

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.

Last chance to register! Registration Fee is \$10. Go to <http://bit.ly/ncumc2580> to register.

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



Women's Bible Study — Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle Tuesdays at 11 a.m., beginning January 21, 2020

Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle is the newest publication from author Barb Roose! Join this next Women's Bible Study as we explore Joshua's journey through worry and strife!

Joshua and the Israelites faced hostile enemies in the Promised Land and claimed a victory for God, but it was not an easy path to triumph. Join Barb as she teaches us about faith through following Joshua's lead! You will gain tools that will help you through your own daily struggles but also through bigger battles of fear.

Registration opens Saturday, January 4. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529 or ahill@ncumcfl.com.



"Cast of Characters" Women's Small Group Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. — Members' Homes

Are you looking for a Women's Connect Small Group? We are welcoming new members in our "Cast of Characters" (COC) Small Group. We meet weekly in members' homes, and are a mix of married and single women. Our group just began in May.

Many of us met in MOAMI in 2012, but what also connects us is we are very active women who prefer to gather during our "free time." If you would be interested in an evening small group, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529 or ahill@ncumcfl.com.



Sports Ministry — Pickle Ball is Here!

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, December 2-19 — Christian Life Center

If you are interested in signing up, contact one of the people below. If you are interested in adding another sport, please contact Kerry Hughes.

- 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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"The extraordinary thing that is about to happen is matched only by the extraordinary moment just before it happens. Advent is the name of that moment."
—Frederick Buechner

Lord, during this season of Advent, we are amazed by your story. The incarnation wrapped up in an innocent child, vulnerable and exposed. This story reveals a great deal of just who You are. Power to be upheld in the powerless. The paradox of a mighty king found in the frailty of a straw manger seems so odd, but yet, it is so You. We are amazed. Thank you for coming to us in an amazing way. It just makes us love you that much more. 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	Violence and Peace	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Hebrews: Near to the Heart of God	Chapel
10:30 a.m.	The Truth Project	Theology: Who is God?	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: 2,368

(Summerhill Saturday) 247 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-206 • 9:15-730 • 10:45-598
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-84 • 9:30-344 • 11:00-151 • (Orchard Worship) 8

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

DECEMBER 7 & 8, 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



Giving in the Spirit is a unique opportunity for us to give a very special gift at Christmas. The Giving in the Spirit catalog that you received today includes a list of items from our Outreach Ministries, from which you may choose to provide a monetary gift that touches your heart and benefits the poor and less fortunate. We are blessed with the ability to bring great joy to those who have so little. Your gifts can reach around the corner and around the world. Last year, the total for all the Outreach Ministries in the Giving in the Spirit catalog was \$59,168.

Please complete the form inside of the catalog and insert it, along with your donation, in the envelope provided in your book. You may return your envelope throughout December, but no later than Sunday, December 29. Please place your envelope in the collection plate during Worship Services.

This is also an opportunity to provide a meaningful gift in the name of that "hard-to-shop for" friend or relative who "has everything." Share the joy of the gifts you select with your special person by giving a gift in his or her name. Then, send them a Gift Card to let them know about your gift! The Gift Cards are available at the Welcome Center in the East Narthex and the Ticket Kiosk in the West Narthex.

If you have any questions, please call Mary and Henry Goldberg, Giving in the Spirit Coordinators, at (352) 751-7687.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY

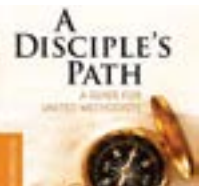


New Member Classes

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. Registration is required.

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.

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.

VOLUNTEER CENTRAL



Volunteers Needed!

Please stop by the Welcome Center in the East Narthex for a list of volunteer positions and job descriptions for which we have a need.

Communion Servers

Communion servers are needed for Saturday and Sunday. If you can offer an hour a month to help this wonderful ministry, we need you! Training will be provided.

- Contact: (Saturday) Carol Stramiello at (352) 751-7400 or cstramiello@embarqmail.com
- Contact: (Sunday) Lesan or Jill Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447 lrvansyckle20@gmail.com

Traffic Control

Our seven-person team guides incoming and outgoing vehicular traffic for events which exceed 500 people, working in conjunction with a Sumter County Deputy Sheriff on CR101.

Contact: Richard Maxfield at maxfield.richard@gmail.com



Meet the Volunteers: Candi and George Hawk

Candi and George Hawk have been members of our church since 2014. They moved here from Pennsylvania and have been involved in many small groups. Their passion is facilitating the "Hope for Hurting Parents" care group, which they have done for several years. They reach beyond and work so graciously with those around them, even if it is just someone in need of a kind word, a loving smile, or a gentle hug.

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Stewardship

John Wesley 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." Mr. Wesley once wrote on the topic of saving all you can, "Having gained all you can, by honest wisdom and unwearied diligence, save all you can. ... Do not throw it away in idle expenses, which is just the same as throwing it in to the sea."

Wesley saw saving money as a practical way of conducting one's life and falling out of the trap of extravagance. How can saving money help you and help others?

DISCIPLESHIP



"Supper and a Study" — SAVE THE DATES!

Weds, January 15-February 19 from 5-7:30 p.m. — Fellowship Center

The Discipleship Ministry is hosting a 6-week "Supper and Study." This upcoming study and sermon series is based on the basic essentials that help us to grow collectively in our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. Our sanctification journey is our daily "walking" with Jesus. Each week we will focus on one specific area that we hope will help your faith to flourish.

This is a stand-alone class, so you do not have to attend every one to reap the benefits of joining us for even one night. We look forward to fellowshiping and learning together!

Registration is \$10, and menus are listed with each registration date.

To register, click the "Portal" tab at the top of our website. Click on the "Registrations" button and select "Supper and Study." If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529.



Dinner and a FREE Movie

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.

To register, click the "Portal" tab at the top of our website. Click on the "Registrations" button and select "Dinner and a Movie." If you have any questions or need help registering, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529. Registration is \$13 per person or 2 for \$25.

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



Men's Spiritual Retreat — SAVE THE DATE!

Monday and Tuesday, February 24-25 — LEC in Fruitland Park

You will not want to miss this amazing retreat as Gary Cantrell leads you through sessions of spiritual reflection and renewal, spending time in God's word and prayer.

Whether you commute or stay overnight, you will have time to relax, renew your spirit and strengthen your walk with the Lord. The retreat at the Life Enrichment Center in Fruitland Park is open to all men. Registrations will begin the weekend of January 25/26. More information to follow.

TidBits

Please Note: The Contemporary Worship Service on Saturday, December 14 will be replaced by a simple "Communion and Meditation Service" in the Chapel at 5 p.m.

Tickets are still available for the Christmas at New Covenant concert that evening at 7 p.m.



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.

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

Congregational Care



Hope for the Holidays

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

We offer this service of celebration and reflection as a way to find peace and joy in the Advent and Christmas season. We acknowledge that in the midst of loss holidays are difficult, and we join with others during this time to pray and worship, and to find a little comfort and gladness.



Prime Time — Everyone is Invited!

Thursday, December 12 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Chapel

Our special program this month will be a Christmas party, and Chef John is preparing a wonderful menu. We will have a sing-along with Pat Smith and Brian Maderos, as well as devotions and Communion.

Lunch is \$6 payable at the door. To make a reservation, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529 by Monday, December 9.



Planning Ahead

Did you know that the Congregational Care Office has great information that may be helpful to you?

Life Inventory Form

This can be especially helpful to family when needed, for it outlines your preferences regarding your celebration of life service, including such things as: your favorite scriptures, hymns, and other ideas you may wish your loved ones to know. Once you complete this form, we keep it on file. Families have found this to be extremely helpful and comforting when the need arises. This form is also available on our website. Scroll to the bottom of the homepage and click on "Forms."

Five Wishes Booklet

We have copies of this booklet in the Congregational Care Office. It serves as your advance directive, and it provides a way for you to outline your wishes regarding medical decisions, medical treatment directions, and other important information.

Celebration of Life Pamphlet

This pamphlet outlines the policy at New Covenant and contains other pertinent information to assist you in planning a Celebration of Life. While the Director of Congregational Care uses this as a reference when planning a service, many find it useful to have already reviewed the material and to be aware of the various topics addressed.

This pamphlet is also available on our website. Click the "Events" tab at the top of the homepage and select "Celebrations of Life." Click the "Celebration of Life info" button to download it.

Serenity Garden Columbarium Brochure

Available to members of New Covenant, our Columbarium provides a final resting place for loved ones in a peaceful setting. All the information needed to make arrangements, if you would so desire, are outlined in the brochure found in the Congregational Care Office.

This brochure is also available on our website. Click the "Events" tab at the top of the homepage and select "Celebrations of Life." Click the "Columbarium info" button to download it.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Pam Burleigh who is having chemo treatments; Tyler McBain, a 13-year-old who will have surgery for severe tachycardia; Annette Byrd who has long-term pain from two cysts in her lower spine; Warren Harbison who has stage-4 cancer; and John Shivers who had a seizure in church. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Sandy O'Brien, family and friends on the passing of her husband George; Wanda Lord, family and friends on the passing of her husband Don; and the family and friends of Margaret "Peggy" Hotaling on her passing.

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

New Concerns

Micki Cruz, Henry Goldberg, Harper Family, Debbie Flynn, Stephanie Kelly, Debbie Lieto, Juanita Mander, Janet Naples, Pighee Family, Dina Rametta, Kwami Satterfield, Nancy T., Bill Thurber, Alexandria Wright, Bill Z, Zac

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.**



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.

Please Note: Persons with walkers and wheelchairs will be admitted one hour prior to the start time of each concert. Doors will open for all other tickets holders approximately 15 minutes later. Thank you for cooperating with our Ushers.

Christmas Eve at New Covenant

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

LAKE DEATON CAMPUS

6500 WESLEYAN WAY
(FORMERLY CR 143)
THE VILLAGES

4:00* and 6:00* p.m.
Carols & Christmas Stories

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

3470 WOODRIDGE DRIVE
(AND CR 101)
THE VILLAGES

4:30* and 7:00* p.m.
Carols & Candlelight

with the Chancel Choir & Brass
Christmas Message by
Rev. Harold Hendren

5:30–6:30 p.m.
Communion



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*CHILD CARE UP TO FIFTH GRADE WILL BE PROVIDED.



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 Loeckel 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)