

## ALTAR FLOWERS HAVE BEEN PROVIDED BY...

Nancy Oberle and Family in memory of Tom Oberle on his fourth anniversary in heaven.

## Women's Ministry



### Women's Bible Study — Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle

Tuesdays, beginning January 21 at 11 a.m.

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](mailto: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.

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](mailto:ahill@ncumcfl.com).



### January Women's Gathering — "Leave a Little Sparkle"

Thursday, January 16 at 10 a.m. — Fellowship Center

Learn how to "leave a little SPARKLE wherever we go." Lynn VanVeelen will lead this program, and invites you to wear something "shimmering" or "sparkling" to the gathering and celebrate "shiny" new year.

**Menu:** Chicken Breast Piccata (Lemon and Capers), Alfredo Pasta Bake, Savory Green Beans, and Chocolate Cream Pie.

**Registration opens Saturday, December 14.** Registration fee is \$10. To register on our website, click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "Women's Gathering – January 2020." You may also click this electronic link <http://bit.ly/ncumc2582> to register.

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

## SPORTS MINISTRY



### Sports Ministry — Pickle Ball is Here!

Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays, December 16-19 — Lake Deaton Campus

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](mailto:reniecurry3@gmail.com)
- Men: Scott Curry at (630) 969-1862 or [scott\\_curry@hotmail.com](mailto:scott_curry@hotmail.com)
- Advanced (Men Only): Kerry Hughes at (225) 281-1858 or [bigbadger54@hotmail.com](mailto:bigbadger54@hotmail.com)

### Yoga is Taking a Break

Lake Deaton Campus

There will be NO yoga classes Monday, December 16-30. When we resume on January 6, we will have only one class from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Karen Hughes at [twofortydesign@hotmail.com](mailto:twofortydesign@hotmail.com).

## SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"Incarnation, in-flesh-ment, God in human form in Jesus entering our history: this is what started Christmas. This is what keeps Christmas going." —Eugene Peterson

Lord, we are grateful that you sent your Son, so that we can experience your love firsthand. Just as you called Mary into your story, let us be accepting of our role as well. Yes, it is truly amazing you can use us as well. With you, all things are possible. 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	Deception and Truth	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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3470 WOODRIDGE DR.  
THE VILLAGES, FL 32162

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6500 WESLEYAN WAY  
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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](http://www.hearingloop.org).

### Worship Attendance for Last Week: 2,971

(Summerhill Saturday) 254 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-222 • 9:15-996 • 10:45-713  
(Lake Deaton) 8:00-98 • 9:30-365 • 11:00-190 (Hope & Healing) 28  
(Orchard Worship) 9 • (Grounded Youth Group) 24 • (Fresh Expressions) 72

## 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 14 & 15, 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

# READY TO CARE FOR YOU!



Have you noticed a person wearing a name badge with their identification as a Congregational Care Minister (CCM)? Our Congregational Care Ministers are available to love, pray, and support you in times of need.

These caring people receive on-going training, and truly have a heart for ministering to others in the name of Jesus. Whether you need a hospital visit, or you or a loved one are in a facility, CCMs are ready to serve. Our CCMs also visit in the homes of those who may be unable to attend church.

If you complete a Care Card or send us a prayer request, a CCM will call you to pray with you. If you are aware of a situation where you think a Congregational Care Minister could be of help, especially in those situations where a call or visit would be appropriate, please call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.

We really do want to be the hands, feet, and voice of Jesus here at New Covenant — and one way we do this is through our Congregational Care Ministers!

**Bear one another's burdens  
and in that way you will fulfill  
the law of Jesus Christ.  
(Galatians 6:2)**





## Missions & Outreach



### Giving in the Spirit

Remember to make your gift selections from the Giving in the Spirit catalog. Your Giving in the Spirit gift selection envelopes may be put in the collection plate during Saturday or Sunday services through December 29. You may pick up a gift card at the Welcome Center to let people know you have made a donation in their name for Christmas.

## 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](http://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)." You may also click this link <http://bit.ly/NCUMC2436> to register.

For more information, please contact Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or [bprindle@ncumcfl.com](mailto: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](mailto:cstramiello@embarqmail.com)
- Contact: (Sunday) Lesan or Jill Van Syckle at (352) 751-7447 [lrvansyckle20@gmail.com](mailto:lrvansyckle20@gmail.com)

### Ushers Needed for ALL Worship Services

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

- Contact: (Saturday) Peggy Dresser at (352) 205-7909 or [pdresser1137@gmail.com](mailto:pdresser1137@gmail.com)
- Contact: (Sunday) Leon Schien at (352) 245-6615 or [leonschien@gmail.com](mailto:leonschien@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](mailto:maxfield.richard@gmail.com)

## Time, Talents, and Treasures



### Stewardship

John Wesley gave us three plain rules for the wise use of money: Gain all you can. Save all you can. Give all you can. Mr. Wesley said, "He placed you here not as a proprietor, but a steward." He reminded us that it all belongs to God. He reminds us that God entrusted everything he has into our hands.

As temporary stewards or managers of property that belongs to God, we are called to "employ it for him, in such a manner that it may be acceptable through Christ Jesus." (James A. Harnish)

Debt Reduction: We continue to make great strides at paying down our debt. We hope to pay off our loan by 2022 at our Summerhill Campus. At our Lake Deaton Campus, this Spring, we will be holding a campaign to retire our debt. Thank you for considering debt reduction.

## DISCIPLESHIP

**Sunday Adult Education Classes**  
Please check the Sunday Adult Education Classes on the back of your newsletter next week as some classes have been canceled for the holidays.



### "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

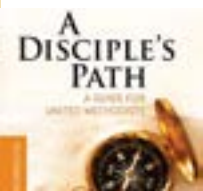
**Tuesday, January 7 at 5:15 p.m. — Fellowship Center**

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.

Registration is \$13 per person or 2 for \$25. 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 or [ahill@ncumcfl.com](mailto:ahill@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](http://www.ncumcfl.com) and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "A Disciple's Path Class." You may also click this link <http://bit.ly/ncumc2591> to register.

For more information, please contact Barb Prindle at (352) 750-4529 or [bprindle@ncumcfl.com](mailto:bprindle@ncumcfl.com).



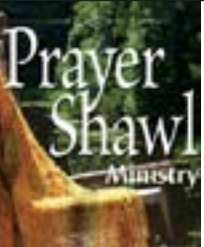
### Men's Spiritual Retreat — SAVE THE DATE!

**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.

## Congregational Care



### 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](http://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." This ministry will soon be expanding to our Lake Deaton campus as well.



### Alzheimer's Ministry

**Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m. — Classrooms 2, 3, 6/7, 10**

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.

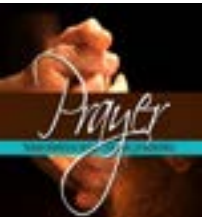


### Hope for Hurting Parents

**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,



### Praying Together

**Wednesdays at 3:15 p.m. — Classroom 14**

This is a prayer meeting with a focus. We have a group of dedicated prayer warriors that gather to pray over every need brought to our attention from the Care Cards or prayer requests sent to us. If you would like to join in this ministry, we invite you to attend and "pray together."



### The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Nancy Theroux who has leukemia; Max Schwartz, 8 years old, and his sister, Emma, 11 years old, both with Crohn's Disease; Lexy Severson who has a rare autoimmune disease; Mark Davis (Pastor Harold's brother-in-law) who had a massive heart attack; and Elizabeth Alwang. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

### Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Hailey Sermons, Rana & Danny Mayo, family and friends on the passing of her mother and their daughter, Robin Sermons; and Orlando & Hazel Reale, family and friends on the passing of their son Tim.

For dates and locations of memorial services, please check our website: [www.ncumcfl.com](http://www.ncumcfl.com).

**New Concerns**  
Marge Archer, Juergen Bauer, Flo Benson, Melanie Black, Carolyn Bowers, Kristyn Briggs, Mark & Sandy Davis, Dilly, Zac Ferguson, Pat Higgins, Louise Jackson, Audrey Kramer, Richard Miller, Brianna Nelson, Jean Watts, Kathy Wright



# 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](http://www.ncumcfl.com/events)
- [www.itickets.com](http://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.**



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

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

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

**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.**

A Love Offering will be accepted at the concert.

## **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*

\*CHILDCARE UP TO FIFTH GRADE WILL BE PROVIDED.

*Merry Christmas*





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## 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.*



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## 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.



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## 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**

If you are reading this electronically, click [www.itickets.com/register/new/440451](http://www.itickets.com/register/new/440451) to purchase tickets from home, or stop by the Ticket Kiosk following weekend Worship Services if you require assistance.

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



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## “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)**



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## Greater Vision

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

Returning by your request, don’t miss a chance to hear this group which has inspired audiences with their rich vocal blend for over a quarter of a century. Greater Vision is the most-awarded trio in the history of Gospel Music.

If you are reading this electronically, click [www.itickets.com/register/new/439701](http://www.itickets.com/register/new/439701) to purchase tickets from home, or stop by the Ticket Kiosk following weekend Worship Services if you require assistance.

**Tickets: \$15**

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