

ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

The Rev. Michael Erhard family in celebration of the 34th anniversary of his ordination; and Susie Shaler in celebration of the 94th birthday of Kathleen Gilmore (Aunt Sissy).

TidBits



Staff Appreciation Love Offering

Christmas is fast approaching, and it is time to show appreciation to our pastors and staff for all the fine work they do. Your Staff Parish Relations Team has placed a "Thank You" Love Offering envelope in your bulletin. Thank you for remembering those who work so lovingly for you all year long.

Please place your envelope in the offering plate or take to the office by Sunday, December 15. A check may be made payable to NCUMC with "Staff Gift" on the memo line. The total amount received will be divided equally among all the staff members.



Sports Ministry — Pickle Ball is Here!

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, December 2-19 — Lake Deaton Campus

If you are interested in signing up, contact one of the people below.

- Ladies: Renie Curry at (630) 464-1263 or reniecurry3@gmail.com
- Men: Scott Curry at (630) 969-1862 or scott_curry@hotmail.com
- Advanced (Men Only) Kerry Hughes: (225) 281-1858 or bigbadger54@hotmail.com



Yoga

Mondays — Lake Deaton Campus

Intermediate class at 4 p.m. / Beginner class at 5 p.m.

A suggested donation of \$3 per class. We encourage you to bring a yoga mat and a water bottle. However, there are extra mats and blocks available. For more information, please contact Karen Hughes at twofortydesign@hotmail.com.



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.



Godspell Auditions

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

Thursday, December 5 from 7-9 p.m. — Classrooms 8/9

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.



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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"Once in our world, a Stable had something in it that was bigger than our whole world." —C.S. Lewis

Lord, at the dawn of the Advent season our hearts are open to receive your blessing of joy, hope, love, and peace. We are listening for your voice to speak to our hearts. We are ready to hear. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

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	Hope	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	The Costs of Work	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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THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

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LIKE US ON FACEBOOK: NEW COVENANT UMC, SUMMERHILL CAMPUS
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: 2,601

(Summerhill Saturday) 267 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-181 • 9:15-790 • 10:45-546
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-83 • 9:30-394 • 11:00-192
(Orchard Worship) 13 • (Grounded Youth Group) 32 • (Fresh Expressions) 103

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

NOVEMBER 30 & DECEMBER 1, 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



Advent Devotionals

- It isn't too late to sign up for our Advent Devotionals emailed to you daily! Go to our website and click the banner at the top of the home page or click this link: <http://bit.ly/ncumc2578>

A Quiet Christmas with Angie Rose and Ryan Loeckel

- Sunday, December 1 at 5 p.m.
- Remaining tickets are available only through The Villages Box Office.

PeAr Kids present "Away in a Mango"

- Thursday, December 5 at 6 p.m.
- A tropical twist on the beloved Christmas story!
- Free event

Hope for the Holidays

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

The Choralettes Christmas

- Tuesday, December 10 at 6 p.m.
- Benefits New Covenant Youth Mission Trips.

Bach with a Beat presents "Jingle Bell Bach"

- Thursday, December 12 at 6 p.m.
- Tickets are available only at The Villages Box Office.

Christmas at New Covenant — Hark! Angels Visit When We Sing

- Saturday, December 14 at 7 p.m.
- Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. (Sold Out) and 7 p.m.
- Free tickets through www.itickets.com

Christmas Eve Services at Summerhill

- Tuesday, December 24 at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Experience the carols and candlelight of Christmas with the message of hope in our Savior's birth.

Come and Go Communion in the Chapel

- Tuesday, December 24 from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- Join us for Communion on this sacred holiday.

We have so many things going on! Here are just a few of our activities!

Missions & Outreach



Bargains & Blessings Monthly Pick-up

Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8 — West Parking Lot

The first Saturday and Sunday of each month, the Bargains & Blessings truck will be in the church parking lot to accept your donations. You may drop off your donations before or after Worship Services.

The Bargains & Blessings Intake Volunteers ask for your Assistance...

- Please put clean clothing and linens in a clear plastic bag, and put shoes in a separate bag.
- Do not put breakable items in with clothing.
- We Do Not Accept: Electronics, Printers, VHS DVD Players, old TVs, or any broken items.



Christmas Wish Trees

Thank you for your support. We appreciate all the energetic shoppers who provided such a beautiful, overflowing abundance of Christmas gifts for children of all ages. The Christmas Wish Tree Ministry provided 320 tags for New Covenant Christmas Angels.

These Gifts Benefited Children...

- Helping Hands/Bargains & Blessings: Children who received beds through our Beds & Blankets Ministry
- House of Hope: Children of the men currently residing at House of Hope
- Mentor Program: Wildwood Middle High School Mentees
- Voices for Children: Foster children through the Guardian ad Litem Program

Monetary donations were used to provide additional gifts as well as Christian and secular books for the children's gift bags.

A special thank you to the many dedicated volunteers who made this all possible.



Wildwood Food Pantry

Thank you for your very generous support of the semi-annual food drive for the Wildwood Food Pantry. If you forgot your bag of food items last weekend, you may bring it to the church and place it in the Food Pantry bin located in the Narthex. Your generosity will bless our community this holiday season.

Don't forget to use AmazonSmile® when you do your Christmas shopping. To date, nearly \$600 has been donated to New Covenant UMC Ministries.

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." Wesley reminded his followers that "the love of money," not money itself, is the "root of all evil." (1 Timothy 6:10)

He said, "the fault does not lie in the money, but in them that use it." He declared that when used in ways that are consistent with biblical wisdom, money is "an excellent gift of God, answering the noblest ends." Wesley called money "a most compendious instrument of transacting all manner of business, and (if we use it according to Christian wisdom) of doing all manner of good."



Give to New Covenant Using Your IRA

If you are age 70½ or older and have not made your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA yet, consider making an IRA Charitable Rollover to your church AND avoid paying income taxes on the distribution. For more information, pick up the two stewardship pamphlets at the Welcome Center in the Narthex. Also, check with your financial advisors. It is so very easy to do.

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. 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.

DISCIPLESHIP



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 Christ to deepen. No registration needed; just come as you are to learn about being still before our great God.



Dinner and a FREE Movie — SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, January 7 at 5:15 p.m. — Fellowship Center

Invite your friends and neighbors to dinner and a movie. Sponsored by the Summerhill Men's Ministry, this promises to be a fun evening. Enjoy a delicious dinner prepared by Chef John and make new friends as well.

Once your appetite has been satisfied, stay for the FREE movie. Don't ask the title — it's a surprise! We promise you will enjoy the selection. One hundred percent of the net proceeds benefit our Youth Ministry Summer Mission Trips. Registration information will be available soon.

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

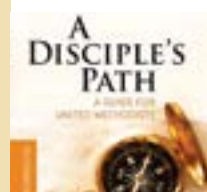


New Member Classes

Monday, January 27 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 "New Member Class – Summerhill Campus (01/27)." For more information, please contact Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or bprindle@ncumcfl.com.



A Disciple's Path Class 2020

Wednesdays, February 5–March 18 from 9–10:30 a.m. — Classroom 3

Registration is now open for this dynamic class. This study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows.

This class will be taught by Rev. Ellen Pollock, and is a wonderful class for new members.

Registration is required and opens Sunday, December 1. The cost is \$21. To register, visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "A Disciple's Path Class." For more information, please contact Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or bprindle@ncumcfl.com.

WORSHIP LORD



Communion Sunday

Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love Him, who earnestly repent of their sins, and seek to live in peace with one another.

Communion is offered the first Sunday of each month. Everyone is welcome! We serve by intinction and offer gluten-free bread and individual cups at stations located at the FRONT and BACK center serving sections.

Thank you to The Guild for the beautiful Christmas decorations throughout our campus.

Congregational Care



Prayers & Squares Prayer Quilt Ministry

Prayer quilts are made by a dedicated group in our church who envision these being a special gift of love for: sick babies; those dealing with cancer, in hospice, or other terminally ill patients; adults and children facing surgery; or people facing difficult family situations — for many different reasons — each for someone in special need of prayer.

For Prayer Quilt requests, please visit our website at www.ncumcfl.com, select the "Portal" tab at the top of the page, click the "Congregational Care" button, then the "Request a Prayer Quilt" button, and select Summerhill. You may also get a "Prayer Quilt Request Card" in the Attendance Pads, at the Welcome Center, in the Congregational Care Office or the Administration Office.



Our Card Ministry

Do you want to make folks happy and make yourself feel good all in one swoop? Volunteer to be a card writer for the Card Ministry. It will involve sending a few cards once or twice a month. Names and addresses are provided by the Congregational Care Office.

If you are interested in more details, please call Lyn or Donna in the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.



Care Cards

Our Care Cards, which are in our Registration Pads, are one of the best ways for us to hear from you about your needs and concerns. Every need represented is prayed over, and a Congregational Care Minister will also contact you to follow up on your concern.

It gives you another opportunity to let us know if you have an upcoming hospitalization or surgery. Be sure to write neatly and select the correct box, so we will know if the person you are concerned for attends New Covenant.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Marie Britt, family and friends on the passing of her husband Ken; Dee Cutrie, family and friends on the passing of her husband Lou; Kay Gent, family and friends on the passing of her husband Bill; Amie Haffner, family and friends on the passing of her father Harvey; Mary Lou Hinzpeter, family and friends on the passing of her husband Harold; and Dave Myrick, family and friends on the passing of his wife Shirley.

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

New Concerns

Family of Joseph Briglia, Charlie Byus, Bruce Capo, Carol Fountain, Toni G., David G. & kids, Henry Goldberg, John Hanna, Chance Howard, Robert Huber, Jarrod James, Linda Kilgore, Fran Landy, Nicholas La Rosa, Walt Laug, Diana Lewis, John D. Miller, Patty Nuernberg, Bonnie Nuhn, George O'Brien, Palagano Family, Payne Family, Larry Post, Ed & Sandi Richmond, Donald Schloerb, Lexy Severson, Elaina Snow, Norita Van Wort, James Zientara

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 TICKET KIOSK WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEKENDS OF
DECEMBER 22 AND DECEMBER 29.**



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 the Worship Ministries of New Covenant.



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. This is a FREE event.



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 are 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 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)