soloists in this annual holiday concert.

“Free Tickets” are required for admission. Tickets are ONLY available through our ticketing vendor, “iTickets,” by one of the following options:

- If you are reading this electronically, click <https://www.itickets.com/register/new/438716>
- From our church website www.ncumcfl.com/events, click on the title and select the date/time of the concert you wish to attend.
- Stop by the Ticket Kiosk following weekend Worship Services if you require assistance.

In order to ensure all congregants have the opportunity to attend and bring a friend, tickets are limited to four tickets per transaction.

A Love Offering will be accepted at the concert.



Dino presents “The Hymn Revival Tour”

Thursday, January 16 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

America’s Piano Showman, a title aptly given to one of the world’s premier performers of our time, brings his Hymn Revival Tour to The Villages. From Carnegie Hall, to the honor of being the only person to ever perform inside the Tower of David, Jerusalem, Dino has captured the world with his unique talent, stellar performances and exceptional showmanship.

Two-time Grammy Award nominee, eight-time Dove Award winner, and Tele Award winner for *Miracles*, Dino will be joined by the New Covenant Choirs in this concert.

A Love Offering will be accepted.



Mike Williams, Laugh Out Loud Comedy

Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Stand-up comic, entertainer, radio personality, CD artist, author and more, Mike Williams has been making people laugh and learn for 17 years. A 2017 Dove Award winner for humor, Williams knows how to make people laugh with outrageously funny, clean humor.

\$10 (At-door Suggested Donation)

A portion of the net proceeds will support the Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips.



The Villages Symphonic Winds with Special Guest Angie Rose

Sunday, January 26 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

The Villages Symphonic Winds will present a concert for the “Young and Young at Heart” with special guest New Covenant’s Angie Rose. Angie will sing a special arrangement of the classic children’s book, *Goodnight Moon*. Other selections include: *Casey at the Bat*, *Carnival of the Animals*, *You Make Me Feel So Young*, and of course, the *Music of Disneyland*.

Tickets: \$15

Keep checking our website or weekly newsletter insert for the date tickets will be available.

Presented in partnership with Beds & Blankets, an Outreach Ministry of New Covenant.



“An Evening of Hope”

Thursday, January 30 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Featuring Sean Pollock, Angie Rose, Janice Swartz, Mark Steven Schmidt, Ryan Loedel and Bill Doherty, join us for this evening of song and powerful testimonies as we support the House of Hope as they continue in the fight against addiction.

\$20 (At -door suggested donation)