

Congregational Care



“Fear Not” — the Congregational Care Office is Here for You!
Monday–Thursday from 9 a.m.– 4 p.m.

For God has NOT given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. (2 Timothy 1:7)

During these days of concern, not knowing what the proper protocols are to endure a worldwide pandemic, even Christians can find themselves living with anxiety. Do I have all that I need to weather the coming storm of uncertainty? God teaches us whatever may come our way: *Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.* (Isaiah 41:10)

If you are feeling anxious, please contact the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 and one of our staff would love the opportunity to talk to, and pray with you.



Our Christian Love and Sympathy are Extended to...

Ed & Janice Bailey, family and friends on the passing of their daughter Karen Bailey Fedro; Bruce Duhamel, family and friends on the passing of Jan Card; and Rachel Abrantes, family and friends on the passing of her husband Celso Abrantes.

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

New Concerns

Mark Brunson, Dianne Freeman, Mark Huisman, Jake Pitts, George Rainboldt

Missions & Outreach



Wildwood Food Pantry Drive-through Food Drive

We will have a drive-thru Food Drive at both campuses.

At Both Campuses:

- Thursday, March 26 from 10 a.m.–Noon
- Friday, March 27 from 10 a.m.–Noon

We will be in the parking lots of both church campuses to safely receive your donations as you drive through.

To Fill the Empty Shelves at the Wildwood Food Pantry

They are in dire need of the following items: canned tuna (small), canned chicken (small), mac-n-cheese, Spaghettios, soup, stew or hash, dry pasta, cereal, shelf-stable milk, beans, canned vegetables, crackers, and snack bars.



Helping Hands Bargains & Blessings

As the public health situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to change and restrictions become tighter, we are making the decision to close the Bargains & Blessings Resale Shop out of respect and concern for the health of all those who enter our store and the community that surrounds us.

At this time, the plan is to reopen the store with normal hours on Tuesday, March 31 from 10 a.m.–4 p.m.

CHURCH CONFERENCE



Church Conference

The Church Conference and Town Hall Meetings have been temporarily postponed. You will be notified when they have been rescheduled. As a reminder, only Full Members who are present are permitted to vote. Associate and Affiliate Members may not vote, but may certainly attend.

If you would like to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please email Barb Prindle at bprindle@ncumcfl.com by April 6.

From Pastor Harold

The Fruit of Silence is Prayer

“The fruit of Prayer is Faith. The fruit of Faith is Love.
The fruit of Love is Service. The fruit of Service is Peace.”
—Mother Teresa

From Pastor Kristyne

“I wish it need not have happened in my time,” said Frodo.
“So do I,” said Gandalf, “and so do all who live to see such times.
But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.” (From *The Fellowship of the Rings* by J.R.R. Tolkien)

Concerts & Events

These Concerts And Events Have Been Canceled:

- Celebration Brass Band and Brass Band of Central Florida
- The Martins
- Resurrection Celebration
- Bach with a Beat
- The Villages Symphonic Winds
- Angie Rose. One Woman ... All Swing! Featuring Jerry Bruno & “Out of LA”
- The Villages Flute Choir

If you purchased tickets at The Villages Box Office, you will be contacted by the Box Office regarding refunds. If you purchased at our Ticket Kiosk or on-line through iTickets and paid with a credit card, iTickets will issue refunds. If you paid using cash/check, you will receive a reimbursement check from New Covenant.

Have Questions about Cancellations at the Church?

If you have any questions about classes or event cancellations, please check the church calendar on our website. Click the “Events” tab at the top of the homepage, then “Calendar.” You may also click this link, <http://50.192.211.137/virtualems/BrowseEvents.aspx>.

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.



SUMMERHILL ADDRESS:
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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.

Worship Attendance for last weekend will be available in the next newsletter.



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



Handy FELLAS

Part of Congregational Care Ministry

Purpose:

A team of volunteers who supply free manpower to do minor home jobs for the elderly, singles, and those with physical limitations.

Requirements to Join the Team:

A heart to help those in need of small repairs in and around the home. Most jobs average no more than one to two hours to complete and in most cases are typical repairs done by homeowners. Jobs that require permits cannot be performed by Handy Fellas.

Types of Jobs:

Jobs are limited to small projects that improve the well-being, safety, and health of the recipients. Jobs such as: repair leaky faucets and toilets, caulk shower stall or tub, hang curtain rods, paint door trim, replace a light switch, hang small cabinets in a bathroom, install shelves in the laundry room, repair lamps, replace outdoor post light sensors, hang pictures/mirrors, assemble furniture, and reset sprinkler timers.

“I’ve called a couple of times for small jobs and they responded very quickly. I’ve explained what was wrong and they came promptly with the tools needed. All was free, but I made a ‘thank you’ donation to their ministry.” —Karen Cleveland

For more information about joining Handy Fellas, or if you need some help with a minor job at your home, please contact the Congregational Care Office at (352) 750-4529.

“Surely no one would turn against those in need when they cry for help.” (Job 30:24)

SUMMERHILL CAMPUS

Holy Week Worship Services — Weather Permitting

We are praying that we will be able to come together for Worship Services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Although we are planning for gathered worship both of those weekends, we will take guidance and direction as given by Bishop Carter and Florida State officials, which could impact our services.

Palm Sunday, April 5 at 9 a.m.

We are currently planning to have one golf cart Worship Service in our parking lot.

Easter Sunday, April 12 at 6:30 a.m (Sunrise) • 8 a.m. • 9:30 a.m.

We are planning to have three golf cart Worship Services in our parking lot. Please check our website and Facebook pages for additional information about our Online Worship Services.



Need Help?

We are encouraging you to call the Care Office at (352) 750-4529 if you need assistance with any of the following: groceries, medications, pet food, or prescription pick up.



Men's Prayer Breakfast Has Been Canceled

Breakfast will resume Tuesday, April 21. For more information, please call the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 and ask for Ashley.



Mark Your Calendars for the May Women's Gathering!

Thursday, May 14 from 10-11:45 a.m. with lunch to follow

Both the March and April Women's Gatherings are canceled due to health concerns. Registration for the May Gathering will begin April 18.

The cost is \$10. If you were registered for the March Luncheon, we have automatically saved you a spot! If you are unable, or not planning, to attend the May event, please contact Ashley Hill at ahill@ncumcfl.com, so we can process a refund to you.



Youth Summer Camps and Events

To register, go to our website at www.ncumcfl.com and click "Portal" at the top of the page. Click the "Registrations" button, then select the camp or event of your choice.

Family Water Day & Cookout

- Saturday, May 30

Basketball Camp

- Monday through Friday, June 1-5

Vacation Bible School

- Monday through Friday, July 6-10

TKC Camp

- Monday through Friday, July 27-31

Family Pool Party

- Saturday, August 8

If you're interested in being a part of the best Summer ever, volunteer at one (or more) of our Children & Youth camps. For information on volunteering, please contact Kayla at (352) 750-4529 or kdesimone@ncumcfl.com.



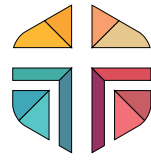
Our Next New Member Class

Monday, September 21 from 6-7:30 p.m.

To register, please 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."

For more information or to confirm your membership status or discuss changing it, please email Barb Prindle at bprindle@ncumcfl.com.

VIRTUAL CHURCH



This Weekend, March 28-29

In response to Bishop Carter's recommendation of no public worship, all Worship services are suspended this weekend. New Covenant has opted to do all of our Worship Services online. Complete instructions on how to access these Worship Services are included in the Pastor's eblast.



Staying Connected to Lake Deaton

While we are not worshipping in person this Sunday, we will worship as a church family. Instead of this being a time of mourning for what we have lost, let's look at this as a time of creative possibilities, a time to look for new ways for us to worship.

In addition to our regular Sunday Worship Service, available at 9:30 a.m. on our Facebook page (New Covenant UMC, Lake Deaton Campus) and on our website, there are three NEW Worship Services for you to participate in at home anytime during the week. These three services are created for you to do by yourself, with your significant other, or with a small group of friends (in a virtual medium; we do not recommend meeting with small groups in person at this time). The first is a Worship Service that can be conducted during a meal. The second is a Worship Service that happens outdoors (usually while on a walk). The final service happens while watching a movie on Netflix; don't forget the popcorn. The resources for these worship opportunities can be found on our church website each week. Click on the "Virtual Worship" tab at the top of the homepage, then "Lake Deaton Worship." You may also click <https://www.ncumcfl.com/ld-live-worship>. The resources will be sorted by week and will be available on Sunday morning for the following week.

We hope that you find these additional worship resources inspirational and helpful during this unique time in our lives. If you have any questions, please call Pastor Kristyne or Pastor Jim in the Church Office at (352) 750-4529. We would love to talk to you.



Staying Connected to Summerhill

We want you to stay connected to God and to your church during these times when we are not able to gather in worship, so we are trying some new things. On weekdays, various staff will be sharing a scripture and prayer on the New Covenant United Methodist, Summerhill Facebook page and on our website (under Virtual Worship). We hope this will encourage you as we travel this new season. These short videos will be posted Monday through Friday at 8 a.m.

Pastor Gary Cantrell is teaching a limited series, *The 7 Last Words of Love*. These videos will be available on the church's Facebook page and on the church website on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning at 5 p.m. Join Pastor Gary for this great study during the Lenten season.

To continue our desire to be connected to our congregants, we have a team of callers reaching out to check on how you are doing. Don't be surprised to get a call from someone from New Covenant!

Our Family Ministry has guest readers sharing a nighttime story on the Children's Ministry Facebook page. We hope that this will be a fun and exciting video time for you and your kids. Share it with your friends!

Grounded Youth is taking a new direction at this time. They will have a chat session with Kayla on Instagram Live! Regular times are in place!

Time, Talents, and Treasures



Generosity Encouraged

Times have changed. Times are continuing to change. In 2 Corinthians 9:8, Paul states, "And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need..." We have now seen a lot of empty shelves in the stores, but God still blesses us abundantly and gives us what we need.

I know you may get tired of hearing talk about giving and money. Some things never change. But, times are changing. However, your church staff remains here to continue to serve you.

We just ask that you continue to be the cheerful givers that you have been in the past. You can drop off or mail a check to the Church Office, or go to the church website (www.ncumcfl.com) to discover other ways to give. I pray that soon we will all be able to worship together again.

Charles Stuart, Chair of the Finance Committee

LAKE DEATON CAMPUS



Easter Worship Services

We are praying that we will be able to come together for Worship Services on Easter Sunday. Although we are planning for gathered worship, we will take guidance and direction as given by Bishop Carter and Florida State officials, which could impact our service.

Sunday, April 12 at 8:30 a.m.

Weather permitting, we will have golf cart Worship Services in our parking lot. We will also have a livestream Worship Service online at 9:30 a.m. Please check our website and Facebook pages for additional information about our Online Worship Services.



Prayer Vigil

We have scheduled this event for Holy Week, and have re-imagined it to be an especially meaningful Prayer Vigil that will take place in each Lake Deaton congregant's home. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.



Need Help with Grocery Shopping?

Contact Marilyn Booth in the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 and we will have someone contact you.



Grow Night Classes Have Been Postponed

While we have postponed our classes, we would still like to "gather" together on Grow Night. Plan on watching our live stream on Facebook each Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. as Pastor Jim or Pastor Kristyne go live with a short lesson and a reflection.



Small Group Seeks New Members

Tuesdays, March 31-May 5 from 4-5:30 p.m.

Singles and couples are invited to join us for this new small group, "Time to Dream — God Sized Dreams," virtually via ZOOM. For more information, please contact Lee and Penny Williams at (716) 270-9619 or leefortruthandlove@gmail.com. Join us in growing your God-sized dream!



Saturday Night Worship Service!

When we return to Worship Services in the Christian Life Center, we will be starting our new Saturday Worship Service and will need Ushers, Greeters, Refreshment, and Information Desk volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering, please call the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 and ask for Denise, Marilyn, or Phyllis.



Single Women's Ministry

If you are interested in participating in the formation of a ministry for Single Women, please contact Donna Owens at (571) 383-4066.



Men, Blackjack Sporting Clays Has Been Postponed

For more information, please call the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 and ask for Denise, Marilyn, or Phyllis.



April Ladies Luncheon Has Been Canceled

For more information, please call the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 and ask for Denise, Marilyn, or Phyllis.



Men's Prayer Breakfast Has Been Canceled

We are tentatively planning to resume May 6. For more information, please call the Church Office at (352) 750-4529 and ask for Denise, Marilyn, or Phyllis.