

ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Barbara & Jerry Byers in celebration of their 50th anniversary;
Carol & Dick Clark in celebration of their anniversary; and
Lee Garrard in memory of her daughter Shelly Garrard Macy.

TidBits

Please Note: In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Church and Administration Office will close on Wednesday, November 27 at 1 p.m.

The Church will re-open on Saturday at 9 a.m.
The Administration Office will re-open on Monday, December 2.



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-sized invitations at the entrances to the Christian Life Center, and we encourage you to take a bundle.



God is Near: An Advent Devotional

Beginning the first Sunday of Advent and ending on Christmas Eve, those who sign up will receive a daily email with an Advent Devotional and discussion questions.

To sign up, 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. You may also click this link: <http://bit.ly/ncumc2578>.

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



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.



Charge Conference

Tuesday, December 3 at 1:30 p.m. — Classroom 3

A special called Charge Conference will be held at our next SALT meeting. This Charge Conference is to consider Joyce Dunne for candidacy in ministry within the Florida Conference.



The Chancel Choir at Carnegie Hall

Monday, November 30, 2020

Our Chancel Choir will be performing at Carnegie Hall in New York City. We are inviting anyone in our congregation to join us on the trip.

We have great group rates. If you need more information, please contact Daina Cannito, Worship Ministry Assistant, at dcannito@ncumcfl.com or (352) 750-4529.

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

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow." —Melody Beattie

And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. (Genesis 12: 2-3)

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	Objects of Worship	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	Habitat to Humanity	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Hebrews: Near to the Heart of God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	The Truth Project	Anthropology — Who is Man?	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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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: 2,599

(Summerhill Saturday) 270 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-208 • 9:15-758 • 10:45-574
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-95 • 9:30-408 • 11:00-214
(Orchard Worship) 9 • (Grounded Youth Group) 24 • (Fresh Expressions) 39

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

NOVEMBER 23 & 24, 2019



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.

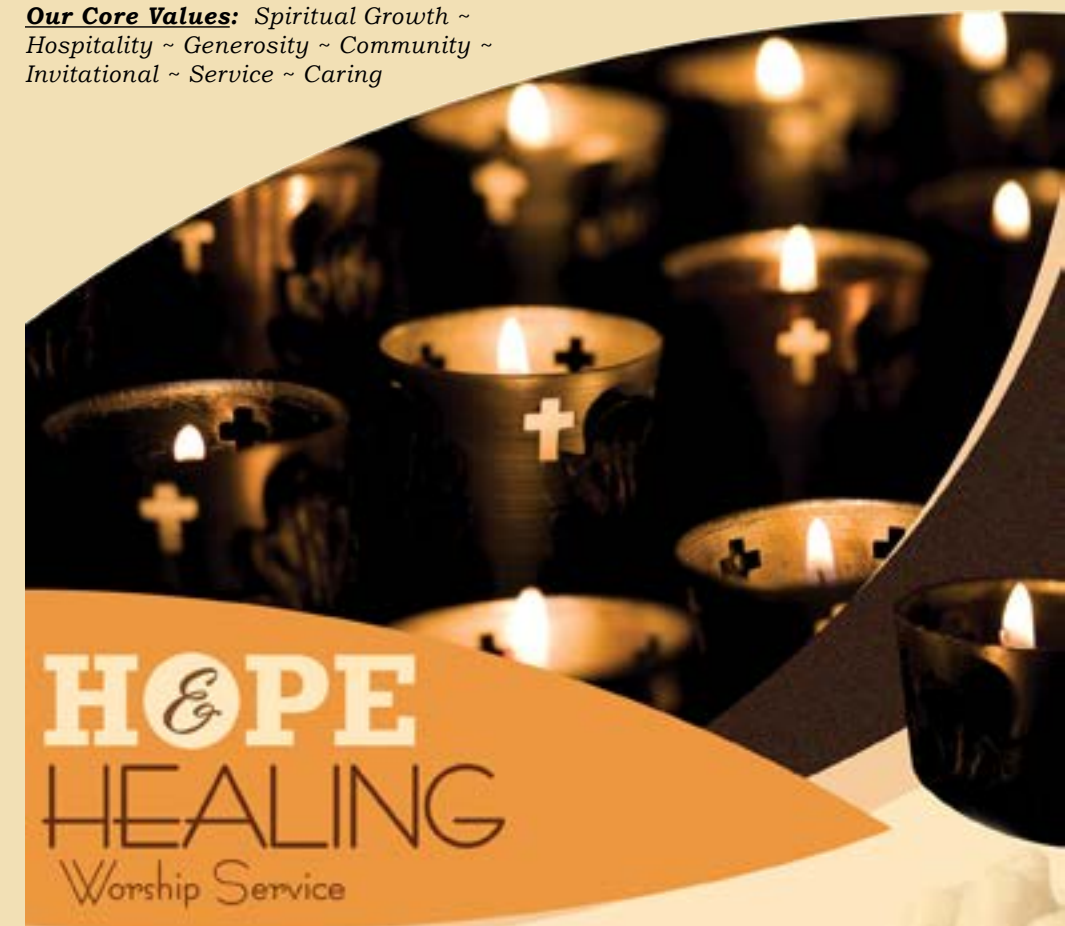
Our Core Values: Spiritual Growth ~ Hospitality ~ Generosity ~ Community ~ Invitational ~ Service ~ Caring

Rev. Harold Hendren, Senior Pastor

Rev. Jim Divine, Lake Deaton Pastor

Rev. Ellen Pollock, Summerhill Discipleship Pastor

Rev. Kristyne Young, Lake Deaton Discipleship Pastor



We are so grateful to serve a loving God who grieves with us as we journey through the seasons of loss and pain. Our Congregational Care Ministry designs this annual service to give those who recently experienced grief a chance to reflect on their loved one, and on God's goodness and grace during Advent and the Christmas holidays.

We welcome you to this contemplative service to pray for God's peace to surround you and to comfort you. By combining special music, scripture, and a meaningful message, we hope that you will walk away feeling that your loved one was honored and celebrated as God is glorified. There is also a time to recognize your loved one by name and light a candle in his or her memory. We will have persons available to pray with you if you so desire. You may have a friend or neighbor that you think might benefit from this service that you could invite to attend.

Sunday, December 8 from 5-6:30 p.m.
Chapel

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.

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: Audrey Schien

Audrey has been a member of the church since 2004. She can be found on Sunday ushering and attending Bible study. Audrey works with our Worship Team and was a member of our SLDT team for three years. She is involved with many small groups, participates in the Emmaus Fourth Day Small Group, and Disciple Fast Track Bible Study, and helps with the Wildwood Food Pantry.

Audrey donates her time to the ZOE project, UMCOR, and Holy Land Experience. She is such an asset to our church family. Her kindness can be felt the minute you meet her.



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.



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.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Stewardship

John Wesley (Founder of the Methodist Church) laid out for us "three plain rules" for the wise use of money: Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can. The Proverb writer gives us this insight on "gaining all we can." *A thick bankroll is no help when life falls apart, but a principled life can stand up to the worst.* (Proverbs 11:4)

Women's Ministry



December Women's Gathering — The Women of Christmas

Thursday, December 12 at 10 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Lynn VanVeelen invites you to come and celebrate the "Women of Christmas." We'll learn about three women who played vital roles in the Messiah's birth — Elizabeth, Mary, and Anna — and share the joy and fellowship of being with each other as Christian "Women of Christmas."

Menu: Quiche Lorraine (Bacon, Swiss, and Onion); Creamy Hashed Potato Bake; Mesclun Salad with Pine Nuts, Cranberries, and Balsamic Vinaigrette; and Assorted Christmas Cookies..

Registration Fee is \$10. Go to <http://bit.ly/ncumc2580> to register from home. Registration is open through Sunday, December 8.

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



"MOAMI" 2020 Class

Thursdays, January 23 through March 26

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.

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 as we learn about the topic of contemplative prayer. Contemplative prayer is about spending time with the Divine, and allowing the relationship between you and the Christ to deepen. No registration needed, just come as you are, to learn about being still before our great God.



Villages Evening Bible Study

Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. — Classrooms 1, 2, 3, 6/7

This is an opportunity to attend an evening class that provides in-depth study, along with discussions that enhance spiritual growth.

For more information, please contact:

- Tom and Joanna Cavanaugh at zcavat@aol.com or (352) 350-6058
- Phil VanAmerongen at pnavce@yahoo.com or (352) 347-5417

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



Alzheimer's Ministry

Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. — Summerhill Campus

We are happy to provide respite care for loved ones, as well as support groups for families dealing with Alzheimer's and dementia. Because of the popularity of the ministry and space limitations, anyone newly seeking respite care for a loved one will be placed on a waiting list.

The need for the waiting list is to be the most effective, safe, nurturing place of care. We are also in the planning stages of beginning this ministry at our Lake Deaton campus and are actively seeking volunteers. For more information, contact the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



The Role of Stephen Ministers is to Give Care

These trained, compassionate, confidential caregivers are ready to walk beside you, whether it be a crisis or a time of being weighed down by "the little things" of life. They listen, empathize, encourage, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual support to hurting people for as long as the need persists.

Whether it be a few weeks, or several months, if you are feeling lonely, are experiencing a crisis, struggling through a difficult time, or stressed by needs in your life, a Stephen Minister can help.

If You Would Like a Stephen Minister...

- Complete one of our Care Cards and select, "I would like a Stephen Minister."
 - Call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.
 - Speak to one of our Stephen Ministers who can be identified by their name tags.
- We are glad to be a Stephen Ministry church, and encourage you to reach out for support.



Hospital News

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

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.

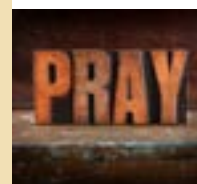


Hope for Hurting Parents

Thursdays at 2 p.m. — Classroom 14

If you have a child or loved one struggling with addiction, mental illness, incarceration, or other life-altering events, we offer support and encouragement for you — the parent or grandparent.

For more information, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529. We welcome all in our community who need this support; it is not just for members.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Sylvia Starling who was hit by a car; Antoinette (Toni) Purnell who is ill & the doctor cannot find a cause; Bill Gent who had a stroke with brain bleeds; and Dillan & Carmen Gray for the loss of their baby. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Cathy & Don Johnson, family and friends on the passing of their son Jason (nephew of Judy Fitzgerald); Sue Sullivan, family and friends on the passing of her husband Don; Linda Heller, family and friends on the passing of her husband Victor; and Ruby List, family and friends on the passing of her husband Dan; Bob Ferioli, family and friends on the passing of his wife Sue.

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

New Concerns
Mildred Allison, Betsy Bailey, Britt & Brysen Bobbs, Ken Bowgren, Jay Cappadoro, Vince Cassiani, Earl Crawford, Sandy Hendren Davis, Michael Dorosh, Ray Douglas, John Farmer, Joan Foytack, Inez Hall, John Hanna, Tom Hemphill, Earl Hubred, Ronnie Kelly, Olivia Maniace, Tara Milby, Tyler McBain, Janice Nystrom, David Priser, Helen Rugg, Samantha, Lois Shipley, Randy Stokes, Floyd & Liz Willhoite

Concerts & Events



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.

Tickets will also be available at the door one hour prior to concert time.

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.



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. (Sold Out) and 7 p.m. — Summerhill

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 Loekel 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)



Greater Vision in Concert

Friday, February 7 at 6 p.m. — Summerhill Campus

Be inspired by the rich vocal blend as the gospel is communicated in song. One of the most awarded groups in the history of gospel music, Greater Vision is returning at your request.

Tickets for this concert make a great Christmas gift for family and friends!

Tickets \$15

Go to <http://www.itickets.com/events/439701.html> to purchase tickets.

Sponsored by the Men’s Ministry of New Covenant, Summerhill Campus.

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

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