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Mary & Henry Goldberg in celebration of their 49th anniversary and in memory of Janet & Edward Millar.



Thank You So Much!

Worship and the Arts Ministry of New Covenant wants to thank everyone who supported the Christmas at New Covenant concerts last weekend, "Angels Visit When We Sing." Without the support of the staff and numerous volunteers, we would not be able to provide this gift of music to our congregants and the community. May you hear the voice of angels during this holy season.



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.

Women's Ministry



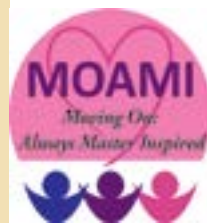
Women's Bible Study — Joshua: Winning the Worry Battle

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.



MOAMI 2020 Waiting List

There are still opportunities for women to sign up for the MOAMI 2020 Waiting List. The registration fee is \$35.

To register on our website, click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select "Summerhill MOAMI 2020 - Waiting List." You may also click this electronic link <http://bit.ly/ncumc2556> to register.

If you have any questions or need help with registration, please contact Ashley Hill at (352) 750-4529 or 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 a "shiny" new year.

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

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.

SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS...

"Joseph had a very important part in the birth of Christ. Our salvation depends on Mary's obedience to the will of God. It also depends on Joseph's. Our own obedience is very important too. It all happened to fulfill what the prophets had foretold. God knows everything; plans everything. It is all for our good, and we can accept it all in peace."
(From Sacred Space)

God of promise, you have given us a sign of your love through the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who was promised from ages past. We believe as Joseph did the message of your presence whispered by an angel, and offer our prayers for your world, confident of your care and mercy for all creation. 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.

SUNDAY CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CLASSES

7:45 a.m.	Early Risers	Class canceled until January 5. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	
9:15 a.m.	Childcare	Children ages newborn to 5 years old	Children's Room
9:15 a.m.	Faith Bible Class	Class canceled until January 5. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	
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9:15 a.m.	ANEW	Class canceled until January 5. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	
10:30 a.m.	The Searchers	Class canceled until January 5. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	
10:30 a.m.	Spirited Singles	How God Takes Our Little and Makes It Much	Classroom 3
10:30 a.m.	FaithLink	Oppression and Justice	Classroom 14
10:30 a.m.	The Truth Project	Theology: Who is God?	Classroom 1
10:45 a.m.	Wesley Class	Class canceled until January 5. Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!	

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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♿ 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: 5,993

(Summerhill Saturday) 156 • (Summerhill Sunday) 7:45-169 • 9:15-714 • 10:45-582

(Lake Deaton) 8:00-77 • 9:30-413 • 11:00-130

(Orchard Worship) 8 • (Grounded Youth Group) 27 • (Fresh Expressions) 35

(Christmas at New Covenant Concerts) [Saturday] 1248 • [Sunday] 3:00-1206 • 7:00-1228

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 21 & 22, 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

Christmas Eve at Summerhill "Carols & Candlelight"

4:30 and 7 p.m.

with the Chancel Choir and Brass
Christmas Message by Rev. Gary Cantrell
Childcare up to fifth grade will be provided.

"Open Communion" in the Chapel 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve at Lake Deaton "Carols & Christmas Stories"

4 and 6 p.m.

Childcare 5 years and under will be provided.



A Love Offering will be collected at all Christmas Eve Services to benefit the Wildwood Middle High School Mentor Program Scholarship Fund.

Missions & Outreach



Giving in the Spirit

Please remember to make your gift selections from the Giving in the Spirit catalog. Your Giving in the Spirit gift selection envelopes must be placed in the collection plate by Sunday, 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.

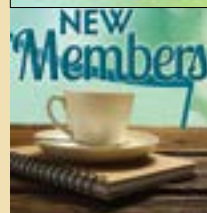


The Florida United Methodist Children's Home

Fifth Sunday Weekend is Next Weekend

The Children's Home includes residential living, therapeutic care, and foster and emergency shelter. On average, about 75 percent of their total funding comes from private sources, such as individual church support. Your offering enables the Children's Home to maintain its ministry to the children, youth, and their families. Look for the envelope in next weekend's newsletter.

CONNECTIONAL MINISTRY



New Member Classes

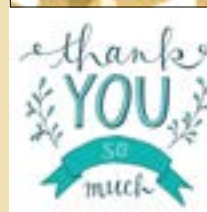
Monday, January 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. — Chapel

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)." 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.

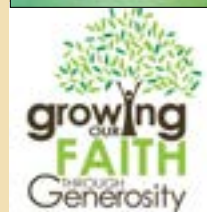
VOLUNTEER CENTRAL



Volunteer Spotlight: "Counters"

The Finance Department would like to recognize our volunteer Counting Team for their exemplary and consistent work in helping to keep the process of recording contributions organized and running smoothly. For years, these volunteers have given us their time every single week and don't leave until the job is done well and with confidentiality. Thank you to our Counters!

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Message from Gene Wicklander, Outgoing Finance Chair

During this time of year, I am always reminded of the joy one receives through giving to others. Whether it is giving of our time in support of a ministry, helping a neighbor, or giving a gift to a loved one, it is such a great feeling. Just think of the gift God has given us through the birth and death of his only son. He has given us the gift of eternal life...now that is a gift we all can enjoy.

The Finance Team wants to extend our thanks for your continued support of NCUMC's vision and ministries through your gifts given throughout the past year, and we hope you continue your support in 2020. Just like our own personal costs of living have continued to rise this year, so do the costs of doing God's work here at the church. Please be prayerful as you consider your giving for 2020. With everyone working together, we can accomplish anything with God's help. As we end 2019, the Church Finance Team wanted to remind everyone that there are multiple ways you can make your contributions to the church in support of our wonderful ministries. We have prepared a detailed brochure outlining your options (Direct Deposit, Electric Funds Transfer, giving of Stock, IRA direct contributions and cash or check), which is available in the Narthex. If you have questions, please contact the Finance Office of the church. Have a Blessed Christmas!

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

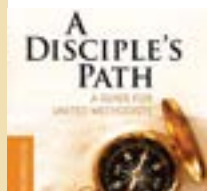
Tuesday, January 7 at 5:15 p.m. — Fellowship Center

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.

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.



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." 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.



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.

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

Congregational Care



Grief Share

Mondays, beginning January 6 from 10 a.m.– 12 p.m. — Classrooms 6/7

This is a 12-week, caring and confidential support group led by trained facilitators. As you journey during this time of grief, let others who understand come alongside you. Pre-registration is requested. There is a \$15 charge for the book which serves as our guide.

To register, please contact Congregational Care Ministries at (352) 750-4529.



Home Communion

We offer Communion to those in our faith community who are limited in their ability to leave their homes, reside in assisted-living facilities, or as requested during a hospitalization. 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.



Stephen Ministry is Here for You

If you are in a time of need and desire help from a trained, caring Christian friend, please consider requesting a Stephen Minister. A Stephen Minister will walk with you through a crisis, providing long-term, compassionate and confidential fellowship, a listening ear, and pray for you all the way.

To receive more information on this caring ministry or to receive support, please complete a Care Card found in the Attendance Pad or call the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.

We are glad to be a Stephen Minister church.



The Gift of Prayer

The prayer quilts on the altar rail are for: Pastor Harold Hendren who was in a car accident; Nicole (Nikki) McKinney who is being treated for a brain tumor & breast cancer; Jean Davis who is being treated for cancer; Pete & Ann Smith (Pete fractured his back and is unable to have surgery due to multiple health issues, and Ann is his caregiver.); and Walt Laug who had a stroke. Prayers are requested for peace, comfort, hope, and healing.

Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Joyce & George Dunne, family and friends on the passing of his mother Dorothy Dunne; and Betty Ramsdale, family and friends on the passing of her husband Charles.

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

New Concerns

Pastor Michael Beck, Susie Carr, Pastor Harold Hendren, Jim Hernandez, Stephanie Kelly, Carol McLane, Aydian Smith, Bob Smith, Lee Van Horn

TidBits



Congratulations, Joyce and Kathy!

Please congratulate Joyce Dunne and Kathy Hudak Yoakum! The North Central District DCOM accepted Joyce's candidacy transfer from New Jersey and also approved her as a Licensed Local Pastor to Floral City UMC.

Kathy has also been approved by DCOM to be a Licensed Local Pastor. Kathy is currently serving Webster UMC. Best wishes to both as they continue their ministries in these new roles!

Merry Christmas



And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord’s message through his prophet: “Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means ‘God is with us.’” (Matthew 1:21-23)

For unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 2:11)

THE TICKET KIOSK WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEKEND AND NEXT.

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

PLEASE SEE BACK OF THIS INSERT FOR A LIST OF OUR UPCOMING CONCERTS AND EVENTS.

Concerts & Events



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

If you are reading this electronically, click 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.



"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)



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 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.